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Information retrieval and knowledge discovery play key roles in many of today’s prominent web applications such as e-commerce and computer security. The MAW-08 Symposium aims to bring together researchers and practitioners to discuss and exchange ideas, and to present their work on mining techniques and their application to the web. With MAW-08 being held in Asia, our technical program has several interesting papers on mining the Asian web structure and web pages written in an Asian language.

The Symposium has attracted 34 submissions from 11 countries, including contributions from government laboratories, commercial organizations, research institutes, and universities. After a thorough reviewing process conducted by the Program Committee—with each paper being reviewed by at least 3 referees, 20 high-quality papers have been selected for presentation at the Symposium and publication in the Proceedings.

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