



Peer-Review Statements

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1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

The Authors submit their papers through Email. Submissions are often **anonymous** (double-blind review). Metadata such as keywords and subject areas are provided to help with reviewer assignment.

Initial Screening (Desk Review)

The **Technical Committee** perform a preliminary check to ensure:

- The paper fits the conference scope
- Formatting and length rules are followed
- No obvious ethical or plagiarism issues

Papers failing these checks may be **desk-rejected** without full review.

Reviewer Assignment

Each paper is assigned to **multiple reviewers**. Reviewers are selected based on expertise and conflict-of-interest rules.

Reviewers evaluate the paper based on criteria such as:

- Originality and novelty
- Technical soundness or methodological rigor
- Significance and impact
- Clarity and organization
- Relevance to the conference

They provide:

- Written comments

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- Scores or ratings
- A recommendation (accept, weak accept, weak reject, reject)

Accepted papers move forward; rejected papers may be revised for submission elsewhere.

2. QUALITY CRITERIA

Submissions were evaluated solely on their academic merit according to the following criteria:

1. **Originality and Novelty**
The extent to which the work introduces new forensic techniques, tools, frameworks, datasets, or analytical insights.
2. **Technical and Methodological Soundness**
The rigor, correctness, and appropriateness of the forensic methods, algorithms, tools, or investigative procedures used.
3. **Forensic Validity and Reproducibility**
whether the proposed methods are forensically sound, well-documented, and reproducible, including clear handling of evidence and experimental setup.
4. **Evaluation and Validation**
The adequacy of experiments, case studies, datasets, or real-world scenarios used to validate the approach, including performance, accuracy, and limitations.
5. **Significance and Practical Impact**
The potential contribution to digital forensic practice, research, tools, standards, or legal admissibility.
6. **Clarity and Organization**
The quality of writing, structure, figures, and explanations, enabling understanding by both researchers and practitioners.
7. **Ethical and Legal Considerations**
Appropriate consideration of privacy, legality, ethics, and compliance with relevant laws or forensic standards.
8. **Relevance to the Conference Scope**
Alignment with the themes of digital forensics, incident response, cybercrime investigation, or related domains.

3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions</i>	97
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	88
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	61
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	62.88%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	9

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

The authors declare no competing interests, including financial, professional, or personal relationships, that could have influenced the research presented in the paper.

Editors or program committee members with conflicts are excluded from reviewer assignment, discussion, and decision-making for the affected submission.

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