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Preface

This volume comprises selected papers of the Third International Workshop on Semantics in Data and Knowledge Bases, which was collacated with EDBT 2008 and was organized in Nantes on March 29, 2008. The first two workshops “Semantics in Databases” took place in Rež, Czech Republic in 1995 and Dagstuhl, Germany, 2001. The workshops have had post-proceedings of selected papers given at the workshop. We invited the best papers of the workshop to submit a revised version of their paper. These revisions have been reviewed for the final proceedings. The proceedings of the first two workshops were published by Springer in the LNCS series, volumes 1358 and 2582. The SDKB 2008 workshop call for papers led to 19 submissions, which were reviewed by 4 reviewers.

We selected six of the papers given at the SDKB 2008 workshop. We additionally invited four papers that round up the proceedings. Furthermore, we added a survey on the state of the art in the field.

The SDKB workshop series tries to bring together researchers in the areas of data and knowledge bases who work on aspects of semantics. In particular, the workshop presents original contributions demonstrating the use of logic, discrete mathematics, combinatorics, domain theory and other mathematical theories of semantics for database and knowledge bases, computational linguistics and semiotics, and information and knowledge-based systems.

Topics of research papers are concentrated around the following research topics:

- Formal models for data and knowledge bases
- Integrity constraints maintenance and dependency theory
- Formal methods for data and knowledge base design
- Reasoning about data and knowledge base dynamics
- Adaptivity for personalized data and knowledge bases
- View-centered data- and knowledge-intensive systems
- Information integration in data and knowledge bases
- Knowledge discovery in data and knowledge bases
- Validation and verification of data and knowledge base designs
- Formal linguistics for data and knowledge bases
- Logical and mathematical foundations of semantics
- Semantics in data- and knowledge-intensive applications

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