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Scope

For 23 years, VLDB has served the database community as its major truly international conference all over the world. From an arena where just research results are presented, VLDB has evolved to a forum where researchers and practitioners exchange ideas and experiences, without sacrificing quality ensured by rigorous refereeing. The VLDB '97 conference will continue and strengthen this trend.

To further the goal of stimulating new research directions, we solicit papers and panel proposals on speculative and futuristic topics. We also encourage papers on novel and challenging applications of database technology in designing and building complex information systems.

Topics of Interest

The topics of interest include but are not limited to:

Temporal and Spatial Databases	Optimization and Performance
Parallel and Distributed Databases	Persistent Object Systems
Multimedia Databases	Database Languages
Storage Management	View Management and Data Warehousing
Active Databases	Knowledge Base Management Systems
Text Databases	Engineering and Scientific Databases
Heterogeneous and Federated Databases	Graphical Query Languages and Tools
DBMS Architectures	Concurrency Control and Recovery
Data Consistency, Integrity and Security	Database Mining
Data Models and Database Design	Database Evolution and Migration
Mobile Databases	Internet Information Servers
Interaction Between DB and IR Systems	User Interfaces
Database Benchmarks	Logic and Databases
Implementation Reports/Case Studies	Transactional Workflow

Paper Submission

Six copies of original papers not exceeding 5000 words (double spaced pages) should be submitted to the appropriate program co-chair depending on the geographic region in which the authors of a paper reside. The submissions must be received by the "drop-dead" deadline of 21 February 1997; there will be no grace period. In addition to the paper hardcopy, submit a 250 words abstract with title, authors, and track (research or industrial/commercial) **one week before the official deadline** via email to the appropriate co-chair.

Industry/Commercial Track

We encourage submission of papers describing work of significant interest to industry, particularly in applications and areas providing interesting directions for the development of DBMSs. We seek to provide a forum to discuss experiences in applying DBMSs to real-life situations. Papers intended for this track will receive special consideration by the Program Committee. They should be clearly marked as industrial/commercial papers and submitted to the regular PC chairs corresponding to the author's geographic region. In the evaluation of the papers submitted to this track, the committee will consider novelty, technical quality and the value of reported results to developers and users of information systems. Questions concerning possible submissions to this track should be directed to the Track Chair.

Panels and Tutorials

Panel and tutorial proposals should be submitted to the respective chairs. Panels should address exciting new and controversial issues rather than being short paper sessions. Tutorial proposals should clearly identify the intended audience which should be broader than a small research community.

Important Dates

Paper, Panel, Tutorial, Industry/Applications submission:	**21 February 1997** (firm deadline)
Notification of acceptance:	**9 May 1997**
Conference:	**25-29 August 1997**

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About the Conference Location

VLDB '97 will be held near Athens, Greece, a place equally famous for its historical attraction, beautiful landscape and weather, lively database community, and hospitality. This is the first time that VLDB comes to a European country in the South East Mediterranean region - the cross-roads of Western and Eastern Europe, Middle-East and Africa. The conference will serve as a catalyst for the development and dissemination of database technology in this region and will also offer inroads into new markets in Eastern Europe and the Middle-East.

The gods, who, as they say, never left Athens, are waiting for you in 1997.

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