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Advanced Information Systems Engineering

12th International Conference, CAiSE 2000 Stockholm, Sweden, June 5-9, 2000 Proceedings

Springer CAiSE 2000 was the 12th in the series of International Conferences on Advanced Information Systems Engineering. In the year 2000 the conference returned to Stockholm where it was organized the very first time. Since that year, 1989, the CAiSE conferences have developed into an important forum for the presentation and exchange of research results and practical experiences within the field of Information Systems Engineering. The objective of the CAiSE conference series is to bring together researchers and practitioners in the field of information systems engineering to meet annually in order to discuss evolving research issues and applications in this field. The CAiSE conference series also aims to provide an opportunity for young scientists to establish relationships with senior scientists in their areas of interest. Stockholm is an important center of research and development for some of the leading IT and communications companies in Europe and indeed, in the world. In tune with this environment, a major theme of CAiSE 2000 was "information systems and services in a digitized world". This theme reflects the vast improvements in communication technology, including the increasing use of Internet and WWW, that has taken place over the last years, and that has led to better communication and easier information access in general. In addition, this development has initiated changes in the way organizations cooperate and trade.

Confirmation Hearings on Federal Appointments

Hearings Before the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, One Hundred Third Congress, First Session on Confirmations of Appointees to the Federal Judiciary

Intersectional Automations

Robotics, AI, Algorithms, and Equity

Rowman & Littlefield Intersectional Automations explores a range of situations where robotics, biotechnological enhancement, artificial intelligence (AI), and algorithmic culture collide with intersectional social justice issues such as race, class, gender, sexuality, ability, and citizenship. As robots, machine learning applications, and human augmentics are artifacts of human culture, they sometimes carry stereotypes, biases, exclusions, and other forms of privilege into their computational logics, platforms, and/or embodiments. The essays in this multidisciplinary collection consider how questions of equity and social justice impact our understanding of these developments, analyzing not only the artifacts themselves, but also the discourses and practices surrounding them, including societal understandings, design choices, law and policy approaches, and their uses and abuses.

Speech and Language Technologies

BoD – Books on Demand This book addresses state-of-the-art systems and achievements in various topics in the research field of speech and language technologies. Book chapters are organized in different sections covering diverse problems, which have to be solved in speech recognition and language understanding systems. In the first section machine translation systems based on large parallel corpora using rule-based and statistical-based translation methods are presented. The third chapter presents work on real time two way speech-to-speech translation systems. In the second section two papers explore the use of speech technologies in language learning. The third section presents a work on language modeling used for speech recognition. The chapters in section Text-to-speech systems and emotional speech describe corpus-based speech synthesis and highlight the importance of speech prosody in speech recognition. In the fifth section the problem of speaker diarization is addressed. The last section presents various topics in speech technology applications like audio-visual speech recognition and lip reading systems.

Language, Cognition, and Human Nature

Oxford University Press Pinker's seminal research explores the workings of language and its connections to cognition, perception, social relationships, child development, human evolution, and theories of human nature. This eclectic collection spans Pinker's thirty-year career, exploring his favorite themes in greater depth and scientific detail. It includes thirteen of Pinker's classic articles, ranging over topics such as language development in children, mental imagery, the recognition of shapes, the computational architecture of the mind, the meaning and uses of verbs, the evolution of language and cognition, the nature-nurture debate, and the logic of innuendo and euphemism. Each outlines a major theory or takes up an argument with another prominent scholar, such as Stephen Jay Gould, Noam Chomsky, or Richard Dawkins.

Variation and Co-operative Communication Strategies in Air Traffic Control English

Peter Lang The aim of this study is to establish the co-operative communication strategies that are used in air traffic control (ATC) conversations. The research deals with the question: what kind of co-operative communication strategies do pilots and controllers employ in a speech situation with a restricted use of vocabulary, which generally does not permit any deviations from standard phraseology? The strategies in ATC speech are then compared to those used by second language learners. Faerch and Kasper's (1983) taxonomy of communication strategies will serve as a basis for this comparison. The author analyses authentic speech samples from various ATC workstations at Zurich Airport and evaluates various aspects of phraseology training of air traffic controllers.

