

Special Issue

Sustainability in Emergent Systems

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue seeks to answer several questions. The first question is whether sustainability is already considered, or not yet, a foreground system quality attribute, at the same level of importance as other traditional quality attributes. The second question is at what levels sustainability is being integrated in software engineering, for instance, through the definition of green middleware, application containers, virtualization software or deployment algorithms. Finally, how and to what degree are systems for massive data processing incorporating techniques that optimize energy consumption? We can certainly say that the topics covered by this Special Issue are already considered in the literature, where sustainability is now influencing all aspects of system development. However, it is not yet clear how these initiatives and approaches raised at the research level are being successfully translated to industrial software projects, in the practice, or what would really make a difference in our society toward a more sustainable future. All the topics in the special issue are in the context of these emergent systems.

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