

:: Editorial**Editorial**

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Abstract

Welcome to the second edition (Volume 6(1)) of the merged Computing and Information Technology Research and Education, New Zealand (CITRENZ) Journal of Applied Computing and Information Technology (JACIT). This edition is the first to be based on the progressive publishing model, and has appeared at a time when authors were keen to have their paper included in the current New Zealand Performance Based Research Fund (PBRF) round which looks at research up to December 2011.

1. Introduction

This edition marks the second of the merged Journal of Applied Computing and Information Technology (JACIT) and Bulletin (BACIT) publications, and used a progressive publishing model where papers are published as soon as they are ready, rather than releasing a completed edition, so it is possible for a paper to reach publishing status within a few months of submission. This edition spans 2011 and 2012.

I have had several requests from authors regarding submitting a paper to JACIT, and I am often asked what are the requirements to have a paper considered for publication. The Journal is the flag-ship publication of CITRENZ, which is made up of tertiary educationalists in New Zealand. The Journal is primarily designed as a vehicle to publish Applied Computing papers principally from New Zealand, but international papers are considered that would be of interest to our readers, particularly if related to education or cite New Zealand based research or researchers. Please check out <http://www.citrenz.ac.nz/jacit/about.html> for further information.

JACIT 16(1) was an unusual edition, as it accommodated the closing of the New Zealand PBRF round, and was our first progressive edition. From a personal view I had many unusual and additional tasks, and many of the editorial staff were involved in completing academic qualifications so compiling the edition proved to be more problematic than usual. Based on the number of papers received only three achieved publishing standard, while 14 papers were rejected either as unsuitable or in need of review. This does give an acceptance rate of 3/17 (18%) which is a strong indicator of the rigour applied to papers submitted. There have been many reviewers involved in considering the papers submitted, and they are listed on the front page. My thanks to them for their time and in some cases their willingness to mentor authors.

As always, a lot of work has gone in behind the scenes to make an edition happen and my thanks must go to the editorial team for their perseverance. Special mention needs to be made to Krassie Petrova whose role changed to an advisory capacity due to a heavy personal workload.

Nick Wallingford has taken on the role of Web editor and has been involved in seeing a smooth transition from final reviewer acceptance to publication. As we endeavor to improve our ratings, we are constantly reviewing the meta-data required by various indexes and databases. For this edition Nick has been working with php server side scripting to produce improved meta-data for each paper (this can be seen by viewing the source code of the web pages).

A special mention must also go to Donald Joyce who helped me finalise this edition and I welcome him as Associate Editor for future editions. I am very pleased to have him on board as he has been editor for many of the previous paper based editions of JACIT and I know his input will be of enormous benefit as we move the publication forward.

Also thanks must go to EIT for hosting the CITRENZ Web site that includes JACIT, and to William Hannon who provides the support for the technical infrastructure.

Thanks must also go to the authors who have been willing to develop and present their research in JACIT and the reviewers who have generously donated their time to evaluate the submissions and provide constructive feedback and guidance to the authors.

2. This edition

While only three papers are included in this edition they cover very different areas. Trevor Nesbit and Angela Martin explore and reflect on skills needed by project managers, Alison Hunter looks at the representation of women in IT in a New Zealand context, and Kaveh Farbeh-Tabrizi looks at Computer training for people with disabilities.

3. Finally

Just a reminder, if you are an author of past JACIT papers, and have electronic copies of your papers and we have not yet put them on the site, we would be really grateful if they could be sent to us, as many papers are not available in an electronic format.

As usual we welcome comments, contributions, and expressions of interest to review papers, for future issues. My thanks to the editors, reviewers, and authors, for making this issue possible, and hope you will enjoy reading JACIT 16(1).

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Executive Editor

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