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Special Issue on: "Time-Centric Reactive Software (TCRS)"

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This special issue is for the Time-Centric Reactive Software (TCRS) workshop at ESWEEK 2025 (Sep. 28 - Oct. 3, 2025, in Taipei, Taiwan), and the authors of accepted papers are expected to present their papers in person at the workshop. This special issue addresses the critical role of timing in concurrent, distributed, and cyber-physical systems, a factor often emergent in software semantics but pivotal for the embedded systems community. It aims to highlight and discuss innovative work that prioritizes timing in programming paradigms, languages, and hardware-software interfaces, showcasing advancements in programming languages and models for timed systems. The objective is to foster an exchange of insights and strategies, scrutinize diverse methodologies, and pinpoint both promising avenues and significant challenges. Key topics include various models of time, temporal constructs in programming languages, timing in distributed systems, temporal verification, computer architectures for time-predictability, clock synchronization, and time-centric scheduling and applications. The broader ambition is to cultivate a community committed to integrating time abstractions throughout computing infrastructure, from programming languages to network and microprocessor design. The special issue invites contributions from those keen on advancing time-centric models, languages, tools, and methodologies intersecting with multiple domains.

Topics of interest

- Automotive systems
- Compiler construction
- Computer architecture
- Cyber-physical systems
- Digital twins
- Dataflow models
- Discrete-event systems
- Distributed systems
- Design automation
- Embedded systems
- Formal verification
- Industrial automation
- Programming languages
- Model-based Design
- Modeling languages
- Middlewares
- Networking
- Operating systems
- Real-time systems
- Simulation
- System-level design

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Important Dates

- Paper Submission Deadline: June 23, 2025
- Notification of Acceptance: July 21, 2025
- July 28, 2025: Final manuscript and video graphical abstract deadline (video graphical abstract is only required for papers with Present-and-publish acceptance)
- August 12, 2025: Final acceptance notification
- Workshop: October 2 or 3, 2025, in Taipei, Taiwan

Submission Information

- This special issue is tied to the Time-Centric Reactive Software (TCRS, <https://www.tcrs.io/>) workshop at ESWEEK 2025 to be held in Taipei, Taiwan, during the week of September 28 - October 3, 2025. At least one author of each paper must fully register through ESWEEK and present the paper in person at the workshop.
- The authors must disclose their conflict of interest (COI) with the program committee to be listed at <https://www.tcrs.io/org/> in their cover letters of submission, even if they do not have any COI, for example, a cover letter indicating that there is no COI with the program committee.
- We will use two-tier acceptance.
 - *Present-and-publish acceptance*: The accepted paper will be presented at the workshop and then published in the IEEE ESL special issue.
 - *Present-only acceptance*: The accepted paper will be presented at the workshop without a journal publication. The authors will be free to submit their papers elsewhere.
- For paper formatting, we follow the 4-page format of IEEE ESL.