

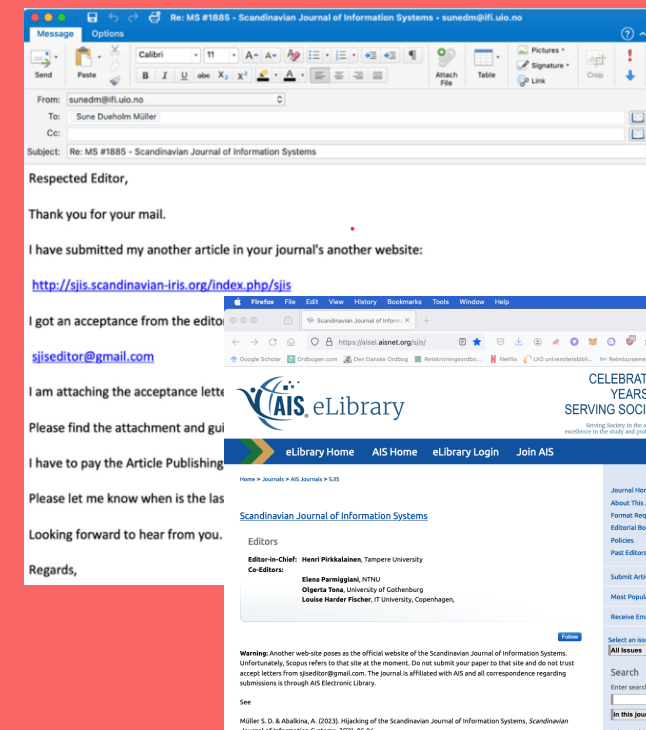
UNIVERSITY OF OSLO

Journal hijacking - the story of the Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems

Open Science Lunch

Johan Ivar Sæbø

August 28th 2025



OPINION

The 'hijacking' of the Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems: Implications for the information systems community

Sune Dueholm Müller | Johan Ivar Sæbø

Department of Informatics, University of
Oslo, Oslo, Norway

Correspondence
Sune Dueholm Müller, Department of
Informatics, University of Oslo, Gaustadalleen
23B, N-0373 Oslo, Norway.
Email: sunedm@ifi.uio.no

Abstract

Journal hijacking, which refers to the attempted brand takeover of a journal by a third party, is a nascent threat confronting the information systems (IS) community, as evidenced by cybercriminals having established an online

WILEY



Sune Dueholm Müller

- Professor, Department of Informatics, UiO
- Former editor of the Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems

Johan Ivar Sæbø

- Associate Professor, Department of Informatics, UiO
- Has published in the Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems



OPINION

WILEY

The 'hijacking' of the Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems: Implications for the information systems community

Sune Dueholm Müller | Johan Ivar Sæbø

Department of Informatics, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway

Correspondence

Sune Dueholm Müller, Department of Informatics, University of Oslo, Gaustadalleen 23B, N-0373 Oslo, Norway.
Email: sunedm@ifi.uio.no

Abstract

Journal hijacking, which refers to the attempted brand takeover of a journal by a third party, is a nascent threat confronting the information systems (IS) community, as evidenced by cybercriminals having established an online



Predatory publishing

“Predatory journals & publishers are entities that prioritize self-interest at the expense of scholarship and are characterized by **false or misleading information, deviation from best editorial and publication practices, a lack of transparency, and/or the use of aggressive and indiscriminate solicitation practices**” – Centre for Journalology

We truly want you to publish with us because we don't want to lose a contribution from a renowned author like yourself, which eventually boosts our journal's reputation.

We hope you will take the opportunity to submit your work before **20th April, 2024**.

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Archives of Clinical and Experimental Ophthalmology
ISSN: 2692-4331

Dear Dr. [REDACTED]

Congratulations on your recent publication entitled “[REDACTED]”. The article is quite interesting and informative. An extension of this study in the form of a short communication or a commentary will be of considerable interest to Ophthalmology readers. Therefore, we would like to invite you to write a commentary on the above mentioned article for publication in Archives of Clinical and Experimental Ophthalmology.

