It is my pleasure to bring you the second part of the special issue on security modeling. This issue marks the completion of this special issue. In this issue we showcase three remaining papers on modeling security. The articles assembled in this special issue take a broad approach to the study of security modeling, examining diverse techniques, and shedding some lights on recent research activities on this topic.

The first paper by Islam and his colleagues presents a model based process for security and privacy requirements engineering, and combines concepts from two well-known requirements engineering methods such as Secure Tropos and PriS. A case study on e-voting system is used to demonstrate the applicability of the approach. In the second paper, Saidane and Guelfi propose a model-based security testing approach for identifying faults and vulnerabilities in software. It uses the architecture model for security testing along with threat model for generating both security functional test cases and malicious test cases. The approach is based on test traces analysis. The paper uses a client-server system as a running example in order to illustrate the approach. A method to model Handel C programs using Predicate Transition Nets is proposed in the final paper by Fu and his colleagues. It includes a verification model by which security properties are checked. The paper uses a case study to validate the approach.

The authors of these three papers have approached the topic from different angles. Some of them are academicians and some are practitioners, however, the blending of their scholarship produced these papers. However, the question still remains - whether security modeling really delivers the goods for secure software engineering in practice. This is one of the questions that forms the basis for this special issue, which explores the role of security modeling and its effectiveness in secure software engineering. This journal looks forward for exploring this topic further in future.

This year has seen a continued and higher growth of submissions so far. We need to continue high levels of submission in order to maintain the expected quality of the IJSSE. This journal continues to commission special issues of varieties topics of importance to the secure software engineering community. We welcome proposals.

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