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

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The Fifth International Symposium on Networking and Computing (CANDAR 2017) was held in Aomori Japan, from November  $19^{th}$  to  $22^{th}$ , 2017. The organizers of the CANDAR 2017 invited authors to submit the extended version of the presented papers. As a result, 27 articles have been submitted to this special issue. This issue includes the extended version of 16 papers that have been accepted.

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