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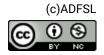
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# FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to *JDFSL*'s fourth and final issue for 2014!

First, I would like to thank our editorial board, reviewers, and the *JDFSL* team for bringing this issue to life. It has been a big year for *JDFSL* as the journal continues to progress. I would like to highlight our critical achievements for 2014 before touching on the papers that were accepted in this issue:

1. *JDFSL* has gone to a fully open access model without author payment through support from academic institutions.

2. *JDFSL* has formed and continues to form partnerships with various conferences that relate to cyber security and forensics.

3. *JDFSL* has improved its indexing and the editorial staff and publisher are pushing hard to get the journal indexed by as many reputable indexing services as possible.

4. *JDFSL* has revamped its Web site.

5. *JDFSL* welcomed new members to the editorial board

6. *JDFSL*'s Web site and various articles gained more visibility due to media backlinks.

It is critical to note that these achievements would have not been possible without the support of the digital forensics community and all *JDFSL* stakeholders. I would like to thank each and every person that has been involved in pushing the boundaries of open access publishing in our domain, while maintaining rigor, quality and feasibility.

In this year's final issue of *JDFSL*, three papers have made the cut. In the first paper, titled *A State-of-the-Art Review of Cloud Forensics*, the authors rightfully perform a comprehensive literature review of research in the growing domain of cloud forensics. The paper classifies cloud forensics literature into (a) Survey based research, (b) Technology based research, and (c) Forensics-procedural based research. It then exemplifies a mind map to help in the identification of research gaps in cloud forensics research.

In the second paper titled *Fighting Child Pornography: A Review of Legal and Technological Developments*, the authors explore the development of both the legal and technological environments surrounding digital child pornography. They cover complications that court decisions have given law enforcement, and also discuss how cloud computing creates challenges for law enforcement when prosecuting child pornography suspects.

In the third paper titled *Technical SODDI Defenses: The Trojan Horse Defense Revisited*, the author discusses the current state of the Trojan horse defense which includes blaming anything from a single computer with multiple accounts to an open wireless access point during a case. The author examines the United Sates case law for the past decade, and provides a thorough analysis of this timely issue.

Overall, we are extremely proud of the multidisciplinary nature of this issue once more, spanning Digital Forensics, Security and Law. We will continue on this path as we move forward because it is our core belief at *JDFSL* that our domain is multidisciplinary in nature.


Sincerely,


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