
Editorial

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The services technology and services design has become a buzzword in the business transformation nowadays. This special issue aims to identify effective technology designs, services capabilities, and professional services guarantee as contributors to services improvement. The special issue contains five articles representing the latest research in the field of e-services innovation, privacy protection, and customer's behaviours in these emerging services.

The five articles are a representative collection of the leading topics presented at the 13th Wuhan International Conference on e-Business (WHICEB 2014). All papers have been extended by authors for the special issue.

The first paper entitled of 'The effect of service guarantee strength on service quality of online merchants' studies the relationship between service guarantees and service quality in Taobao (a popular online shopping platform) network settings. The authors report that service guarantee bring significantly positive impacts on information quality and interaction quality of online merchants.

Will the country image affects customer attitudes and purchase intention? The second paper entitled of 'The effect of e-WOM on country image and purchase intention: an empirical study on Korean cosmetic products in China' develops and validates the relationships among country image, electronic word-of-mouth and purchase intention of Korean cosmetic products. Authors report that while Korea's country image influences the purchase intention of cosmetics products mediated by electronic word-of-mouth, products image does not have similar effect.

E-business enterprises provide personalisation services for customers through managing their privacy information. However, customers benefit from personalisation while suffering from privacy loss. Authors of 'An analysis of dynamic game strategy of privacy protection in personalisation' use the game theory to explore the trade-off between consumers-benefit and corporate earnings when an incumbent adopts privacy protection in a perfect monopoly market. They find that a new enterprise enters a market with privacy protection would lose more profit, that means privacy protection umbrella create a barrier to new entrants. This strategy will help new entrants to design service capability by balancing customer privacy information.

Why do consumers migrate from PC-based shopping to mobile shopping is an important question for business practices. The fourth paper entitled 'What determines online consumers to migrate from PCs to mobile devices? – An empirical approach on consumers' internet cross-channel behaviours' presents a research model grounded on the push-pull-mooring (PPM) theory. The empirical results show that inconvenience, perceived high price, security, perceived usefulness, and perceived ease of use are the significant antecedents influencing consumers' channel migration intention of choosing mobile shopping; while the hypothesis of switching cost is not supported.

Along with the accelerating process of interest rate liberalisation, seeking a representative benchmark interest rate of the market is important for the fixed income products pricing in finance industry. The final paper entitled 'Term structure analysis based on a static model of inter-bank bond market' uses Nelson-Siegel-Svensson model and polynomial spline model fitting analysis to design financial service for choosing the appropriate method to fit the term structure of interest rates.