Overview:
As we are striding into the initial era of the Internet of Things (IoT), a key question is how we make the most of IoT for all stakeholders, including platform providers, IoT application developers, end-users, large and small organizations (such as city councils, enterprises) that wish to provide better services, and manufacturers of smart devices. The amount of smart devices immersed in everyday life, from manufacturing to clothing, is growing every day in terms of power, processing and network connectivity. The sheer size and variety of contextual data that they produce, along with the actions they can take on their environment, is enormous. It remains to be answered how all this potential will come to bear; this special issue focuses on the discussion on the challenges posed by these trends.

The “Everything as a Service” deployment paradigm will enable the easy adoption of IoT based services and applications by end users, while forcing providers of smart objects and middleware platforms to architect their solutions accordingly. To maximize impact and adoption, the barrier-to-entry should be lowered by making development of new applications and the ingestion and exposure of smart objects as easy as possible. Original submissions, not under any concurrent reviews, are solicited in all areas related to advances on applications, methods and approaches envisioning to address the new challenges in the IoT as a service.

Topics
Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following scope:

- Smart objects as a service
- IoT marketplace—for offering IoT based applications and services
- API economy – for easier and tighter integration
- Semantic Web technologies for IoT: registry, storage
- IoT delivery platforms – existing and emerging platform and architectures for exposing and interacting with IoT
- Federated IoT support
- Non Functional Requirements (NFR) for IoT – security, scalability, responsiveness and more
- Standardization – standard areas needed
- Business models
- IoT DevOps
- IoT context based analytics
- IoT application deployment success stories
- Mobile First IoT: mobile backend as a services (MBaaS) and smartphone as data prosumers

Important Dates

- Manuscript submission deadline: August 31, 2017
- Notification of acceptance: November 15, 2017
- Submission of final revised paper: January 25, 2018
- Publication of special issue (tentative): 3rd Quarter, 2018
Submission Procedure

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