Statistical Methods for Spoken Dialogue Management

Springer Science & Business Media Speech is the most natural mode of communication and yet attempts to build systems which support robust habitable conversations between a human and a machine have so far had only limited success. A key reason is that current systems treat speech input as equivalent to a keyboard or mouse, and behaviour is controlled by predefined scripts that try to anticipate what the user will say and act accordingly. But speech recognisers make many errors and humans are not predictable; the result is systems which are difficult to design and fragile in use. Statistical methods for spoken dialogue management takes a radically different view. It treats dialogue as the problem of inferring a user's intentions based on what is said. The dialogue is modelled as a probabilistic network and the input speech acts are observations that provide evidence for performing Bayesian inference. The result is a system which is much more robust to speech recognition errors and for which a dialogue strategy can be learned automatically using reinforcement learning. The thesis describes both the architecture, the algorithms needed for fast real-time inference over very large networks, model parameter estimation and policy optimisation. This ground-breaking work will be of interest both to practitioners in spoken dialogue systems and to cognitive scientists interested in models of human behaviour.

The Principal Navigations, Voyages, Traffiques and Discoveries...

Volume 13

BoD – Books on Demand **Reproduction of the original: The Principal Navigations, Voyages, Traffiques and Discoveries... by Richard Hakluyt**

Cassius Dio's Speeches and the Collapse of the Roman Republic

The Roman History, Books 3–56

BRILL Cassius Dio's Speeches and the Collapse of the Roman Republic provides a detailed analysis of one of our most important historical sources for the transition from Republic to Principate, using the speeches it contains as the point of departure.

The Language of Negotiation

A Handbook of Practical Strategies for Improving Communication

Routledge The Language of Negotiation aims to heighten awareness of language and to suggest practical ways to use language-related tactics to get results. It encourages the reader to recognise negotiation as a specifically language-centred activity and demonstrates how learning to use language effectively can radically improve negotiation skills. The book features: A step-by-step guide on the practice of negotiation, from preparation to follow-up after the event Chapters on various aspects of negotiation, such as the spoken, written and interpersonal sides, as well as media interviewing and using the phone. Specific and useful strategies for actions like advising, complaining, confirming and dismissing. A range of effective and informative examples throughout, designed to show the value of enhanced language use and practical exercises to encourage the reader to apply the ideas to their own practice. The Language of Negotiation will be of value to all those in business and professional life whose work involves negotiation. It will also be of particular interest to students in graduate schools of business or management and to anyone who has an interest in improving their negotiation skills. No prior knowledge of language theory is assumed on the part of the reader.

Confirmation Hearing on the Nomination of Hon. Sonia Sotomayor, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

Hearing Before the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, One Hundred Eleventh Congress, First Session, July 13-16, 2009

Communicative Functions and Linguistic Forms in Speech Interaction

Cambridge University Press Prosody in English, German and Chinese is outlined as a principal component of linguistic form for communicative functions in speech interaction.

Human-Computer Interaction. Novel Interaction Methods and Techniques

13th International Conference, HCI International 2009, San Diego, CA, USA, July 19-24, 2009, Proceedings, Part

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Springer Science & Business Media **The 13th International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction, HCI International 2009, was held in San Diego, California, USA, July 19-24, 2009, jointly with the Symposium on Human Interface (Japan) 2009, the 8th International Conference on Engineering Psychology and Cognitive Ergonomics, the 5th International Conference on Universal Access in Human-Computer Interaction, the Third International Conference on Virtual and Mixed Reality, the Third International Conference on Internationalization, Design and Global Development, the Third International Conference on Online Communities and Social Computing, the 5th International Conference on Augmented Cognition, the Second International Conference on Digital Human Modeling, and the First International Conference on Human Centered Design. A total of 4,348 individuals from academia, research institutes, industry and governmental agencies from 73 countries submitted contributions, and 1,397 papers that were judged to be of high scientific quality were included in the program. These papers address the latest research and development efforts and highlight the human aspects of design and use of computing systems. The papers accepted for presentation thoroughly cover the entire field of human-computer interaction, addressing major advances in the knowledge and effective use of computers in a variety of application areas.**

