
Editorial

I am pleased to present Volume 6 Issue 2 of the Journal of Information System Security. The four research papers present an interesting mix of research that spans the social and technical information security issues.

The first paper is by Syyridon Samonas and Ian Angell of London School of Economics (UK). The paper titled "The power of discretion in IS security" emphasizes the role of discretion in organizations and the relationship therein with IS security. The review of literature presents interesting thoughts on the relationship between power, trust and discretion. A distinction between 'active' and 'passive' discretion is introduced. The distinction is largely based on the manner in which formal rules affect discretion.

The second paper is by Ravi Behara, C. Derrick Huang (Florida Atlantic University) and Qing Hu (Iowa State University). Their paper "A System Dynamics Model of Information Security Investments" the authors adopt a systems dynamics approach to security analysis, with the help of an information security life cycle model. The authors identify a causal loop among variables such as attractiveness of information target and total number of attacks. This forms the basis for developing a systems dynamics model that analyzes the effect of security investments in the attack stage of the information security life cycle.

The third paper is by Sandip Patel of Morgan State University (USA) and James Graham of University of Louisville (USA). Their paper, "Proving correctness of SCADA security-enhancement models" evaluates the security considerations in the initial design and deployment of such Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition systems. The paper presents two models that could help in the enhancement of SCADA security. This is followed by a review of relevant tools that help enhance security.

The fourth paper is by Ramesh Subramanian of Yale Law School (also at Quinnipac University). The paper, "Security, privacy and politics in India: a historical review", discusses privacy laws in developing or evolving economies. The paper presents a critical review of privacy laws in India and discusses some of the challenges in managing security and privacy of data, particularly in a global outsourcing and offshoring context.

I am certain that the readers shall enjoy the articles in this issue.

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