

# IEEE Network Special Issue on Online Social Networks

## Call for papers

The popularity and complexity of online social networks continues to grow triggering intense research interest in the analysis of the structure and properties of online communities. Today, online social network applications range from social communities and discussion groups, to recommendation engines, tagging systems, mobile social networks and virtual worlds.

This special issue solicits innovative contributions that describe completed, unpublished work covering various aspects of online social networks. In particular, the goal of this special issue is to share new research developments in the area, and assemble papers from a variety of disciplines that address the challenges and important questions posed by online social applications.

## Topics of interest include, but are not limited to the following:

- Implications of social networking on network and distributed systems design
- System design for social networks
- Measurement and analysis of online communities and social media
- Analytical frameworks for user interactions and behavior
- Management of trust and privacy: reputation, rating and reviews
- Mobile social networks

## Important Dates:

Abstract submission (optional):	January 8, 2010
Full paper submission:	January 15, 2010
Acceptance notification:	May 1, 2010
Camera-ready:	July 1, 2010
Publication date:	September, 2010

## Submission Instructions:

Authors should submit their manuscript electronically in PDF format by email to the guest editors according to the above timetable. Authors are encouraged to register their papers by submitting the paper abstract, the paper title, authors and keywords by the corresponding deadline. Prospective authors must prepare their original submissions in accordance with the IEEE Network guidelines to authors, <http://www.comsoc.org/livepubs/ni/info/authors.html>. Articles should not exceed 4500 words, be tutorial in nature, and should be written in a style comprehensible to readers outside the specialty of the article. All submissions will be reviewed based on technical merit and relevance.

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