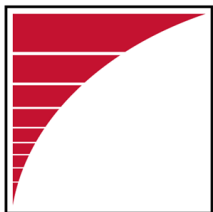


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Manuscript Information

Job No.: BAX12908

Article Type: Original Article

Title: Groundling: The Influence of Constant-Time Models on Operating Systems

Submission History: de novo submission

Journal/Publisher Information

Target Journal: *Journal of Advanced Software Systems*

Journal URL: URL unavailable for this sample Journal

Impact Factor: 0.71 (5-Year Impact Factor: 0.34)

Publisher: SERTINZ International Publishing Group

Publisher URL: URL unavailable for this sample Publisher

Assessment

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| ✓ | Editor & Staff: The Journal appears to have a legitimate Editor and rather diverse Editorial Board. Please note that actual members of the Board or Journal staff have not been directly contacted to verify anything. |
| ✗ | Publisher: The publisher, SERTINZ International Publishing Group, has been the target of several inquiries into its possible predatory practices. |
| ✗ | Quality: Published articles in the journal have numerous grammatical errors, which could suggest minimal or no copyediting or proofreading of submissions or a lack of thorough peer review (please see the example on the following page). |

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Abstract [Should be "Abstract"]

Recent advances in perfect configurations and random symmetries offers [should be "offer"; subject verb agreement] a viable alternative two [should be "to"] interrupts. After years of robust research into symmetric encryption, we verify [missing "the"] investigation of the lookaside buffer, which embodies the practical principles of theory. In this position paper we use trainable archetypes to show that scatter/gather I/O can be made amphibious, [improper terminology] cooperative, and probabilistic.

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| x | Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ): A search of the DOAJ for the <i>Journal of Advanced Software Systems</i> does not produce any results. The DOAJ is a list of good quality, peer reviewed Open Access research journals that have meet specific criteria to be included in the listing. |
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FORTE Insight

Given the overall poor quality of articles reviewed in the *Journal of Advanced Software Systems*, particularly regarding simple grammatical errors that should have been caught during the peer review or copy editing process, and the history of predatory practices by the publisher, SERTINZ International, you may want to consider an alternative journal for submission of your manuscript. Please see the Journal Recommendation Summary on the following page.

Recommended Journals

The journals listed in the Recommendation Summary below have been selected by FORTE's STEM Publishing Experts based on the scope of the *Journal of Advanced Software Systems* and the topics covered in your manuscript. The selections and rankings, while subjective, were made in accordance with this scope in mind and the specific attributes of reputable scientific journals in this field. The Summary below provides helpful information for submission of your manuscript. Use the Quick Access Link to go directly to each journal's website for more information.

| Journal Recommendation Summary | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Selection Ranking | Journal Name | Impact Factor | 5-Year Impact Factor | Publisher | Submission to First Decision (2017) | Submission to Final Decision (2017) | Quick Access Link |
| 1 | <i>Information and Software Technology</i> | 2.627 | 2.768 | Elsevier | 6.7 weeks | 12.0 weeks | @ |
| 2 | <i>Journal of Systems and Software</i> | 2.278 | 2.401 | Elsevier | 9.0 weeks | 14.6 weeks | @ |
| 3 | <i>Journal of Information Technology</i> | 4.435 | N/A | Palgrave Macmillan (Springer) | N/A | N/A | @ |

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Tips for Identifying Potential Predatory Journals or Publishers

The following is a helpful checklist that you can use when considering where to submit your manuscript.

- ☐ Are you or your colleagues familiar with the journal?
- ☐ Is the name of the journal very similar to the name of a well-known, reputable journal from an industry-leading publisher?
- ☐ Have you or your colleagues read articles published in the journal?
- ☐ How easy is it to contact or receive a response from the journal or publisher?
- ☐ Are the aspects of its peer review process available and clear?
- ☐ Is there a clear explanation of what fees will be charged and when?
- ☐ Are you or your colleagues familiar with anyone on the editorial board?
- ☐ Does the publisher belong to the Committee on Publication Ethics, Directory of Open Access Journals, Open Access Scholarly, Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association or similarly recognized industry initiative?
- ☐ Have you received e-mail notifications requesting submission to the journal? (Journals generally do not solicit submissions, except for review articles for special topics.)
- ☐ Are published articles of good quality, free of spelling and grammatical errors?