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- Benchmarking and Performance Evaluation
- Data exchange and integration
- Data quality, cleaning and lineage
- Database monitoring and tuning
- Data privacy and security
- Data warehousing and mining
- Embedded, sensor, mobile databases and applications
- Managing uncertain, imprecise and inconsistent information
- Metadata management
- Multilingual data management
- Multimedia data management and mining
- Novel Data Types
- Parallel, distributed, and heterogeneous databases
- Peer-to-peer data management
- Personalized information systems
- Query processing and optimization
- Replication, caching, and publish-subscribe systems
- Text search and database querying
- Semi-structured data
- Social Networks
- Storage and transaction management
- Web services

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Keynote Speech 1: “Taming the dynamics of Distributed Data”

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Keynote Speech 2: “StrangerDB: Safe Data Management with Untrusted Servers”

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Keynote Speech 3: “Information Search in Peer-to-Peer Systems”

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Tutorial 1: “High Performance Data Mining”

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Tutorial 2: “Privacy preserving publication: From k-anonymity to anatomy”

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