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Editorial

This issue of the Journal of Information System Security offers two very interesting papers. The first paper, “An Investigation of Consumer’s Security and Privacy Perceptions in Mobile Commerce” is by Hua Dai, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, USA, Rahul Singh, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, USA and Lakshmi S. Iyer, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, USA. The authors investigate factors that shape a consumers’ security and privacy perceptions, particularly in the context of m-commerce. In a final synthesis the authors present three models to explain the impact on three dimensions of security and privacy - consumers’ confidence of information control, concerns on third party, and the awareness of information protection in the m-commerce context.

The second paper, “Mitigating The Risk Employees Pose To Information Security: Findings of a Series of Interviews with Information Security Professionals”, is by Daniel Bachlechner, Ronald Maier and Frank Innerhofer-Oberperfler of University of Innsbruck, Austria. The authors undertake a qualitative content analysis to make explicit awareness raising activities that would help in preserving security and privacy. The paper brings to the fore aspects such as management commitment and risks that employees may pose in the management of security.

Collectively the papers present interesting insights into the management of security. Study into dimensions of security has been fraught with problems, as has been an understanding of the necessary factors that help in ensuring the protection of information assets of a firm.