

Preface

This volume contains the papers presented at the 10th Anniversary Workshop on Job Scheduling Strategies for Parallel Processing. The workshop was held in New York City, on June 13, 2004, at Columbia University, in conjunction with the SIGMETRICS 2004 conference.

Although it is a workshop, the papers were conference-reviewed, with the full versions being read and evaluated by at least five and usually seven members of the Program Committee. We refer to it as a workshop because of the very fast turnaround time, the intimate nature of the actual presentations, and the ability of the authors to revise their papers after getting feedback from workshop attendees. On the other hand, it was actually a conference in that the papers were accepted solely on their merits as decided upon by the Program Committee.

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This year saw a continued interest in scheduling in grid and cluster environments, with a growing representation of real-system issues such as workload studies, network topology issues, and the effect of failures. At the same time, there was also a strong representation of research relating to classical multiprocessor systems, and lively discussions contrasting the academic point of view with that of administrators of 'real' systems. We hope that the papers in this volume capture this range of interests and approaches, and that you, the reader, find them interesting and useful.

This was the tenth annual workshop in this series, which reflects a consistent and ongoing interest; the organizers believe that the workshop satisfies a real need. The proceedings of previous workshops are available from Springer as LNCS volumes 949, 1162, 1291, 1459, 1659, 1911, 2221, 2537, and 2862 (and since 1998 they have also been available online). We look forward to the next workshop in 2005, and perhaps even to the next decade of workshops!

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