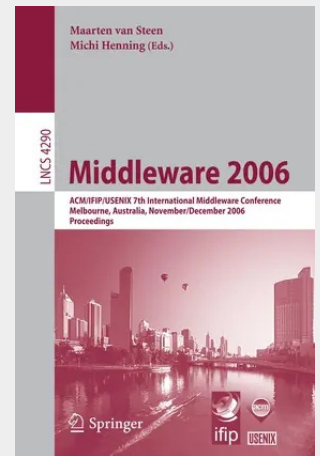


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This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the ACM/IFIP/USENIX 7th International Middleware Conference 2006, held in Melbourne, Australia, in November/December 2006. The 21 revised full papers are organized in topical sections on performance, composition, management, publish/subscribe technology, databases, mobile and ubiquitous computing, security, and data mining techniques.

Middleware is one of those topics in computer science for which it appears difficult to reach consensus on its exact meaning. Broadly speaking, one could say that middleware contains solutions to the distribution of processes, data, and control that are more or less independent from applications, and that allow underlying platforms and hardware to be hidden from applications. In other words, it covers a lot. However, there does seem to be consensus on the fact that middleware is about distributed systems, and that the solutions incorporated into middleware are applicable to a wider range of applications. Following the trend of past Middleware conferences, this seventh edition has continued to take a broad perspective on what middleware is all about, and there was general agreement among the Program Committee members that we should be open-minded as to what should be considered on topic or not. This open-mindedness is reflected in an interesting collection of papers that cover many fields of middleware, and even touch upon areas that have traditionally belonged more to the systems arena, such as virtualization. However, not everything changes. As usual, the number of strong submissions was remarkably high, and there were many discussions among committee members as to which papers to accept. (Almost every paper was reviewed by four committee members.) Eventually, we selected 21 out of the 122 submissions, with space limitations forcing us to reject even papers that reflected good and original research.



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