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Technical Conference Administration Overview

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1.0 System Description

The Conference Administration Tool (CAAT) is a "data-driven", "web-based" application for processing presentation abstracts, registration, and other technical conference administration tasks.

By "data-driven" we mean that most aspects of the application are controlled by over one hundred conference-specific parameters. Obvious things like the name of the conference, the dates, and URL plus less-obvious things like whether a registrant company name should be required for registration and the color of the schedule cells for each topic area.

"Web-based" means that all interaction with the application happens through a standard browser over the Internet. We provide the web and database servers and all technical support.

CAAT processes assists with program planning and development including on-line abstract or proposal submission, evaluation, selection, and scheduling; online registration; and conference evaluation surveys. Over fifty standard reports are predefined with unlimited user-defined queries.

1.1 Conference Menu

Administration tasks are broken into groups by specific responsibility: overall conference, program abstract or presentation proposals, registration, and conference evaluation surveys.

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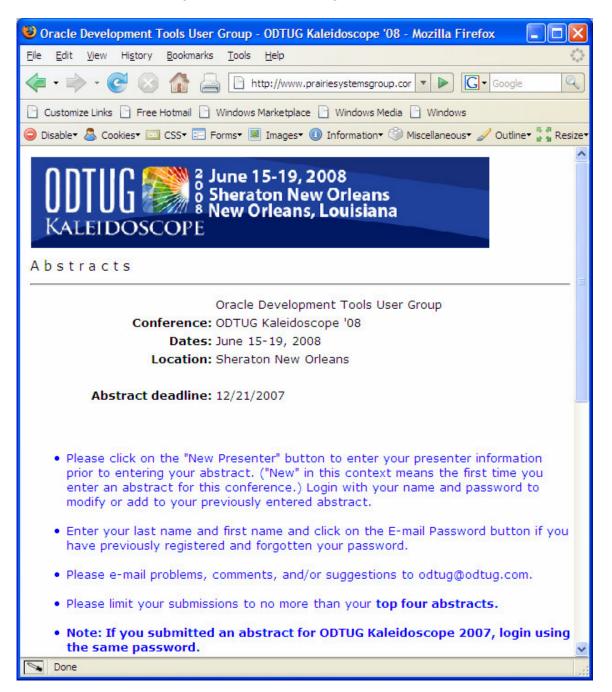
Edit Conference	Conference name, dates, and descriptions. Start and end dates for abstract/proposal submission and registration.
Parameters	Parameters to control options, instructions, and display formats.
Validations	Validation data to limit options for selected data fields such as abstract status and target audience.
Help Text	Field level help text to explain or expand on data entry fields.
Events	Event definition for presenters and registrants. (See "Presenter Events" and "Registration Events" for usage.)
Download	Download presenter and abstract data and or registration data as Excel spreadsheets for external processing.
Clone Conference	Copy all conference data to a new conference.

2.0 Conference Menu: Conference

3.0 Conference Menu: Abstracts (Proposals)

Presenters	Presenter and abstract/proposal data review and maintenance. Abstracts/proposals are submitted through a conference-specific data entry form.
Abstract Options	Abstract/proposal option definition and maintenance. Abstract/proposal options include items like A/V equipment requirements, general subject areas, or other information.
Abstract Topics	Abstract/proposal topic/track definition and maintenance.
Session Types	Abstract/proposal session type/length definition and maintenance.
Reviewers	Reviewer name and password definition and maintenance. Reviewers rate submitted abstracts/proposal online by "review type" (see below).
Reviews	Abstract/proposal reviews.
Review Types	Abstract/proposal review type definition and maintenance. Weighting factors may be defined to give more or less weight to selected ratings.
Abstract Ratings	Post-review analysis to evaluate reviewer ratings and select presentations for the conference.
Sessions	Session definition and maintenance: date, start/end times, and description.
Locations	Location (room) definition and maintenance.
Schedule	Session presentation assignment.
Ambassadors	Session ambassador (emcee, room monitor, or presentation assistant) assignment.
Presenter Events	Presenter event (see above) matrix to track completion and identify missing elements.
Abstract Reports	Abstract/proposal summary and detail reports including topic, option, reviews, and schedules.
Evaluations	Presentation evaluation reports.

3.1 Online Abstract/Proposal Submission Login



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3.2 Abstract/Proposal Submission

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4.0 Conference Menu: Registration

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Registration Events	Registration event matrix to track completion and identify missing elements.
Registration Reports	Registration summary and detail reports including income and

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4.1 Online Registration Example

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5.0 Conference Menu: Conference Evaluations

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5.1 Evaluation Example

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