

Preface

This book is an extended collection of contributions that were originally submitted to the 1st International Workshop on Adaptive Multimedia Retrieval (AMR 2003), which was organized as part of the 26th German Conference on Artificial Intelligence (KI 2003), and held during September 15–18, 2003 at the University of Hamburg, Germany. Motivated by the overall success of the workshop – as revealed by the stimulating atmosphere during the workshop and the number of very interested and active participants – we finally decided to edit a book based on revised papers that were initially submitted to the workshop. Furthermore, we invited some more introductory contributions in order to be able to provide a conclusive book on current topics in the area of adaptive multimedia retrieval systems. We hope that we were able to put together a stimulating collection of articles for the interested reader.

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