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Editorial

Dear Reader,

As I sit and type the editorial for this our third edition, I am travelling away from home as part of my Easter break. However, it has been a working holiday! For example, using my various mobile devices, I've read through the accepted papers and recorded my thoughts as I've done so. Moreover, as I've read, I've searched the internet to find answers to questions that have arisen in my mind. I'm out and about. I'm mobile. Yet, for better or worse, I'm still connected to the things that need to be done and to the people that are part of making them happen.

As I think about my use of technology and the way it is so rapidly advancing, I am reminded of the words of Professor Steven Hawking, who sadly died since our last edition, when he said "we are all now connected by the Internet, like neurons in a giant brain." This connectivity, on which most of the papers in this edition are focused, has changed the way we live, work, and play. However, as the paper on network attack reminds us, connectivity is not without its issues. It seems to be an unwritten law of technical progress that developments always give rise to new challenges.

For me, that is part of the privilege of being involved in research: seeing the potential; seeking solutions; then dealing with the consequences both intended and unintended. It is indeed an exciting time to be a researcher. Again I am reminded of the words of Professor Steven Hawking who said "I am just a child who has never grown up. I still keep asking these 'how' and 'why' questions. Occasionally, I find an answer."

I hope you enjoy this edition.

Professor Andrew Ware,
On behalf of the Editorial Board,
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