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I. Description of the Product

Via its io-port.net, FIZ Karlsruhe grants the user access to database information from FIZ Karlsruhe and services provided by third parties. FIZ Karlsruhe provides services exclusively as described in the present Description of the Product and in accordance with the applicable Terms and Conditions. FIZ Karlsruhe's services are offered for free. Services offered by third parties are subject to the respective party's terms and conditions, which are made available together with the corresponding offer.

A registration for using the io-port.net portal is not required. However, users of the portal have to adhere to the present General Terms of Use.

1. Description of the "io-port.net" portal

The "io-port.net" portal allows to search the entire data pool of CompuScience (FIZ Karlsruhe) and the LNI series (Lecture Notes in Informatics, Gesellschaft für Informatik) as well as selected journals from the DBLP (Digital Bibliography & Library Project, Universität Trier), the IEEE and the publishing house Springer. Users may choose between a simple listing of meta data and a detailed display including abstracts, sources, and a link to the full text. The portal also offers access to full texts from the LNI series dating back more than one year.

FIZ Karlsruhe reserves the right to modify the offer of information provided via io-port.net.

2. Services Offered by Third Parties

Services and Links: Services offered at cost by third parties are available either via links to other URL, or they are included directly in the services of FIZ Karlsruhe. All services have been checked carefully by FIZ Karlsruhe experts; the responsibility for the content of these services, however, rests with the third parties involved in each case.

Identification of Services: Third party services offered directly on the pages of FIZ Karlsruhe are clearly identified as belonging to third parties. Should pages thus accessed contain errors or illegal content, the User is asked to inform FIZ Karlsruhe.

Terms of Use: Access to third party services, as well as the extent of the services offered, are subject to the terms and conditions of the owner which each User is obliged to observe.

Disclaimer: By offering access to the services of third parties via io-port.net, FIZ Karlsruhe does not in any way enter into a legally binding relationship between the User and the third party. FIZ Karlsruhe takes no responsibility for the due execution of the contractual relationship between the User and the third party, in particular the provision of third party services as agreed upon in the contract, and the timely and full payment by the User.

II. Confidentiality and Privacy Protection

1. FIZ Karlsruhe uses appropriate efforts in its area of responsibility to ensure that information provided by the User in connection with using the portal will be treated strictly confidential.
2. The domain names of the User's IP addresses are collected for statistical purposes. User data shall not be analyzed in a way that might allow conclusions to be drawn as to the identity of the user. In all other respects, the provisions of the [Privacy Policy](#) shall apply.

III. Terms of Use for the "io-port.net" Portal

1. Relevance of Search Results

- 1.1. The information searchable via the "io-port.net" portal was not compiled for a given purpose. The search results depend on the keywords selected by the User for his query. The User is therefore obliged to check and decide himself on a case-by-case basis, whether the information obtained is relevant.
- 1.2. The information in this portal is compiled carefully and conscientiously. However, due to the large volume of the information offered, FIZ Karlsruhe is not in the position to make any warranty, express or implied, as to the accuracy, completeness or usefulness of this information. FIZ Karlsruhe shall award damages only to the extent prescribed by law, in particular according to the German Product Liability Act (Produkthaftungsgesetz), and in case of bodily injury. Any further liability shall be excluded.

2. Copyright and Rights of Use

The databases of the “io-port.net” portal are protected by copyright laws and further laws. Information on the rights holders can be obtained via a special link. They reserve their rights to the information provided in the database, and the User is held to strictly observe the applicable [Terms and Conditions](#).

Unless otherwise stipulated therein, the following shall apply:

2.1. Substantial parts of the databases offered via io-port.net may only be downloaded and copied in electronic form for in-house, non-commercial use for scientific purposes only (e.g. by public universities). Other copying of the database is only allowed for teaching, or, as printed copies, for private purposes. Any copying of the database is subject to the German Copyright Act ([Art. 87c UrhG](#)).

2.2. The user shall be entitled to download and store search results on his computer, provided that storage is temporary. Information extracted from the database is intended for personal use only and must not be passed on to third parties. Any commercial use of this information, whether in printed or electronic form, is strictly prohibited.

IV. Terms and Conditions for Downloading of Software

1. The “io-port.net” portal enables the User to download selected software products on his PC.
2. The rights to the software products rest with the software producers. The producers’ licensing conditions have to be observed.

V. Terms and Conditions for Ordering Full-Text Documents

For ordering full-text documents, FIZ Karlsruhe provides links to full-text servers (e.g. publishing houses) and/or full-text ordering systems on its io-port.net pages. The User has to strictly adhere to the General Terms and Conditions of the providers of the full-text services, in particular terms and conditions concerning copyright.

VI. Customer Service

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