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Preface

ACNS 2008, the 6th International Conference on Applied Cryptography and Network Security, was held in New York, New York, June 3–6, 2008, at Columbia University. ACNS 2008 was organized in cooperation with the International Association for Cryptologic Research (IACR) and the Department of Computer Science at Columbia University. The General Chairs of the conference were Angelos Keromytis and Moti Yung.

The conference received 131 submissions, of which the Program Committee, chaired by Steven Bellovin and Rosario Gennaro, selected 30 for presentation at the conference. The Best Student Paper Award was given to Liang Xie and Hui Song for their paper "On the Effectiveness of Internal Patch Dissemination Against File-Sharing Worms" (co-authored with Sencun Zhu).

These proceedings consist of revised versions of the presented papers. The revisions were not reviewed. The authors bear full responsibility for the contents of their papers.

There were many submissions of good quality, and consequently the selection process was challenging and very competitive. Indeed, a number of good papers were not accepted due to lack of space in the program. The main considerations in selecting the program were conceptual and technical innovation and quality of presentation. As reflected in the Call for Papers, an attempt was made to solicit and publish papers suggesting novel paradigms, original directions, or non-traditional perspectives.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Program Committee members, who dedicated so much time and effort to provide a thorough and in-depth review of the submissions, with high standards of professional integrity. We also thank the many external reviewers who assisted the Program Committee in its work. Most importantly, we thank the authors of submitted papers for their contributions; without these papers, after all, there would be no ACNS conference.

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