Introduction

Welcome to the proceedings of the system demonstrations session. This volume contains the papers of the system demonstrations presented at the 2019 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing and 9th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (EMNLP-IJCNLP), which was held in Hong Kong, China on November 3-7, 2019.

The system demonstrations session includes papers describing systems ranging from early research prototypes to mature production-ready software. We received 110 submissions, 22 of which were either invalid or withdrawn by the authors. Of the 88 valid submissions, 44 were selected for inclusion in the proceedings after review of three members of the program committee, achieving an overall acceptance rate of 40%.

We thank all authors for their submissions, and the 130 members of the program committee for their timely and thoughtful reviews. In addition, EMNLP-IJCNLP 2019 has a Best Demo Award for the first time, and the best paper award was selected among outstanding papers following a second round of reviewing by five senior members of the program committee who are due a special recognition for their efforts.

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