Congratulations to all authors for helping IJSSE to launch its third volume. In its third year of existence, the IJSSE entirely depends on authors who are courageous enough for choosing IJSSE to disseminate their research findings without knowing the impact factor of a new journal. In this regard I can share the good news that the IJSSE is currently indexed in DBLP, Google Scholar, Bacon’s Media Directory, Cabell’s Directories, Media Finder, The Standard Periodical Directory, and Ulrich’s Periodicals Directory. Currently, most established print-based journals are increasingly finding it difficult to survive in a time of economic uncertainty that also influences the business model of academic journals. Despite these challenges, a continuous flow of manuscript submissions could significantly strengthen the position of a journal like IJSSE.

This issue catalogues three interesting papers. The first paper reports a real case study on the formative user-centered evaluation approach, namely an assessment technique that starts since the early design stages and actively involves end-users. The empirical results emerged from this study suggest that formative user-centered evaluation is highly recommendable when it comes to the development of security modeling languages. The second paper is also based on a case study that uses an existing security modeling technique, namely Misuse Sequence Diagrams, to support failure analysis. The resulting technique, called Failure Sequence Diagrams, is used to support Failure Mode and Effect Analysis in an industrial setting. The final paper proposes an analysis method that uses two kinds of security for identifying threats and security countermeasures at an action class level. The paper claims that software developers could be able to estimate and compare the amount of modifications needed for multiple security countermeasures with these two patterns and the conventional traceability methodology. These three papers shed lights on three different interesting areas of security patterns and modeling approaches.

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