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Special Issue on Power-Aware Parallel and Distributed Systems (PAPADS)

Energy is one of the most valuable and scarce resources available to humanity, a major portion of which is now being consumed to power up computers and their accessories. In particular, high-performance parallel and distributed systems, including data centers, supercomputers, clusters, real-time systems, embedded systems, and networks consume not only considerably high power but also require extensive air-conditioning. The explosive growth in the computing results in increased consumption of precious natural resources such as oil and coal. In the worst case, this could contribute to an *Energy Crisis*, a term that refers to some great bottleneck (or price rise) in the supply of energy resources to an economy. Furthermore, conversion of these resources to electricity results in carbon emissions that negatively impact the environment. Power-aware technologies will ultimately contribute to lower cost, environmentally friendly parallel and distributed systems. Thus, we must consider power consumption as a first-class resource and invent means to manage it autonomously along with performance, reliability, and security. In power-aware parallel and distributed systems, considerable work is going on in power management at the component, software, and system level, as well as on emerging power management standards for servers and devices and operating systems. This special issue aims to consolidate such work.

Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Power-aware **Software** for PAPADS
- Code **profiling and transformation** for power management
- Power-aware **middleware** for PAPADS
- **Architectural Support** for PAPADS
- **Resource management** to optimize performance and power
- **Runtime systems** that assist in power saving
- **Models** for collective optimization of power and performance
- **Monitoring tools** for power and performance of parallel and distributed systems
- **Algorithms** for reduced power, energy and heat for high-performance computing
- Power-aware **applications** on PAPADS
- Static and dynamic **data allocation** techniques for distributed servers

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