## Editorial

I am pleased to present volume 3, issue 1 of the Journal of Information System Security. The issue presents three very interesting papers along with a book review. The first paper, Ethics and Morality - a business opportunity for the Amoral, by Ian Angell, London School of Economics, UK is based on the keynote address given at the 5th Annual Security Conference. The paper is written as a polemic and takes a devil's advocate position to demolish the certainty behind the ethical obligation. This is done by questioning the role of ethics in society in general, but specifically in computer security. The paper claims that an unsuspected morality and ritual lies behind many real-world security choices and much so-called 'objective' academic analysis. In a final synthesis the paper proposes that such moralistic positions are highly problematic, and that all recommendations phrased in terms of virtue rather than pragmatism be treated as highly suspect.

The second paper, An Evaluation of Size-based Traffic Feature for Intrusion Detection, is by Ming Ye, G. Premkumar and Dan Zhu of Iowa State University, USA. The authors argue that network attacks have become a significant threat to organizations and effective intrusion detection systems have to be developed to detect these attacks before they inflict harm to the internal network infrastructure. The authors suggest the use of a size-based feature to an existing time-based feature in intrusion detection systems. The system is tested on a data set that includes both normal traffic and attack traffic from different types of attacks. The research suggests advantages of the size-based feature in terms of accuracy of prediction.

The third paper, The Effect of Spam and Privacy Concerns on E-mail Users' Behavior, is by Insu Park, R. Sharman, H. Raghav Rao, and S. Upadhyaya of SUNY Buffalo, USA. This study presented in this papers examines the effects of both spam and the resulting lack of

privacy on users' behavior with respect to e-mail usage. This study reveals that spam e-mail triggers concerns about privacy and in turn, these privacy concerns influence the way users cope with spam or junk mails.

Finally a book, Digital Crime and Digital Terrorism, by Robert W. Taylor, Tory J. Caeti, D. Kall Loper, Eric J. Fritsch and John Liederbach is reviewed by Michael Lapke of Virginia Commonwealth University, USA

I hope you enjoy reading this issue.

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