

Preface

The Fourth Australasian Conference on Interactive Entertainment (IE2007) is the latest in a series of annual regional meetings at which advances in interactive entertainment and computer games are reported. IE2007 was hosted by the Schools of Creative Media and Computer Science at RMIT University, and was held at Storey Hall University for the 3rd to 5th of December, 2007. As Australasian Conference on Interactive Entertainment has done in the past, this year IE2007 brings together researchers from diverse disciplines such as artificial intelligence, cognitive science, media studies, drama, HCI, psychology, interactive media and cultural studies, graphic and audio design to discuss and critically reflect on the past, present and future of interactive entertainment, computer gaming and the creative digital industries.

This year, IE2007 also hosted a number of demonstrations of novel interactive systems. The conference organizers were also pleased to have representatives from the digital creative industries participate in a variety of panel discussions.

IE2007 received over fifty conference paper submissions from authors from eleven different countries throughout Europe, Asia and the Pacific regions. Of these papers, twenty-eight were selected for presentation at the conference and inclusion in these proceedings. All papers in these proceedings were peer-reviewed by the international program committee, and all papers were reviewed by at least three reviewers. The acceptance rate for papers was sixty percent.

The invited speakers for IE2007 were Robin Hunicke and Kurt Busch. Robin Hunicke is the Lead Game Designer at Electronic Arts, within the Sims Division. Kurt Busch is the Studio Director at Krome Studios, one of the largest worldwide independent video game developers.

IE2007 was held in cooperation with ACM SIGART, SIGCHI, SIGGRAPH and SIGWEB and the papers will be available from the ACM Digital Library.

Thankyou for participating in IE2007.

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