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Most of the accepted papers go through a revision process that requires a second round of reviews after the authors have addressed an initial set of issues and concerns raised by the reviewers during the first round. Some papers are further accepted with shepherding, which means that one of the reviewers works with the authors to address a final set of comments.

This is the ninth issue of the thirteenth volume of PVLDB. There are 21 accepted papers in this issue. These papers will be presented at the 46th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (PVLDB 2020), originally planned to be held in Tokyo, Japan during August 31 to September 4, 2020 but now to be held online due to the coronavirus pandemic.

This issue includes several papers on exciting new topics, including two papers on blockchains, one paper on using formal verification on database systems, and one on data augmentation for machine learning. The issue also features papers that propose new techniques to advance our capabilities in more established areas including in-memory data management, graph and social network processing, document database systems, distributed data stores, and data management in data centers, schema matching, query performance prediction, exploratory data analysis, nearest-neighbors, and managing trajectory data.

We hope that the readers will find the selected papers engaging, and thought provoking. We also hope that the selected papers will provide valuable insights and inspire novel systems contributions and follow-up research.

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