
Preface

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Sabah Mohammed is a full Professor of Computer Science at Lakehead University. He is interested in intelligent systems that have to operate in large, non-deterministic, cooperative, survivable, adaptive or partially known domains. During the last nine years, his research has been focused on developing ubiquitous healthcare systems that enable the secure sharing of knowledge and data, in particular sharing Electronic Health Record (EHRs) over the web. He has published more than 90 refereed articles, chapters in books and three textbooks.

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We are very happy to publish this special issue of the *International Journal of Wireless and Mobile Computing*. It contains eight articles from various countries, including Tunisia, India, Malaysia, Japan and Canada. Achieving such a high quality of papers would have been impossible without the huge work that was undertaken by the Editorial Board members and External Reviewers. We take this opportunity to thank them for their great support and cooperation.

In the paper, 'Seamless handover for multicast mobile IPv6 traffic', the authors propose a new multicast scheme that provides a seamless multicast service during a handover in a Mobile IPv6 network. The proposed scheme achieved its goal by adding a new node, denoted the multicast buffering agent, whose role is to buffer the packets when the mobile node is performing the handover.

The authors of 'Source and destination mobility effects on a bridge environment: results from a MANET testbed' have analysed the performance of the Better Approach to Mobile Adhoc Networks (BATMAN) routing protocol in a bridge environment regarding throughput, delay, jitter and packet loss metrics. They have considered mobility and vertical communication and implement three scenarios of node movement.

In the paper 'How to select dynamically a QoS-driven composite web service by a multi-agent system using CBR method', the authors propose a new scalable approach taking into account the case bases' update, and also improving the CPU time compared with all the proposed frameworks. This time improvement was due to the agents' memorisation of the web service availability and QoS.

The paper 'Mobile telemedicine system application for tediagnosis using multimedia messaging service technology' proposes the design and implementation of mobile telemedicine system applications for tediagnosis using Multimedia Message Service (MMS) technology. The development process consisted of two components, namely client-side and server-side applications. The proposed techniques on the client and server sides ensured that the quality of data is preserved, which is critical for accomplishing the diagnosis process.

In 'Anti-collusive self-healing key distributions for wireless networks', the authors introduce three efficient anti-collusive self-healing key distribution schemes with t-revocation capability. The authors obtained reduced storage, communication and computation costs over the previous approaches, which made their designs scalable to very large groups in highly mobile, volatile and hostile wireless networks. These schemes were properly analysed in an appropriate security model and are proven to be computationally secure and achieve both forward and backward secrecy.

A mobile phone based solution to fulfil the HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) regulations is proposed in the paper 'Design of an efficient mobile health system for achieving HIPAA privacy-security regulations' for providing health services to patients residing in remote areas over mobile phones. The proposed mobile based e-health system can be constructed using various relevant security standards, tools and products which are easily available.

In the paper ‘Agent-based energy constrained channel allocation in mobile computing using GA’, an energy-efficient resources management algorithm to profile power consumption is proposed. Power consumption of the system is described with respect to certain workload. The proposed power management solution used mobile agent technology for energy-efficient channel allocation in cellular networks. To handle this, a meta-heuristics technique, genetic algorithm, was used as the problem was combinatorially complex.

In ‘Security requirements engineering for specifying security requirements of an e-voting system as a legitimate solution to e-governance’, the authors consider the security requirements as functional requirements and security requirements engineering process in the early phases of e-voting system development as a legitimate solution for e-governance. As the result of adopting a model-oriented security requirements engineering framework, the security requirements specification was complete and correct.