Predatory publishing

Predatory journals (and conferences) is a well-known problem

They thrive because there is a market (“Publish or perish). Exploit growth of article processing charges (APC)

While no-one are safe from being tricked, we can usually avoid it if we are aware of how they operate

Predatory journals and questionable conferences

Many open journals cover their costs by charging a publishing fee. Some people exploit this by establishing false Open Access journals, Predatory journals. Recently a similar development is manifesting itself in conferences. These journals and conferences share a common feature of not following good academic practices for research and publishing.

How to avoid being scammed.

Journals

- Search for the journal in [Norwegian Register for Scientific Journals \("Kanalregistre"\)](#). The journals listed have been quality assured by an academic committee and journals should be approved as level one or two. Note, it is possible to nominate titles for review.
- Search for the journal in the [Directory of Open Access Journals \(DOAJ\)](#). The journals listed have been quality assured by members of the DOAJ editorial board.
- Check with colleagues to see if they have published in the journal, or if they read it regularly.
- See the website [Think. Check. Submit.](#) for more comprehensive information.
- Many predatory publishers are very active in contacting researchers with offers and invitations to publish. If you receive flattering and perhaps ongoing e-mails, and you are also promised a quick peer review, there is reason to think twice.
- Do a Google search for the title of the journal plus the term "predatory". Other people often write about their experiences with the journal.

Now, what if the journal you consider is well-established and reputable?

With a long publishing history, with real, recognizable names in their archives?

Journal Hijacking

Hijacked journals are ‘scam websites that impersonate legitimate titles’ (Else 2022)

- clone the website of the legitimate journal
- sometimes able to hijack the International Standard Serial Number, ISSN
- sometimes able to be indexed in mainstream bibliometric databases such as Scopus



Scopus: Comprehensive, multidisciplinary, trusted abstract and citation database

Quickly find relevant and authoritative research, identify experts and gain access to reliable data, metrics and analytical tools. Be confident in advancing research, educational goals, and research direction and priorities — all from one database.

[Contact us](#) [Sign in >](#)



Else, H. (2022). Hijacked-journal tracker helps researchers to spot scam websites. Nature. <https://doi.org/10.1038/d41586022-01666-3ase>

Hijacking of Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems

- SJIS is the journal of the Scandinavian chapter of the Association for Information Systems. The journal publishes research on development and use of information systems, and related organizational and societal issues. It is open access, no APC
- SJIS is a decent journal, level 2 in the Norwegian Register for Scientific Journals
 - (“Top 5th in a field”)
- It is an important journal also beyond Scandinavia. Research published in SJIS typically draws on the Scandinavian research traditions, emphasizing engagement with the field. As this line of research is not confined by geographical boundaries, the term "Scandinavian" in the title of the journal should be interpreted metaphorically rather than literally
- Indexed in Scopus
- In short; it is a reputable journal. And until February 2023 it was the only journal with that name...

