

From the Editors

The twelfth issue of IJDE contains three articles that we believe will make a contribution to the field. These articles introduce innovative concepts that will hopefully provoke further discussion and research.

In the van der Bos and van der Knijff article, *TULP2G – An Open Source Forensic Software Framework for Acquiring and Decoding Data Stored in Electronic Devices*, the authors introduce the TULP2G framework, describing its architecture, and current functionality. They provide an example using an examination of a GSM phone, discuss advanced uses for the framework, and encourage the development of other plug-ins.

The Marsico and Rogers article, *iPod Forensics*, discusses characteristics of an iPod and how these features can be exploited by criminals. The authors point out what should be considered when an iPod is found at the crime scene, and offer a critical analysis of some common forensic tools concerning their ability to collect and analyze data from an iPod.

Gladyshev in his article, *Formalising Event Time Bounding in Digital Investigations*, discusses the uses of timestamps in computing and the reasons they pose evidentiary problems. He proposes an alternate method of estimating time events called, “event time bounding.” This paper, which complements a paper published in the Spring 2005 issue, characterizes event time bounding as a mathematical problem and introduces an algorithm for solving it.

We are currently reviewing several articles for the Winter 2006 issue which should be online in February. We are actively soliciting articles for the Spring 2006 issue. Articles must be submitted by March 30, 2006 to provide time for the peer review process.

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