



New and Emerging Topics in Computing

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- › new frontiers in computing for next-generation health-care systems

- › emerging trends and computing paradigms for the testing, reliability, and security of future very large-scale integrated systems
- › e-government research, management, and innovation.

Other special sections that have begun or are in the final steps of the approval and launch process are as follows:

- › assistive computing technologies for human well-being
- › scalable computing for blockchain systems.

In addition, there is ongoing work to finalize the launch of a joint special section with *IEEE Transactions on Secure and Dependable Computing*.

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The (continuous) challenge is open, as every day, new technology advances open new areas and opportunities. *TETC* will be there because whether you are a reader and/or a contributing author, *TETC* is committed to being your reading destination to help you stay up to date in new fields, innovative research areas, and emerging topics in computing. **■**

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