The SJIS Hijacking: Timeline

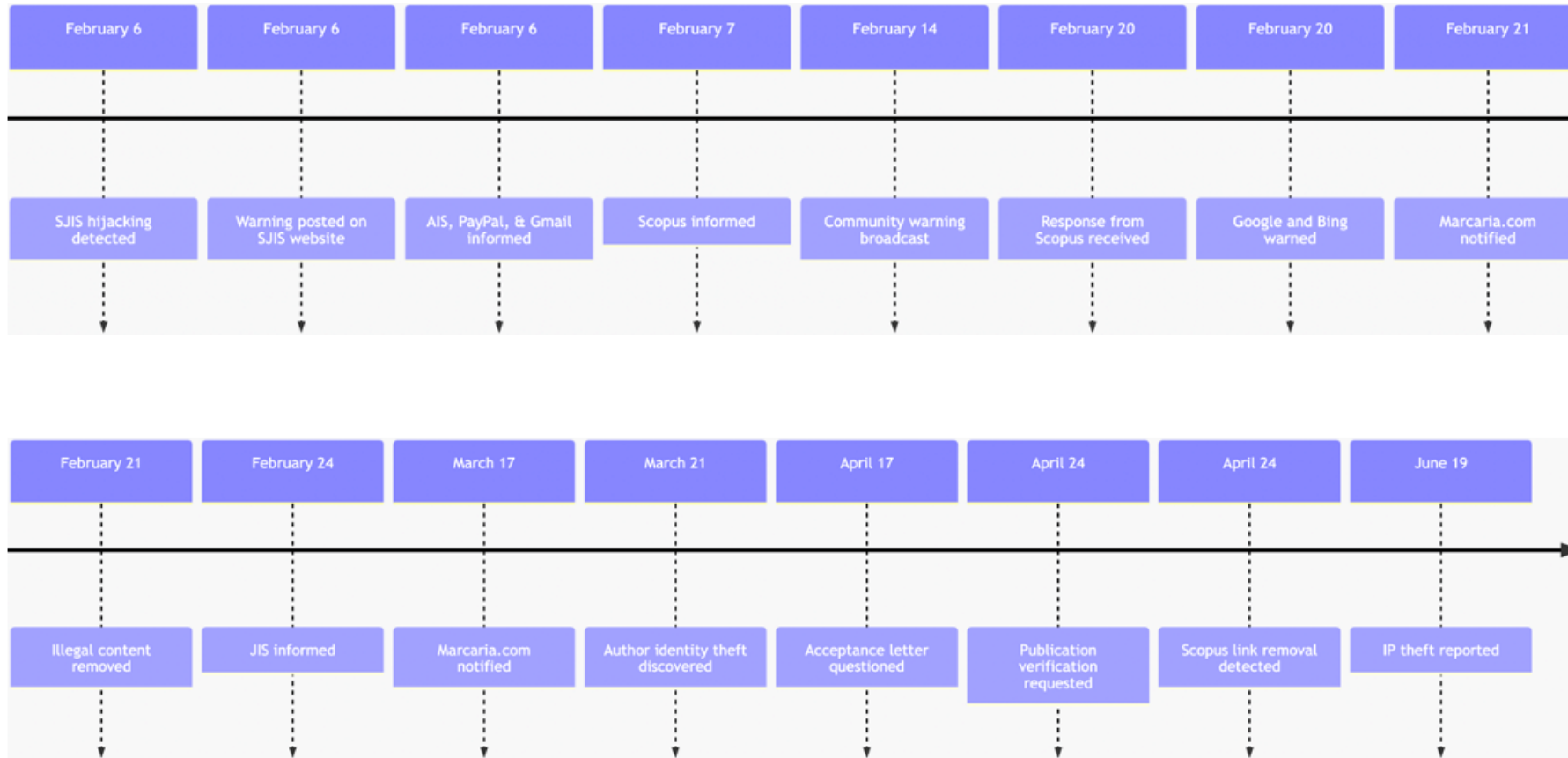
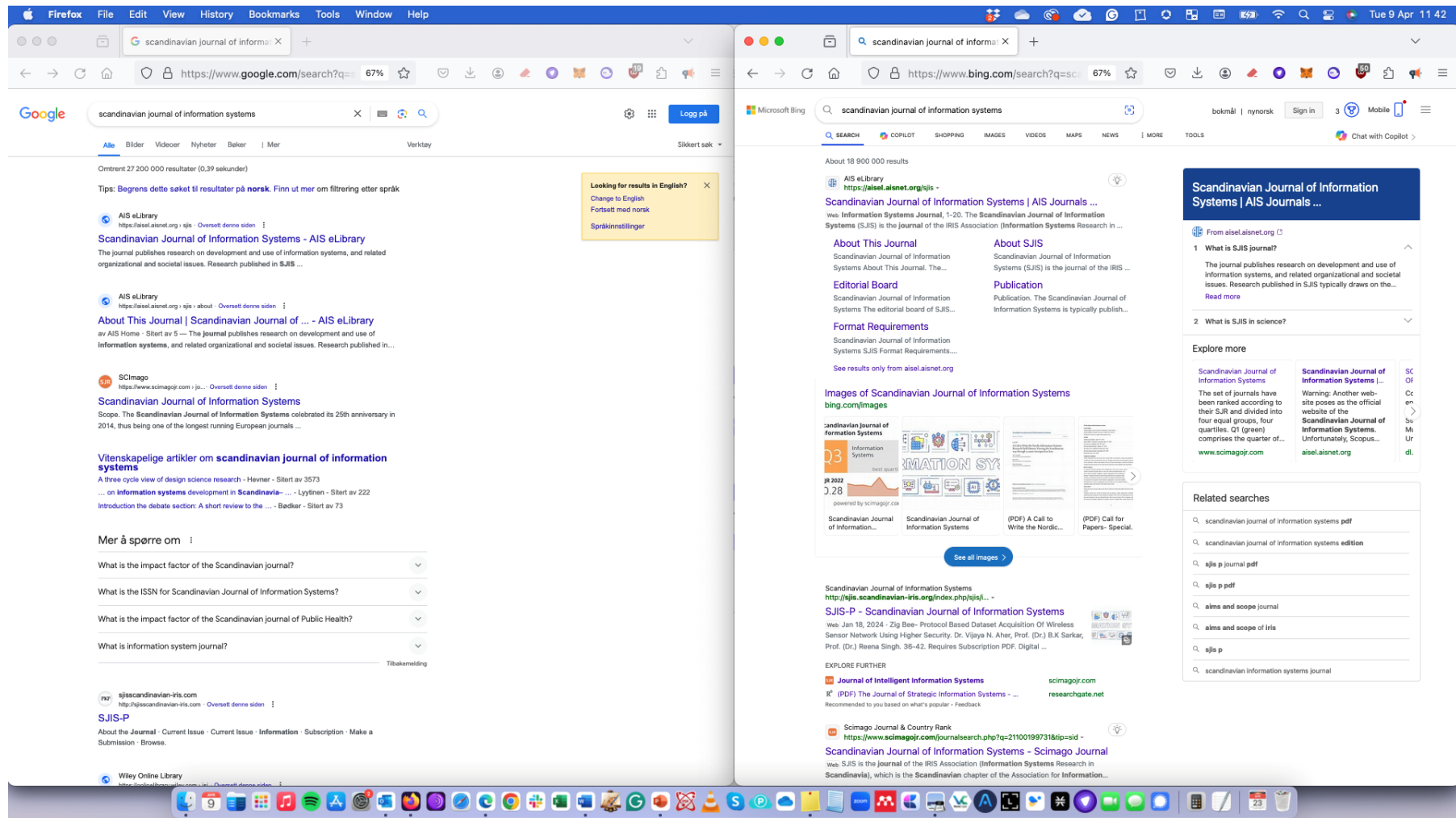


