Instructions for Submitting the Electronic Version of Your Paper for CD-ROM Proceedings of ASP-DAC 2000

1. Background

ASP-DAC plans to publish a CD-ROM version of the ASP-DAC 2000 Proceedings in addition to the normal paper form. In order for your paper to be included in the CD-ROM Proceedings, you must submit an electronic version of your paper. (You must also submit a separate version of your paper for the hardcopy proceedings. Follow instructions provided by the hardcopy publisher.) Both are due on **November 12, 1999.**

You are strongly encouraged to submit your electronic version in PDF since the CD-ROM Proceedings will be composed of PDF files. Further instructions and guidelines are below.

Please pay special attention to the information about fonts. The fonts you use will affect the readability of your paper on the CD-ROM.

2. What to Submit

Prepare a PDF file of your entire paper and submit two files:

- (1) <s_n>.rea: a readme text file containing the title, author names, their affiliations, and your email address. Please also specify how you generated the PDF or PS file.
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4. How to Submit

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5. Tips for Authors

FONTS:

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IMPORTANT: LaTex users - LaTex files are particularly problematic and when converted to PDF are almost unreadable on the screen. This is because the default fonts are transformed to bitmapped fonts when the PostScript file is made into PDF. A solution to this problem is:

LaTeX users should utilize the Times Roman PostScript font when formatting their documents for publication. This can be achieved easily by specifying Times font at the documentstyle command:

¥documentstyle[times]{article}

Although the mathematics fonts used by LaTeX are not Type 1 fonts, the appearance of the document can improve tremendously if the above command is used in the TeX document. If the author uses LaTeX2e package, it is even possible to use Type 1 fonts for mathematical symbols. You need to have the package mathptm. If you are using LaTeX2e, use the macro:

¥usepackage{mathptm}

If you are using the older LaTeX, include mathptm in documentstyle:

¥documentstyle[mathptm]{acmconf}

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Thank you very much for your cooperation.