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Special Issue on: “Mobile and Ubiquitous Technologies for Language Learning”

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Aims and Objectives

Language learning comes to be one of the important application domains of mobile learning. Recent developments in mobile and ubiquitous technologies provide new learning environments for language learning, which goes far beyond the traditional learning paradigms, i.e., classroom teaching and training in companies.

Research and development projects on Mobile CALL (Computer Assisted Language Learning) have appeared, concerning studies on innovative ways of language learning using mobile devices, like learning vocabulary using mobile phone, mobile learning applications for speech/audio language training. In addition, some commercial products have appeared, as well as many podcast contents for second language learning.

The International Journal of Mobile Learning and Organization (IJMLO) is therefore publishing a special issue on “Mobile and Ubiquitous Technologies for Language Learning”, which will be a timely issue for both academics, practitioners and instructional designers who are interested in the design and development of effective language learning environments.

This special issue intends to discuss the latest mobile and ubiquitous language-learning (MULL) applications and technologies for language learning, an area of research that is increasingly seeing new developments and techniques in both the academic and industrial domains.

The purpose of the special issue is to disseminate studies about how we meet the challenges of this technology, the practical experiences of the design of mobile and ubiquitous language-learning environments, the current development systems in either academia or industry, as well as the current economic and social context of mobile and ubiquitous learning development and empirical research into contemporary mobile learning environments.

Subject Coverage

This special issue aims at publishing a selection of papers addressing the topics indicated below, but is not limited to them. The following topics are also equally welcome:

- Innovative mobile and ubiquitous language learning (MULL) applications.
- Learner modeling for MULL.
- Learning objects metadata for MULL.

- New technologies that directly support MULL systems (devices, computational models, networks, tools, protocols, etc.).
- Practical studies of MULL in K12 schools, universities, companies, museums and organizations.
- Human-Computer Interaction issues in MULL environments.
- Mobile games and toys for language learning.
- The role of Wikis, blogs, podcasts, messaging, and other on-line tools and Web 2.0 components in MULL systems.
- Personalization and intelligent support for learner interaction and collaborative language learning with mobile devices.
- Pedagogical models and theories for MULL.
- Evaluation and assessment methodologies for MULL.
- Privacy and security issues in MULL.
- The role of context-aware and location based services for MULL.

Deadlines

Proposal of submission (optional)	June 30, 2008
Submission of full paper	Sep. 30, 2008
Notification of acceptance	Dec. 20, 2008
Revised paper submission	Feb. 15, 2009
Camera-ready paper submission	Mar. 15, 2009
Special Issue publication	Sep. 1, 2009

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