

AMBIENT 2012

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The Second International Conference on Ambient Computing, Applications, Services and Technologies (AMBIENT 2012), held on September 23-28, 2012 in Barcelona, Spain, was devoted for a global view on ambient computing, services, applications, technologies and their integration.

On the way for a full digital society, ambient, sentient and ubiquitous paradigms lead the torch. There is a need for behavioral changes for users to understand, accept, handle, and feel helped within the surrounding digital environments. Ambient comes as a digital storm bringing new facets of computing, services and applications. Smart phones and sentient offices, wearable devices, domotics, and ambient interfaces are only a few of such personalized aspects. The advent of social and mobile networks along with context-driven tracking and localization paved the way for ambient assisted living, intelligent homes, social games, and telemedicine.

The conference provided a forum where researchers were able to present recent research results and new research problems and directions related to them. We welcomed technical papers presenting research and practical results, position papers addressing the pros and cons of specific proposals, such as those being discussed in the standard forums or in industry consortiums, survey papers addressing the key problems and solutions on any of the above topics, short papers on work in progress, and panel proposals.

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We hope the AMBIENT 2012 was a successful international forum for the exchange of ideas and results between academia and industry and to promote further progress in ambient computing research.

We hope Barcelona provided a pleasant environment during the conference and everyone saved some time for exploring this beautiful city.

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