Figure 1. *SJIS* hijacking timeline

The SJIS Hijacking: Search Engines



The SJIS Hijacking: Legitimate & Fraudulent Websites

The image displays two side-by-side browser windows illustrating the 'SJIS Hijacking' phenomenon.

Left Window (Legitimate Website):

- Browser:** Firefox
- Address Bar:** <https://aisel.aisnet.org/sjis/>
- Page Header:** AIS eLibrary logo, "CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SERVING SOCIETY", and the tagline "Serving Society in the advancement of knowledge, excellence in the study and profession of information systems".
- Navigation:** eLibrary Home, AIS Home, eLibrary Login, Join AIS.
- Breadcrumbs:** Home > Journals > AIS Journals > SJIS
- Section:** Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems
- Editors:**
 - Editor-in-Chief: Henri Pirkkalainen, Tampere University
 - Co-Editors: Elena Parmiggiani, NTNU; Olgerta Tona, University of Gothenburg; Louise Harder Fischer, IT University, Copenhagen.
- Warning:** Another web-site poses as the official website of the Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems. Unfortunately, Scopus refers to that site at the moment. Do not submit your paper to that site and do not trust accept letters from sjiseditor@gmail.com. The journal is affiliated with AIS and all correspondence regarding submissions is through AIS Electronic Library.
- See:** Müller S. D. & Abalkina, A. (2023). Hijacking of the Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems, *Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems*, 35(2), 85-96.
- Advanced Search:** ISSN: 1901-0990
- Footer:** We use cookies to help provide and enhance our service and tailor content. By closing this message, you agree to the [use of cookies](#).

Right Window (Fraudulent Website):

- Browser:** Firefox
- Address Bar:** sjs.scandinavian-iris.org/index.php/sjis/
- Page Header:** SJIS-P
- Section:** INFORMATION SYSTEM
- About the Journal:**
- Current Issue:** Vol. 36 No. 1 (2024)
- Published:** 2024-01-18
- Articles:** Factors Influencing the Utilisation of Electronic Logistics Management Information Systems (Catherine Armah and Emmanuel G.K. Duncan) 1-14
- PDF:** A button to download the PDF of the article is visible.

