Preface

This volume contains revised versions of selected papers presented at the Fourth Australian Workshop on Distributed Artificial Intelligence (DAI'98), together with a set of invited papers. Each paper has been reviewed by at least two program committee members. The workshop was held in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia on July 13, 1998. The goal of the workshop was to promote research in distributed artificial intelligence and multi-agent systems, both nationally and internationally. The papers cover a wide range of issues in the field of distributed artificial intelligence and multi-agent systems, such as theories, languages, and applications.

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