



Mutation 2009: The 4th International Workshop on Mutation Analysis

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Call for papers

Mutation is acknowledged as an important way to assess the fault-finding effectiveness of tests sets. Mutation testing has mostly been applied at the source code level, but more recently, related ideas have also been used to test artifacts described in a considerable variety of notations and at different levels of abstraction. Mutation ideas are used with requirements, formal specifications, architectural design notations, informal descriptions (e.g. use cases) and hardware. Mutation is now established as a major concept in software and systems V&V and uses of mutation are increasing. The goal of the Mutation workshop is to provide a forum for researchers and practitioners to discuss new and emerging trends in mutation analysis. We invite submissions of both full-length and short-length research papers as well as industry practice papers.

Topics of interest

- Mutation-based test adequacy criteria (theory or practical application).
- Using mutation in empirical studies (e.g. studies that compare mutation with other testing techniques).
- Industrial experience with mutation.
- New mutation systems for programming languages (e.g. for languages not yet addressed, or offering improvements on existing ones) and for higher-level descriptive notations (e.g. formal specification notations and architectural design notations).
- Novel applications of mutation including mutation for QoS properties (security, performance, etc.).

Publication

Three types of papers can be submitted to the workshop:

- Long research papers (10 pages)
- Short research papers (5 pages)
- Industrial practice papers (7 pages)

Each submitted paper must conform to the IEEE format and submission guidelines. Three reviewers will review each paper submission and accepted papers will be published in the IEEE Digital Library.

Important dates

Submission of full papers:	January 9, 2009
Notification of acceptance:	February 27, 2009
Camera-ready papers due:	March 20, 2009
Date of workshop:	April 4, 2009

Website

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