Mutation 2012: The 7th International Workshop on Mutation Analysis
April 17, 2012, Montreal, Canada (associated with ICST 2012)

About Mutation 2012
Mutation is acknowledged as an important way to assess the fault-finding effectiveness of tests sets. Mutation testing has mostly been applied at the source code level, but more recently, related ideas have also been used to test artifacts described in a considerable variety of notations and at different levels of abstraction. Mutation ideas are used with requirements, formal specifications, architectural design notations, informal descriptions (e.g. use cases) and hardware. Mutation is now established as a major concept in software and systems V&V and uses of mutation are increasing. The goal of the Mutation workshop is to provide a forum for researchers and practitioners to discuss new and emerging trends in mutation analysis. We invite submissions of both full-length and short-length research papers as well as industry practice papers.

Topics of interest
› Mutation-based test adequacy criteria (theory or practical application).
› Mutation testing using higher order mutants.
› Test-case generation using mutants.
› Using mutation in empirical studies (e.g. studies that compare mutation with other testing techniques).
› Industrial experience with mutation.
› New mutation systems for programming languages (e.g. for languages not yet addressed, or offering improvements on existing ones) and for higher-level descriptive notations (e.g. formal specification notations and architectural design notations).
› Mutation for Internet Systems (QoS, security, performance, etc.).
› Novel applications of mutation.

Submissions & Publication
Three types of papers can be submitted to the workshop:
› Full papers (10 pages): Research, case studies
› Short papers (6 pages): Research in progress, tools, experience reports, problem descriptions, new ideas.
› Industrial papers (6 pages).

Each submitted paper must conform to the two-column IEEE conference publication format (http://www.computer.org/portal/web/cscps/formatting), must be submitted in PDF format and submission guidelines. Submissions will be evaluated according to the relevance and originality of the work and to their ability to generate discussions between the participants of the workshop. Each paper will be reviewed by three reviewers, and accepted papers will be published as part of the ICST proceedings.

Important Dates
Submission of full papers: January 22, 2012
Notification of acceptance: February 24, 2012
Camera ready: March 9, 2012
Date of workshop: April 17, 2012

Website
For more information see http://www.cs.ucl.ac.uk/mutation2012/