

EDITORIAL: COMPUTATIONAL INTELLIGENCE FOR BUSINESS COLLABORATION

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1 WHY COMPUTATIONAL INTELLIGENCE?

Most of business in various sectors have been employing networked information systems. They have been considering that information sharing is the most important requirement for successfully fulfilling business goals. Since the businesses have been networked, a large amount of information has been available. Consequently, it has been difficult for them to find the best and optimized conditions and decisions. Thereby, there have been a lot of needs on intelligent methodologies for handling a large amount of the information retrieved from many different business areas [1].

Especially, computational intelligence for such efficient information processing is a key issue to collaboratively share knowledge and even generate new knowledge on business collaboration problems. Particularly, in this issue, we are regarding the computational intelligence as *a real-time (or ad-hoc) collaboration in networked information systems to build innovative knowledge with decentralized “partial” knowledge* [2]. For implementing this concept, we have to take into account a number of different issues, e.g., knowledge integration [3, 4] and conflict resolution [5].

2 OUTLINE OF THIS SPECIAL SECTION

Hence, the aim of this special section is to bring together researchers and practitioners in areas of knowledge and intelligence, semantics, and data mining systems to share their visions, research achievements and solutions to real business collaboration applications, to resolve the challenge issues and to establish worldwide cooperative research and development. This section is composed of 7 papers selected out of 12 submissions. Computational intelligence is applied into the BPM to bridge

the gap between the business world and information systems, especially in the context of business collaboration. This research trend includes emergent intelligent approaches from services into organizations, Semantic Web, ontology-based information systems, business integration, SOA, semantic web services discovery and composition, intelligent agents, cross-enterprise collaboration.

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