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Preface

This volume contains the papers that were accepted for presentation at the International Conference on T_EX, XML, and Digital Typography, jointly held with the 25th Annual Meeting of the T_EX Users Group in Xanthi, Greece in the summer of 2004. The term "Digital Typography" refers to the preparation of printed matter using only electronic computers and electronic printing devices, such as laser-jet printers. The document preparation process involves mainly the use of a digital typesetting system as well as data representation technologies. T_EX and its offspring are beyond doubt the most successful current digital typesetters, while XML is the standard for text-based data representation for both business and scientific activities.

All papers appearing in this volume were fully refereed by the members of the program committee. The papers were carefully selected to reflect the research work that is being done in the field of digital typography using TEX and/or its offspring.

The problems for which comprehensive solutions have been proposed include proper multilingual document preparation and XML document processing and generation. The proposed solutions deal not simply with typesetting issues, but also related issues in document preparation, such as the manipulation of complex bibliographic databases, and automatic conversion of text expressed in one grammatical system to a more recent one (as for the Greek language, converting between monotonic Greek and polytonic Greek).

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