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## 6. TAGGING WEB IMAGES FOR BLIND USERS

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### ABSTRACT

One way to remedy the gap that evidently exists between the image element on the web and the web user who is visually blind is by redefining connection between the image and the abundant element of the web itself i.e. text. Studies on the web image automatic descriptors are largely done from the perspective of the fields of the HCI, the semantic web, the information retrieval or a hybrid approach. This paper however suggests that a solution is possible by adapting the web images resources considering the factors for web image's being used in developer's and blind user's perspectives. An effective and appropriate auto image tagger may consider this view.

### 6.1 INTRODUCTION

Adapting web images to make them useful to blind users of the Internet presents a major technological challenge. In practice web images are commonly ignored by blind users due to the considerable difficulty in obtaining meaningful output. Evidence for this has been found from a preliminary study with users of a local blind centre. This is also supported by evidences from related studies (Petrie, O'Neill & Colwell, 2002, Petrie & Kheir, 2007).