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Preface: Special issue on the Fourth International Symposium on Computing and Networking

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The Fourth International Symposium on Networking and Computing (CANDAR 2016) was held in Hiroshima, Japan, from November 22^{nd} to 25^{th} , 2016. The organizers of the CANDAR 2016 invited authors to submit the extended version of the presented papers. As a result, 28 articles have been submitted to this special issue. This issue includes the extended version of 17 papers that have been accepted.

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