The SJIS Hijacking: ResearchGate & ORCID

The screenshot displays two web browser windows side-by-side. The left window shows the ResearchGate profile of Amit Joshi, with a list of research papers. The right window shows the ORCID profile of Proshanta Sarkar, which includes a section for 'Applied Mathematical Modelling in Evolutionary Biochemistry'.

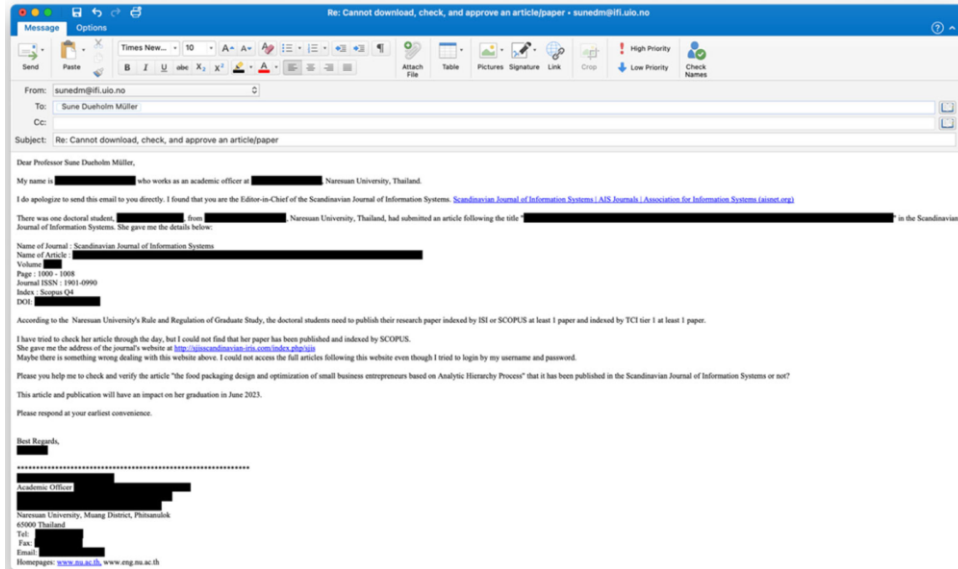
ResearchGate Profile (Amit Joshi):

- Profile:** Amit Joshi
- Research (73):**
- Stats:**
- Follow:** [Button]
- Message:** [Button]
- More:** [Dropdown]
- Research Papers:**
 - A Review on Applications of Artificial Intelligence on Bionic Eye Designing and Functioning**
 - Article | Full-text available | April 2023
 - Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems
 - Proshanta Sarkar · Omprakash Dewangan · Amit Joshi
 - Source
 - Download
 - Recommend Follow Share
 - DNA is a Blue Print of Life: A Yoga-Based Review**
 - Article | Full-text available | April 2023
 - European Chemical Bulletin
 - Prashant Kumar · Rajesh Kumar Manik · Amit Joshi
 - Source
 - Download
 - Recommend Follow Share
 - An Engineering Perspective on the Biomechanics and Bioelectricity of Fishes**
 - Article | April 2023
 - Proshanta Sarkar · Amit Joshi
 - Request full-text
 - Recommend Follow Share
 - The Effect of Possible Yogic Practices in Management of Pregnancy Induced Hypertension**
 - Article | April 2023
 - Rajesh Kumar Manik · Sushma Dubey · Amit Joshi
 - Request full-text
 - Recommend Follow Share

ORCID Profile (Proshanta Sarkar):

- Personal information:**
 - Websites & social links:** LinkedIn Profile, Google Scholar, Vidwan
 - Other IDs:** Scopus Author ID: 58110761800
 - Keywords:** Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Pattern Recognition, Deep Learning
 - Countries:** India
- Activities:**
 - Employment (3):** Sort
 - Education and qualifications (2):** Sort
 - Professional activities (7):** Sort
 - Works (10):** Sort
- Applied Mathematical Modelling in Evolutionary Biochemistry:**
 - Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems 2023 | Journal article
 - EID: 2-s2.0-85148525074
 - Part of ISSN: 19010990 09050167
 - CONTRIBUTORS: Sarkar, P.; Joshi, A.
 - Source: Proshanta Sarkar via Scopus - Elsevier
- A Review on Applications of Artificial Intelligence on Bionic Eye Designing and Functioning:**
 - Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems 2023-04 | Journal article | Conceptualization, Methodology, Validation, Writing - original draft, Writing - review & editing
 - CONTRIBUTORS: Proshanta Sarkar; Omprakash Dewangan; Amit Joshi
 - Source: Proshanta Sarkar
 - Help

The SJIS Hijacking: The Human Toll



Request to authenticate publication submitted by a PhD student

Respected Editor,

Thank you for your mail.

