
Editorial

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In our interconnected world, it says that by the year 2020 over 50 billion devices will be connected to the internet. While this means delivering the right information to the right person or machine, it will also enable people to remotely manipulate physical assets. For example, electronic cars, as hackers could hijack them if they gain access to the car's operating system.

While many challenges remain in the perpetual fight against cybercrime, we believe that the goodwill and collaboration evidenced in this special issue will contribute to the existing effort in cybercrime prevention, detection and prosecution.