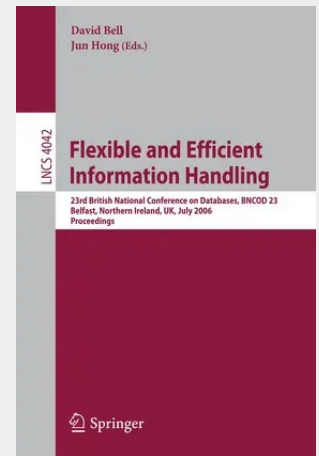


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This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 23rd British National Conference on Databases, BNCOD 23, held in Belfast, Northern Ireland, July 2006. The volume presents 12 revised full papers and 6 revised short papers, together with 2 invited lectures and 13 poster papers. Topical sections include data modelling and architectures and transaction management, data integration and interoperability and information retrieval, query processing and optimisation, data mining, data warehousing and more.

Since 1980, BNCOD conferences have provided an opportunity for researchers to present and discuss advances in research on database systems and in the deployment of database technology. Contributions have been made to the plotting of new directions in the development of the technology and in the exploration of opportunities and challenges. The Programme Committee of BNCOD 2006 sought to continue this pattern, and this year we chose to place special emphasis on "flexibility and performance." The idea is to look at challenges and developments from these two complementary and sometimes competitive directions. In practice, there is often a 'tight-rope' to be walked between the two — keeping a balance is clearly important. However, this is sometimes overlooked, and sometimes a focus on one side or the other cannot be avoided. Authors from 16 countries contributed a total of 58 submissions to the members of the Programme Committee. Each submission was evaluated by three members on the basis of originality, technical quality, presentation and relevance to BNCOD. As a result we have selected 12 full, 6 short and 13 poster papers which appear in this published proceedings volume along with the invited papers. Some of the papers considered exclusively performance-related issues, and others were focussed on the flexibility side. A few sought to address the balance directly. The papers were organized into six presentation sessions and a poster session. We summarize the papers by session below.



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