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From the Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to the second issue of Volume 8. If you enjoyed the articles in the last issue, you’ll be happy to know that the conclusions for the two “part-ones” are in this issue.

Our first article is on Automating Vendor Fraud Detection in Enterprise Systems, by Kishore Singh, Peter Best, and Joseph Mula. They present a model for proactively detecting fraudulent activities through pattern analysis of audit trails in enterprise systems. They also present methods of visualizing user activities in the transaction data, which assists in detecting potential fraud.

In The Digital Forensics and Security Challenge of QR Codes, Nik Thompson and Kevin Lee argue that the common implementation of QR codes potentially presents security and privacy issues. As with any technology that experiences rapid acceptance, there may not be commensurate adoption of sound security practices. The authors provide ample evidence that such is the case with the use of QR codes.

Next we present part two of Eric Shaw, et al.’s research on the detection of insider threat risk in How Often is Employee Anger an Insider Risk? Detecting and Measuring Negative Sentiment versus Insider Risk in Digital Communications–Comparison Between Human Raters and Psycholinguistic Software. In this article, Eric Shaw, Maria Payri, Michael Cohn, and Ilene Shaw explore the effectiveness of techniques that can serve as an initial screen to narrow the search for individuals at-risk for undesirable insider activities.

In part two of Visualising Forensic Data: Evidence Guidelines, Damien Schofield and Ken Fowle present a range of examples of where forensic data has been visualized using various techniques, and discuss benefits and potential problems of implementing this technology. It is probably safe to assume that the same technologies used to generate animated movies and computer games are going to be increasingly used to generate advanced visual presentations of evidence in a number of jurisdictions around the world, so this paper provides guidelines on the use of such technologies in the courtroom.

Brett Shavers is a former law enforcement detective and prolific speaker on digital forensics. He wrote his first book, Placing the Suspect behind the Keyboard: Using Digital Forensics and Investigative Techniques to Identify Cybercrime Suspects, in which he teaches us how to combine traditional investigative methods with forensic analysis to build a solid criminal or civil case. Read about Detective Corporal Thomas Nash’s review on this book.
So far, nobody has taken me up on the invitation to comment through a Letter to the Editor (mailto: editor@jdfsl.org). I had proposed a discussion topic regarding the intended audience of the Journal: the level or kind of audience the JDFLS should attempt to reach. Please consider weighing in on that issue, or any other you would care to address.

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