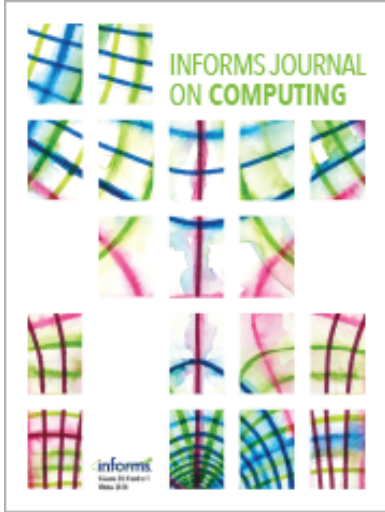




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From the Editor

With this issue of *JOC*, I wish to bring to your attention a few “nuts-and-bolts” changes.

In nearly every type of publishing enterprise these days, the internet is having a significant impact along many dimensions, and so it is with *JOC*. Recognizing the importance of a reliable and useful web site for the journal, we have moved it, both physically and logically (in terms of its URL), to servers housed in the Maryland INFORMS office. The new and permanent URL is

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(no “www”). This arrangement will allow for better service, consistency, and backup. Longer-term, it will provide a stable (and simple) address that will endure beyond the term of any particular editor, and will facilitate the work in progress to expand our site and its utility to the readership. Please add this address to your bookmarks or favorites list.

Another change that long-time (and careful) *JOC* readers will notice with this issue is that we have moved to a different style of citing and listing references, with the most noticeable change being that we no longer number the references. This is actually more than just the minor cosmetic shift it would seem to be, as it brings *JOC* into conformance with the standard style for all INFORMS journals, which will facilitate the merged citation index that INFORMS is developing for all of its journals. It is easy to see what a valuable service this will be to researchers in our field. For a full description of the new referencing style, see the “Instructions for Authors” section of the *JOC* web site.

Finally, coming soon will be a change in the entire style, both cosmetically and logically, of articles in *JOC*, moving toward a standard INFORMS style that not only will provide a consistent look and feel and familiarity across journals, but also bring the possibility of cost savings from standardizing the production. And, like the internet, costs are a reality of publishing today.

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