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any critical applications—from medical, financial, and big data applications to applications with real-time constraints—are being migrated to cloud platforms. It's been predicted that the bulk of future IT infrastructure spending will be on cloud platforms and applications, and nearly half of all large enterprises are planning cloud deployments by the end of 2017.

However, cloud computing systems and services are also major targets for cyberattackers. Because the cloud infrastructure is always, to a certain degree, an open and shared resource, it's subject to malicious attacks from both insiders and outsiders. Side-channel attacks, identity hijacking, and distribution of malicious code have all been observed. Thus, centralized management of security in cloud environments needs to be carefully analyzed and maintained.

These vulnerabilities point to the importance of protecting cloud platforms, infrastructures, hosted applications, and information data, and create demand for much higher-level cloud security management than is available today. This calls for comprehensive vulnerability analyses and massive theoretical and practical innovation in security technologies. This special issue aims to address these needs. Areas of interest for the special issue include, but are not limited to

- Access control mechanisms for clouds
- Cloud security management
- Colluding attacks over multiple clouds
- Distributed denial of service in clouds
- Information retrieval on encrypted data in clouds
- Information sharing and data protection in clouds
- Intrusion detection in clouds
- Privacy policy framework for clouds

- Secure applications distributed over clouds
- Secure big data in clouds
- · Security architectures for mobile cloud computing
- Security in software-defined networks.
- Security protocols for cloud computing
- Trust computing for meshed cloud services
- Virtualization of security in clouds

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