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- Abstract
The NTT Group is promoting collaboration with partners in fields where information and communication technology will be further exploited. The Feature Articles in this issue introduce our collaborations with members of the transportation industry and the technologies being applied in these collaborations.

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Pitarie: Picture Book Search with Interdisciplinary Approach

- Abstract
NTT Communication Science Laboratories has developed a search system called Pitarie that can find just the right picture book to match a child’s interests and developmental stage. Pitarie has been developed with an interdisciplinary approach; we incorporate knowledge of developmental psychology as well as the latest advances in the research fields of similarity search and natural language processing. The unique functions of Pitarie realized by the fusion of human science and information science are presented here along with the elemental technologies.

Global Activities of NTT Group

NTT Communications Corp.—Acquisition of Virtela and Provision of Arcstar Global Network Services

- Abstract
In May 2014, the Network Services Division of NTT Communications and Virtela Technology Services Incorporated jointly became the first provider to announce the global deployment of NFV (network functions virtualization)-enabled cloud-based network services. This article highlights how the new technology can address enterprise pain points and how it has benefitted NTT Communication’s customers since the launch.