



# Computer Supported Cooperative Work

## Manuscript Submission

## 1. The CSCW Journal

*Computer Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW): The Journal of Collaborative Computing and Work Practices* is devoted to innovative research in computer-supported cooperative work (CSCW). It provides an interdisciplinary and international forum for the debate and exchange of ideas concerning theoretical, practical, technical, and social issues in CSCW.

The *CSCW Journal* arose in response to the growing interest in the design, implementation and use of technical systems (including computing, information, and communications technologies) which support people working cooperatively, and its scope remains to encompass the multifarious aspects of research within CSCW and related areas.

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Malone, Thomas W.; Kum-Yew Lai; and Christopher Fry (1992). Experiments with Oval: radically tailorable tool for cooperative work. In J. Turner and R. Kraut (eds): *CSCW'92. Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work, Toronto, Canada, 31 October – 4 November 1992*. New York: ACM Press, pp. 289–297.

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Schmidt, Kjeld; and Liam Bannon (1992). Taking CSCW Seriously: Supporting Articulation Work. *Computer Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW)*, vol. 1, nos 1–2, March 1992, pp. 7–40.

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Zisman, Michael D. (1977). *Representation, Specification and Automation of Office Procedures*. Ph.D. dissertation. University of Pennsylvania, Penn.: Dept. of Decision Sciences, The Wharton School.

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