

Editorial Preface

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With this issue, the International Journal of Secure Software Engineering (IJSSE) has started its eighth year journey since its inception. And this is my last issue as the editor. During my last seven years of tenure with the IJSSE, I have had an excellent opportunity to interact with many authors, researchers, reviewers, and the team from IGI-Global. I have learned a lot from these people. Thank you all.

I believe this journal has tremendous potentiality to become a major forum in mainstream journal in the area of secure system development. In order to achieve this, the journal should be able to accept manuscripts written in Latex, the quality of review outcomes should be further improved, and the review process should be shortened to four weeks. Strengthening of these three parameters would significantly improve the overall quality of the journal and could reach the wider audience in the field.

This issue features three papers. The first paper examines software security usage, competence, and training needs in two agile organizations. It reports survey results, and demonstrates how two organizations perform differently in terms of core software security activities. It argues that effective software security adoption in agile context requires a driver. The second paper uses Jif to verify compliance of information flow policies. It concludes that a Jif-based analysis is faster than other available similar techniques. The third paper presents the difficulties in combining security engineering with agile development, and provides propositions to enhance Scrum for security engineering activities.

Hope these three papers would generate enough interests and stimulus in the research community of secure software engineering.

Finally, I would like to see the IJSSE further flourished. I wholeheartedly extend my utmost supports to the vision and objectives of the incoming editor-in-chief of this journal.

Best wishes.

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