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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">Asian Journal of Research in Computer Science</a> |
| Manuscript Number:       | <b>Ms_AJRCOS_41760</b>                                        |
| Title of the Manuscript: | <b>Against the Tell Friend Email Security Vulnerability</b>   |
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**PART 1: Review Comments**

|                                     | Reviewer's comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
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| <b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) The title of the paper is too ambitious: <i>Against the Tell Friend Email Security Vulnerability</i>. However, there are not solutions provided to avoid this vulnerability. The title or the content of the paper should be reviewed.</li><li>2) Unify the format and size of the fonts, including the font of the figures.</li><li>3) The Section Introduction should include how the paper is organized (sections and sub-sections). It would help to understand the structure of the paper from the beginning.</li><li>4) The conclusion of the paper should be clarified. The researcher urges the use of methods to verify the security of websites and enhance the quality of services through designing, however there is not a list of recommendations or methods to avoid this risk. It is very important, as in theory it is the main objective of the paper. A list of recommendations should be mandatory to be included. These recommendations could include tools, methods, technics or processes.</li><li>5) According to the abstract, in this paper, the author aims to analyse a tell friend exploit and proposes a solution to stop this exploit, however there is not a solution to stop this exploit. It needs to be clarified.</li><li>6) It is necessary to review the format and resolution of the figures in order to do it readable.</li><li>7) According to the section Test and Experiments, the author tested a huge number of websites were infected and suffer from security vulnerability of this type. It is mentioned that the author cannot refer directly to specific websites because this violates privacy of those websites, however it is possible to describe how the tests have been performed, the number of sites analysed and other relevant information in order to provide enough information to consider the test processes properly. It is not necessary to give specific details about the websites to describe the tests processes.</li></ol> | Thanks so much<br><br>Done                                                                                                                                                    |



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|                                  | <p>8) All the figures should include a legend with the meaning of every letter, acronym or symbol included.</p> <p>9) The most of the IT vulnerabilities are analysed using the risks management. The paper does not mention or analyse the risks and the threats and countermeasures associated to the problem. What is the link with the risk management?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                   |
| <b>Minor</b> REVISION comments   | <p>10) It would be necessary to include an analysis about the tests performed in order to indicate some relevant metrics as the number of sites analysed, the type of sites, the number of vulnerabilities found, if there are some type of sites with more vulnerabilities and so on. These metrics can give an idea about the magnitude of the vulnerability described.</p> <p>11) Please, put the numbers in the sections and sub-sections properly. Section 2 should have sub-sections with numbers 2.1, 2.2....</p> <p>12) Figures now are not readable. In any case, I would suggest explaining more in detail all the figures with the processes involved.</p> <p>13) The number of references about the subject could be increased. Mainly about similar vulnerabilities and solutions applied or recommendations.</p> <p>14) Is this researching finished? Are there not future steps to complete the study?</p> | Done                                                                                              |
| <b>Optional/General</b> comments | <p>15) In general, the paper is interesting, but the test methodology is not explained in detail (roles, processes, approach, steps, data, tools, and number of sites tested, statistics about number of vulnerabilities found and others) and there is not a list of recommendations to avoid the risk analysed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | There are not tools used in this exploits.<br>Only the link of tellfriend is injected to be used. |