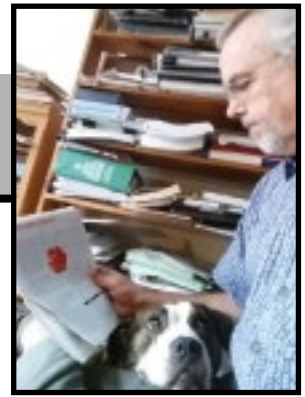


From the Editor's Desk

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Indexing the JSS

Over the years some authors have asked about whether the JSS was indexed as this would influence their decision to publish in our journal. Unfortunately, the answer was no. We looked into the subject of indexing, but could not muster the resources to make much progress, until now. Stephen Thomas, one of our associate editors, has recently done an excellent job on the indexing issue. The JSS has now been indexed by a number of providers: [Google Scholar](#), [Crossref](#), [ROAD](#), [SafetyLit](#), [BASE](#), [Internet Archive Scholar](#), [Dimensions](#), [Unpaywall](#), [UlrichsWeb](#), [OCLC Worldcat](#) and [Fatcat](#). This should increase the visibility of the JSS to a wide audience. We anticipate that this will increase academic interest which will result in more submissions and possibly more membership for the ISSS.

This issue of the JSS contains two papers that push the boundaries of what many of us think of as system safety, while the third paper is a bit more “traditional.”

The first technical paper in this issue is “The Delta Variant” by Dr. Richard Zito. Dr. Zito continues his series of articles on the COVID pandemic and

discusses the implications of the delta variant.

The second technical paper is “Global Warming and System Safety” by Dr. Malcolm Jones. This paper outlines the system safety application possibilities associated with global warming solutions.

The third technical paper “Assessing the Software Control Autonomy of System Functions in Safety-Critical Systems” by Dr. Vu N. Tran and Viet N. Tran describes the process and rules for assessing Software Control Categories (SCCs) for programs following MIL-STD-882E.

The “TBD” column by Charlie Hoes discusses some of Charlie’s opinions concerning the use of the risk matrix.

As usual, I welcome your comments, letters to the editor and article submissions.

Regards,
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