
Editorial

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The penetration of internet has made electronic service (e-service) popular. Various Web 2.0 platforms, online financial service, and social networking sites (SNSs) have become a buzzword in the web-based business. The aim of this special issue is to identify effective technology designs, service capabilities, and professional usage as contributors to the business development and the service improvement. The special issue covers six articles representing the latest research in the field of e-services innovation, and usage in emerging economy, and attempt to address the designing issues and improving e-service capabilities for the emerging service operations.

The papers that make up this special issue are a representative collection of the leading topics presented at The Eleventh Wuhan International Conference on E-Business (WHICEB 2012), an affiliated conference of the Association for Information Systems (AIS).

The first paper 'Do the characteristics of online consumer reviews bias buyers' purchase intention and product perception? A perspective of review quantity, review quality and negative review sequence' by Ming Zhou, Mengwei Liu, and Dingna Tang, examines how the sequence of negative reviews, the quantity of online feedback text and the quality of online comments affect consumer purchase intention. The experiment's results suggest that the quantity and quality of online consumer product reviews have a positive effect on consumer purchase intention.

The second paper 'Exploring the factors motivating e-service users' WOM behaviour' by Hongxiu Li, Yong Liu, and Reima Suomi, investigates the factors influencing individual e-service users' word of mouth behaviour based on an empirical study in the context of online travel services. Their study finds that satisfaction, perceived usefulness and service quality affect e-service users' word of mouth positively.

The third paper titled 'Investigating Facebook and Google usage in Taiwan's college students' by Huey-Wen Chou, Kai-Chun Chang, and Yu-Hsun Lin, aims to investigate whether selected factors have differential predicting power with respect to the use of Facebook and Google services in Taiwan. Their study employs seven constructs: purposive value, hedonic value, social identity, social support, interpersonal relationship, personality traits, and intimacy as the factors predicting Facebook and Google usage. The results show that hedonic value and social identity constructs can significantly predict Facebook usage and that purposive value has significant predicting power on Google usage. The construct intimacy is the most significant factor in both Google and Facebook usage.

The fourth paper titled 'Research on financial coordinated supervision platform and supervision strategy for online payment under paperless trade' by Ping Song, Dan Huang, Qifeng Yang, and Yan Zhang, proposes an industrial value chain model of financial

coordinated supervision for online payment under paperless trade based on existing payment models in China, and designs a financial coordinated supervision platform for online payment under paperless trade. They also analyse the financial coordinated supervision strategy for online payment under paperless trade.

The final paper titled ‘An empirical study on the impact of non-tradable share reform on ownership structure and agency costs’ by Jun Huang and Feng He, examines the impact of non-tradable share reform on ownership structure and the influencing path on equity agency costs in depth. Data from listed companies is used to analyse the changes of relationships between ownership structure and equity agency costs after non-tradable share reform. The result of the research shows non-tradable share reform has a distinct impact on agency costs.