I am glad that my inputs were helpful to you.

Congratulations on the publication of your paper.

I regret not involving my name in the paper as I was the whistleblower for this in the first place.

I needed the recognition but as commanded by my supervisor, I had to let it go!

I am still struggling with the publication.

Not getting any authentic journal to publish.

Whilst doing so, my papers are not getting accepted as well.

I am in need of someone who may rework on my papers or help me write a fresh paper.

I am not able to do so due to my severe mental depression and physical health due to non

I regret to inform you that this fraudulent website has not only stolen my research article, but has also published it in their fabricated journal by manipulating the publication date. This alarming situation has caused significant harm to my intellectual property rights and academic reputation. I, unfortunately, fell victim to this deception due to the confirmation I received from Scopus several months ago, which verified the ISSN number associated with the fraudulent website.

Identity theft

le Scholar

Q

S

23

22

19

ange...

levance

ate

rticles

le patents

le citations

Study on the relationship between loss and cladding mode of single-mode fiber

E Pannigiani, M Grisot - Scandinavian Journal of ..., 2020 - sjiscandinavian-iris.com

The coupling phenomenon between
mode fiber is used to study the loss
relationship between the loss caused
cladding modes, correlation length
which provides an important basis for

☆ Save 59 Cite 10

Study on the relationship be

E Øvreid, TA Sanner - Scandinavian

Abstract he coupling phenomenon be
single-mode fiber is used to study the
fiber. The relationship between the lo
of cladding modes, correlation length
given, which provides an important b

☆ Save 59 Cite 10

Fulltext @ UiO

← → ↺

sjis.scandinavian-iris.org/index.php/sjis/article/view/68

☆

🔖

🔍

Register Login

Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems

Current Archives About ▾

Q Search

Home / Archives / Vol. 29 No. 2 (2017) / Articles

Application of Fuzzy Set Theory in Measuring Mental Temperament

Terje Aksel Sanner and Johan Sæbe

PDF

Published
2017-06-06

How to Cite
Terje Aksel Sanner and Johan Sæbe. (2017). Application of Fuzzy Set Theory in Measuring Mental Temperament. Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems, 29(2), 1-34. Retrieved from <http://sjis.scandinavian-iris.org/index.php/sjis/article/view/68>

Abstract
This paper uses fuzzy set theory to describe the types of psychological temperament, and establishes the fuzzy mathematical model of temperament types. It can be seen from several types of data that the fuzzy recognition method is more natural and reasonable than manual observation.

Current Issue
atom 1.0
rss 2.0
rss 1.0

Information
For Readers
For Authors
For Librarians

Subscription
Login to access subscriber-only resources.

Three groups of victims

Stakeholders	Consequences	Remedies
Authors	• Emotional distress • Professional setback • Reputational damage • Financial damage • IP loss	• Awareness and understanding • Risk perception and mitigation skills
Unsuspecting researchers	• Identity theft • Loss of academic credibility	• Link removal (e.g., indexing platforms and bibliographic databases) • Updated researcher profiles (e.g., ResearchGate and ORCID)
Journals	• IP infringement • Brand damage	• Publication access restrictions • Publications monitoring • Information verification (indexing platforms and bibliographic databases)

Where does this leave us?

- Publishing pressure + proliferation of open access publishing provide a ripe market for cybercriminals
- Lack of author awareness. Hijacking been around for 10 years, but rapidly increasing as a problem.
- Absences of effective Internet governance regime.
- The interconnectedness of things makes it hard to “clean up”

Open discussion: what do we do about this?

- Info about hijacking and how to avoid it into PhD programs
- We need alternatives to 'author-pays' or 'reader-pays' models
- Auditing peer-review processes (but LLM/AI can evade this)?
- Universities and university libraries pressuring Scopus and other platforms to improve their information quality assurance practices?
- It should be in the interest of Scopus and others to address this problem
- Should we go further, i.e. proactively deny/shut down/hack malign actors? Ethical concerns

Questions