Designing Voice User Interfaces

Principles of Conversational Experiences

"O'Reilly Media, Inc." **Voice user interfaces (VUIs) are becoming all the rage today. But how do you build one that people can actually converse with? Whether you're designing a mobile app, a toy, or a device such as a home assistant, this practical book guides you through basic VUI design principles, helps you choose the right speech recognition engine, and shows you how to measure your VUI's performance and improve upon it. Author Cathy Pearl also takes product managers, UX designers, and VUI designers into advanced design topics that will help make your VUI not just functional, but great. Understand key VUI design concepts, including command-and-control and conversational systems Decide if you should use an avatar or other visual representation with your VUI Explore speech recognition technology and its impact on your design Take your VUI above and beyond the basic exchange of information Learn practical ways to test your VUI application with users Monitor your app and learn how to quickly improve performance Get real-world examples of VUIs for home assistants, smartwatches, and car systems**

Grammar and Semantics in Medieval Arabic

The Study of Ibn-Hisham's 'Mughni I-Labib'

Routledge **The study focuses on a famous work by a mediaeval Arab grammarian who was once called the 'second Sibawayhi' (the pioneer of Arabic grammatical studies).**

Speech acts and politeness in French as a pluricentric language

LIT Verlag Münster **This book is a contribution to the growing body of research in variational pragmatics and in postcolonial pragmatics, two emergent frameworks in cross-cultural pragmatics. Variational pragmatics studies pragmatic phenomena in regional varieties of the same language from a comparative perspective. Postcolonial pragmatics examines patterns of pragmatic phenomena in postcolonial spaces. The study focuses on the realization patterns of compliments and compliment responses and politeness strategies used in performing both speech acts in Cameroon French and in Canadian French. (Series: Romanistische Linguistik / Romance Linguistics - Vol. 10)**

Artificial Intelligence

17th Russian Conference, RCAI 2019, Ulyanovsk, Russia, October 21-25, 2019, Proceedings

Springer Nature **This book constitutes the proceedings of the 17th Russian Conference on Artificial Intelligence, RCAI 2019, held in Ulyanovsk, Russia, in October 2019. The 23 full papers presented along with 7 short papers in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 130 submissions. The conference deals with a wide range of topics, including multi-agent systems, intelligent robots and behaviour planning; automated reasoning and data mining; natural language processing and understanding of texts; fuzzy models and soft computing; intelligent systems and applications.**

The Routledge Course in Translation Annotation Arabic-English-Arabic

Routledge **The Routledge Course in Translation Annotation: Arabic-English-Arabic** is a key coursebook for students and practitioners of translation studies. Focusing on one of the most prominent developments in translation studies, annotation for translation purposes, it provides the reader with the theoretical framework for annotating their own, or commenting on others', translations. The book: presents a systematic and thorough explanation of translation strategies, supported throughout by bi-directional examples from and into English features authentic materials taken from a wide range of sources, including literary, journalistic, religious, legal, technical and commercial texts brings the theory and practice of translation annotation together in an informed and comprehensive way includes practical exercises at the end of each chapter to consolidate learning and allow the reader to put the theory into practice culminates with a long annotated literary text, allowing the reader to have a clear vision on how to apply the theoretical elements in a cohesive way **The Routledge Course in Translation Annotation** is an essential text for both undergraduate and postgraduate students of Arabic-English translation and of translation studies.

Wittgenstein: Rethinking the Inner

Routledge **The idea of the Inner** is central to our concept of a person and yet is far from being philosophically understood. This book offers a comprehensive account of Wittgenstein's work on the subject and presents a forceful challenge to contemporary views. Written in a non-technical and accessible style, it throws new light both on Wittgenstein's work and on the problem of the Inner self.

