

Call for Abstracts

SECURITY JOURNAL: SPECIAL ISSUE

Security in a Digital World: Understanding and Preventing Cybercrime Victimization

Issue Description:

The growth of technology has had a major impact on the fields of criminology and crime prevention. In the last decade, the popularity of electronic devices—such as computers, cell phones, and portable tablets—and websites—such as social networking sites and blogs—have greatly altered both the types and prevalence of crime and victimization. As a result, online security and protection of private information has piqued the interest of researchers. Generally, however, the focus of previous research has been limited to describing the various types of online activity, with some emphasis on the use of security and/or privacy measures. To date, there has been little discussion of efforts that may help prevent cybercrime victimization.

This special issue will focus specifically on the factors that may influence cybercrime victimization and potential methods of cybercrime prevention. With the ever increasing dependency on technology and the growth of the cyberworld, there is little doubt that the demand for adequate security and crime prevention techniques will continue to grow as well.

Specific topics included in this issue will be:

- Strategies for prevention of online victimization (such as target hardening, third party policing, ‘environmental design,’ and other situational techniques), including the effectiveness of existing strategies
- Emerging issues in online victimization (such as sexting, privacy, smart phone security)
- Correlates of online victimization and implications for security and prevention
- Security against and prevention of online victimization related to:
 - Online domains or “places” (such as social networks, chat rooms, blogs, shopping websites, banking websites, email hosting websites, search engines)
 - Specific types of online crime and victimization (such as harassment, bullying, stalking, identity fraud, identity theft, hacking, malware)
 - Specific types of online victim populations (such as children, college students, the elderly)

Abstract submission deadline is **January 31, 2012**. Submissions or inquiries can be directed to Brad Reynolds (bradfordreyns@weber.edu) or Billy Henson (bwhenson@ship.edu).