



Welcome to VLDB 2006

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On behalf of the conference committee of VLDB2006, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Seoul for the 32nd International Conference on Very Large Data Bases.

VLDB is the premier international conference on database technology, organized every year by the VLDB Endowment. Since the first VLDB conference was successfully held in 1975, the VLDB series of conferences has become the leading international forum. Such achievement comes from strong encouragement for submitting creative work, the policy of broadening the topics, and the policy of being strictly international from the very beginning.

This is the first time VLDB is visiting Korea, "The Country of Morning Calm." Hosting VLDB2006 was a significant undertaking, but also was a very valuable endeavour for our Korean database community. It is our wish that database research in Korea, which has become strong in recent years, be further activated in the coming years through the experience with VLDB2006.

Seoul has been the capital city of Korea for nearly 600 years since the beginning of the last Joseon Dynasty and has many historical relics and tourist resorts. At the same time, it is a modern dynamic metropolis with a population of eleven million and is the center of business, economy, and politics. The conference venue is right at the heart of Southern Seoul, which has been newly developed since 1960's and is one of the key achievements called the "Miracle of Han River." Han River runs across

the center of Seoul westwards to the Yellow Sea.

We acknowledge generous support from our sponsors. Their sponsorship was of critical help in financing VLDB2006. Our sincere thanks go to those 14 sponsors. We also wish to extend our thanks to many organizations that helped our effort. Special thanks go to the VLDB Endowment, Korea Information Science Society (K.I.S.S.), and KAIST.

The conference would not have been a success without help from many people, and our thanks go to all of them: Honorary Chair, Sukho Lee; VLDB Endowment Liaison, Laura Haas; and General Program Chair, Umesh Dayal; Geographical Area Coordinators; National DB Society Liaisons; and members of the program and organization committees. Their names are rightfully acknowledged in the VLDB2006 Conference Committee List and Program Committee List. Special thanks are due to the KAIST students who developed the Content Management System and to the Kangwon National University team headed by Jinho Kim who developed the registration system, both using the Odyssey DBMS that has been developed at KAIST for over 16 years. Their efforts helped significantly reduce the complexity of managing proceedings editing and registration. The concept of the content management system had been conceived by Klemens Boehm and first applied to VLDB2005 Trondheim. Special thanks are also due to Yong Chul Oh, the Local Arrangement Chair, who managed all the mundane and complex tasks of local events.

Needless to say, our sincerest thanks go to all the participants of VLDB2006, who are the ones carrying the tradition of unrivalled excellence of the VLDB conferences.

Welcome and enjoy the conference, the city, and dynamic Korea!

Featuring today's keynote speaker

Anant Jhingran (VP and CTO, IBM Silicon Valley Laboratory, USA)



Dr. Anant Jhingran is a Distinguished Engineer, Vice President and the Chief Technology Officer for IBM's Information Management Division. He is responsible for the technical strategy of multi-billion dollar division that produces products and solutions in databases, content management, business intelligence and information integration. Previous to this job, Dr. Jhingran lead the IBM team designing and building world-class solutions to meet the requirements of business analytics on structured and unstructured data. He has also been the director of Computer Science at the IBM Almaden Research Center where he managed the research scientists dedicated to advancing technology across foundations, software and services. Prior to joining Almaden Research, Dr. Jhingran was senior manager for e-Commerce and data management at IBM's T. J. Watson Research Center. He received his Ph.D. from UC at Berkeley in 1990. Anant has received several patents, outstanding innovation awards, and a corporate award for his contributions to DB2. He has authored over 20 academic papers, and is also a member of IBM Academy of Technology.

Today at 9:30 he will deliver the keynote speech on "*Enterprise Information Mashups: Integrating Information, Simply*" in Room 401.

Internet Access

The Internet Café is located in **Room 321A**. There are ten desktop computers for checking emails. There are six additional LAN lines available for connecting to notebooks. **The room will be open until 5:30 PM daily.** There will be a few student helpers in the room to help any technical problems.

- *Using LAN at the Internet Cafe*

The LAN cables in Room 321A have a tab on the LAN cable showing the IP address to be used with the LAN. Go to Control/Network Connection/LAN/TCP-IP/Properties and then enter the IP address, Gateway, and DNS.

- *Using the Wireless Network*

Access the VLDB 2006 wireless network with the SSID of "coex-hanaro". This is not an open network, but the network to be used in COEX building. You can use this network at 54Mbps (support IEEE 802.11/bg). You can use the wireless network in any hall way, but not in the session rooms.

When you first open a browser, you are asked to enter the ID and password for the network. The ID is "vldb" (without quotes and all in lower case letters), and the password is "2006".

Announcements

- A **shuttle bus** will be operated during the conference period between Hotel Riviera and COEX. The bus runs from 7:30, 7:45, 8:00 and then every 10 minutes until 9:00AM at Hotel Riviera. The last trip is dependent on the day of the week. Check out the detailed bus schedule from the hotel or the registration desk.

- **Today's lunch** will be served at **Jangbogo Hall** located at 3rd floor. Lunch begins at 12:30PM. Today's lunch is exclusively sponsored by IBM.

- **Banquet tickets:** Extra banquet tickets are sold at 100,000 Korean won. All student registrants will

receive a complimentary ticket. All the student registrants who already purchased banquet tickets can get a refund at the registration desk in Room 317A.

- A hard copy of the **VLDB 2006 Proceedings**, which consist of two volumes, is sold at 50,000 Won.

- There are some leftover copies of various **workshop proceedings**. Some workshop proceedings produced by Springer Verlag must be purchased. Other workshop proceedings that were locally produced can be acquired free of charge. Go to the Registration desk in Room 317A to inquire about either purchasing a copy of some proceedings or getting others free of charge.

Tomorrow's Events

- **Tomorrow's (Wednesday's) lunch** will be served at **O'Kim's Brauhaus** which is located in the first floor. The lunch is free to all registrants.

- **The banquet** will be held on Wednesday evening at the **Grand Ballroom in the first floor**. Korean traditional dancing and martial art will be performed after the dinner. The banquet begins at 6:30 pm and is exclusively sponsored by LG Electronics.

- **VLDB Journal Editorial Board Lunch meeting** will be held on Wednesday lunch time at *bizbaz* restaurant located in the second floor.

Presentation Slides

Remember that all presenters will be asked to upload your PowerPoint slides to the computer provided by the organizers at each session room. We recommend you go to the session room at least 15 minutes before the start of the session and ask the student volunteer to load your slides. You will also be asked to sign the *copy right form* of your slides.

VLDB Workshops

There were a total of twelve workshops on Sunday and Monday.

Two workshops were 1.5 days and the other ten workshops were 1 day only. There were a total of 268 papers submitted to all the workshops, and 124 papers were accepted, making the acceptance rate of 46.3%.




Submitted	Accepted	Rate
268	124	46.3

Registration Statistics

As of September 11 2PM, the VLDB 2006 has received a total of 663 registrations so far. The registrations by non-Koreans are 63%, and student registrations are 32% of all the registrations.

	Kor.	Non-Kor.	Total
Regular	101	272	373
Students	108	102	211
WS-Only	33	46	79
Total	242	420	663

Weather

TUE Sept. 12	WED Sept. 13.	THU Sept. 14
		
18 ~26	18 ~26	16 ~27
64F~79F	64F~79F	61F~81F

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