Parts of Speech in Mandarin

The State of the Art

Springer **This book offers a comprehensive survey of the major parts of speech in Mandarin.** Seeking to identify the sets of universal and language-specific categories, it compares the range of categories available in Mandarin and the Indo-European languages and establishes six universal categories - nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions and conjunctions - and three language-specific ones, namely classifiers, localizers and sentence-final particles. Incorporating insights from recent research findings and the diachronic development of the language, the book sheds new light on the factors that contribute to the long-standing debate on the categorial status of adjectives, prepositions and localizers in the extant literature. Bringing together the earlier general descriptions and the latest advances, it is broadly accessible to non-native and native speakers of the language and offers an ideal reference source for all students and scholars who are interested in studying the parts of speech in Mandarin.

The Culture of Singapore English

Cambridge University Press **A semantic, pragmatic and cultural interpretation of Singapore English, offering a fascinating glimpse of Singaporean life.**

Design, User Experience, and Usability. Practice and Case Studies

8th International Conference, DUXU 2019, Held as Part of the 21st HCI International Conference, HCII 2019, Orlando, FL, USA, July 26–31, 2019, Proceedings, Part IV

Springer **The four-volume set LNCS 11583, 11584, 11585, and 11586 constitutes the proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Design, User Experience, and Usability, DUXU 2019, held as part of the 21st International Conference, HCI International 2019, which took place in Orlando, FL, USA, in July 2019. The total of 1274 papers and 209 posters included in the 35 HCII 2019 proceedings volumes was carefully reviewed and selected from 5029 submissions. DUXU 2019 includes a total of 167 regular papers, organized in the following topical sections: design philosophy; design theories, methods, and tools; user requirements, preferences emotions and personality; visual DUXU; DUXU for novel interaction techniques and devices; DUXU and robots; DUXU for AI and AI for DUXU; dialogue, narrative, storytelling; DUXU for automated driving, transport, sustainability and smart cities; DUXU for cultural heritage; DUXU for well-being; DUXU for learning; user experience evaluation methods and tools; DUXU practice; DUXU**

case studies.

Designing Interactive Speech Systems From First Ideas to User Testing

Springer Science & Business Media **A description of the design and implementation of spoken language dialogue within the context of spoken language dialogue systems development. Using an applications-oriented SLDS developed through the Danish Dialogue project, the authors describe the complete process involved; and in so doing present several innovative practical tools, such as dialogue design guidelines, in-depth evaluation methodologies, and speech functionality analysis. Their approach is firmly applications-oriented, describing the results applicable to industry and showing how the development of advanced applications drives research rather than vice versa. For everyone working on the R&D of spoken language services, especially in the area of telecommunications.**

HLT 2001

Human Language Technology Conference : Proceedings of HLT 2001 : First International Conference on Human Language Technology Research : March 18-21, 2001, San Diego, California

Morgan Kaufmann Publishers **Proceedings of the DARPA Human Language Technology research workshops.**

Listening to the Cicadas

A Study of Plato's Phaedrus

Cambridge University Press **How myth and formal argument in the dialogue, Phaedrus, complement and reinforce each other, is the focus of an account written for students of the history of literary theory or rhetoric as well as Plato's thought.**

Proceedings of the Speech Prosody 2008 Conference

LBASS

Intonation in Romance

Oxford University Press, USA **This book offers the first comprehensive description of the prosody of nine Romance languages that takes into account internal dialectal variation. Teams of experts examine the prosody of Catalan, French, Friulian, Italian, Occitan, Portuguese, Romanian, Sardinian, and Spanish using the Autosegmental Metrical framework of intonational phonology and the Tones and Breaks Indices (ToBI) transcription system. The chapters all share a common methodology, based on a common Discourse Completion Task questionnaire, and provide extensive empirical data. The authors then analyse how intonation patterns work together with other grammatical means such as syntactic constructions and discourse particles in the linguistic marking of a varied set of sentence types and pragmatic meanings across Romance languages. The ToBI prosodic systems and annotations proposed for each language are based both on a phonological analysis of the target language as well as on the shared goal of using ToBI analyses that are comparable across Romance languages. This book will pave the way for more systematic typological comparisons of prosody across both Romance and non-Romance languages.**

The Acquisition of Japanese as a Second Language

John Benjamins Publishing **This text aims to broaden the field of second language acquisition, focusing on Japanese rather than on more commonly studied European languages. Chapters include studies on input and interaction, research into the evaluation of proficiency, and grammatical investigations.**

