The Open Workshop on Decision-Based Design: Origin, Status, Promise, and Future

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ABSTRACT

The design perspective known as Decision-Based Design (DBD) has been under investigation via a web site-based workshop. During its first three years of operation, the Open Workshop focused on defining design from a DBD perspective and investigating the proper role of the DBD perspective on design. The workshop seeks to establish connections between theories in other disciplines, included and related to decision-making, and design. These relationships enrich our design theory foundations and provide insight for researchers. This paper summarizes the activities of the workshop as seen through the eyes of the organizers.