Studies in Pattern Recognition

A Memorial to the Late Professor King-Sun Fu

World Scientific More than ten years have passed since the untimely death of King-Sun Fu, one of the great pioneers in the field of pattern recognition. It was he, more than any other single individual, who nurtured the field during its formative years, and set the tone and tempo for others to follow. This book is dedicated to his memory. This book contains 11 chapters by authors who knew King-Sun Fu and in varying degrees interacted with him. The articles span the field of pattern recognition in its current state, and cover such diverse topics as neural nets, covariance propagation, genetic selection, shape description, characteristic views for 3D modeling, face recognition, speech recognition, and machine translation. In tone they vary from the highly theoretical to the applied. Their presentation here is a testimonial, by his former colleagues and friends, to the pioneer who did so much to bring pattern recognition to its position as a recognized discipline world-wide. Contents: Pattern Category Assignment by Neural Networks and Nearest Neighbors Rule: A Synopsis and a Characterization (A Mitiche & J K Aggarwal) Pattern Recognition: An Approach to Turn Machine Translation Concepts into Creation and Reality (J T Tou) Learning in Navigation: Goal Finding in Graphs (P Cucka et al.) Subset Least Squares Method for Robust Speech and Image Processing (R L Kashyap & J-N Liaw) Shape Recognition by Human-Like Trial and Error Random Processes (M Nagao) 3-D Face Modeling and Its Applications (T S Huang & L-A Tang) Dimension Reduction, Feature Extraction and Interpretation of Data with Network Computing (Y-H Pao) Characteristic-View Modeling of Curved-Surface Solids (S Chen & H Freeman) Propagating Covariance in Computer Vision (R M Haralick) Shape Description by a Syntactic Pyramidal Approach (S Levialdi & L Cinque) Genetic Selection and Neural Modeling of Piecewise Linear-Classifiers (J Sklansky & M Vriesenga) Readership: Computer scientists. keywords:

Example Stories

Perspectives on Four Parables in the Gospel of Luke

Bloomsbury Publishing This study challenges the popular notion that four parables in the Gospel of Luke—the Good Samaritan, the Rich Fool, the Rich Man and Lazarus, and the Pharisee and the Toll Collector—are example stories. A wealth of scholars' views on the example stories are scrutinized, with Adolf Jnlicher's pivotal definition receiving special attention. The various criteria used to distinguish between parable and example are assessed from both a literary and a rhetorical perspective in order to ascertain what, if any, formal features are peculiar to the example stories. Tucker shows that attempts to differentiate the example stories from other narrative parables attributed to Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels are largely unsuccessful. The result is that these four parables in the Gospel of Luke can be seen for what they really are.

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Dialogue Processing in Spoken Language Systems

ECAI'96, Workshop, Budapest, Hungary, August 13, 1996, Revised Papers

Springer Science & Business Media This book constitutes the strictly refereed post-workshop documentation of the ECAI'96 Workshop on Dialogue Processing in Spoken Language Systems, held in Budapest, Hungary, in August 1996, during ECAI'96. The volume presents 16 revised full papers including a detailed introduction and survey paper by the volume editors. The papers are organized in sections on foundations of spoken language dialogue systems, dialogue systems and prosodic aspects of spoken dialogue processing, spoken dialogue systems-design and implementation, and evaluation of systems. The book reports on work being pursued both in academia and in industry as a crucial issue in speech processing.

Machine Conversations

Springer Science & Business Media **Machine Conversations** is a collection of some of the best research available in the practical arts of machine conversation. The book describes various attempts to create practical and flexible machine conversation - ways of talking to computers in an unrestricted version of English or some other language. While this book employs and advances the theory of dialogue and its linguistic underpinnings, the emphasis is on practice, both in university research laboratories and in company research and development. Since the focus is on the task and on the performance, this book provides some of the first-rate work taking place in industry, quite apart from the academic tradition. It also reveals striking and relevant facts about the tone of machine conversations and closely evaluates what users require. *Machine Conversations* is an excellent reference for researchers interested in computational linguistics, cognitive science, natural language processing, artificial intelligence, human computer interfaces and machine learning.

Gorgias and Rhetoric

Hackett Publishing By pairing translations of *Gorgias and Rhetoric*, along with an outstanding introductory essay, Joe Sachs demonstrates Aristotle's response to Plato. If in the *Gorgias* Plato probes the question of what is problematic in rhetoric, in *Rhetoric*, Aristotle continues the thread by looking at what makes rhetoric useful. By juxtaposing the two texts, an interesting "conversation" is illuminated—one which students of philosophy and rhetoric will find key in their analytical pursuits. *Focus Philosophical Library* translations are close to and are non-interpretative of the original text, with the notes and a glossary intending to provide the reader with some sense of the terms and the concepts as they were understood by Aristotle and Plato's immediate audience.

Pragmatics of Speech Actions

Walter de Gruyter This volume provides extensive critical information about current discussions in the study of speech actions. Its central reference point is classic speech act theory, but attention is also paid to nonstandard developments and other approaches that study speech as action. The first part of the volume deals with main concepts, methodological issues and phenomena common to different kinds of speech action. The second part deals with specific kinds of speech actions, including types of illocutionary acts and some discourse and conversational phenomena. Reduced series price (print) available! degruyter@de.rhenus.com.

Language and Linguistics in Context

Readings and Applications for Teachers

Routledge Taking a sociocultural and educational approach, *Language and Linguistics in Context: Readings and Applications for Teachers*: *introduces basic linguistic concepts and current perspectives on language acquisition; *considers the role of linguistic change (especially in English) in the politics of language; *acknowledges the role of linguists in current policies involving language; *offers insights into the relationship between the structure of language systems and first- and second-language acquisition; the study of language across culture, class, race, gender, and ethnicity; and between language study and literacy and education; and *provides readers with a basis for understanding current educational debates about bilingual education, non-standard dialects, English only movements, literacy methodologies, and generally the importance to teaching of the study of language. The text is organized into three thematic units - "What is Language and How is It Acquired?"; "How Does Language Change?"; and "What is Literacy?". To achieve both breadth and depth - that is, to provide a "big picture" view of basic linguistics and at the same time make it specific enough for the beginner - a selection of readings, including personal language narratives, is provided to both introduce and clarify linguistic concepts. The readings, by well-known theoretical and applied linguists and researchers from various disciplines, are diverse in level and range of topics and vary in level of linguistic formalism. Pedagogical features: This text is designed for a range of courses in English and language arts, bilingualism, applied linguistics, and ESL courses in teacher education programs. Each unit contains a substantive introduction to the topic, followed by the readings. Each reading concludes with Questions to Think About including one Extending Your Understanding question, and a short list of Terms to Define. Each unit ends with additional Extending Your Understanding and Making Connections activities that engage readers in applying what they have read to teaching and suggested projects and a bibliography of Print and Web Resources. The readings and apparatus are arranged so that the material can be modified to fit many course plans and schemes of presentation. To help individual instructors make the most effective use of the text in specific classes, a set of matrixes is provided suggesting configurations of readings for different types of linguistics and education classes.

Electing Justice

Fixing the Supreme Court Nomination Process

Oxford University Press **Davis discusses the increasing role of interest groups, the press, and the public, whose role is not prescribed in the Constitution, in the selection and confirmation of Supreme Court justices and how it affects the process. First he examines in detail the history and nature of the process, then he looks at the role and impact of other players. His conclusions about how non-political actors affect the outcome of Supreme Court justice selection leads him at the end of his book to suggest controversial reforms and their prospects for success.**

Mr. Johnson's speech which he delivered to his friend to be printed (as he mentioned at the place of execution).

The Rhetoric of Politics in the English Revolution, 1642-1660

What happens to the discourse of a political community when the ideological assumptions that underlie that discourse are challenged? This book looks at the interdependency between discourse and ideology by examining the petitions, published speeches and pamphlets of the English Revolution.

Rhetoric

Readings in French Literature

Oxford University Press on Demand **Setting out the principles of rhetoric with a wide range of illustrative examples in the first chapter, the author then explores rhetoric at work in different genres, via a close reading of texts.**