

Submitting articles to *Network Security* and *Computer Fraud & Security*

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We welcome articles for *Network Security* (NESE) and *Computer Fraud & Security* (CFS) from people with knowledge and experience of information security.

We like to run issue-led pieces: but the topics can be quite wide-ranging, covering trends, technical, implementation and practical issues and technology developments.

There is no payment for articles, but we do give full attribution, including a short biography and profile of your organisation (with URL). So it's a good way of raising your profile. Contributors with professional qualifications from bodies such as ISACA and (ISC)² may also be able to claim CPE credits for their articles.

Please note: We do require exclusivity and sole rights to the article. All articles must be accompanied by a signed copyright agreement -- included in the [Contributor's Pack](#).

We **don't** run 'think pieces', opinion pieces or case studies -- we like the articles to be issue-driven and supported by facts & figures with references (eg, reports, papers, surveys or studies). We like the pieces to be highly detailed and technical. And the articles need to be highly focused on a specific issue: we get offered a lot of general articles (such as 'the security issues with cloud computing') which we can't use because they're too high-level. The more technically detailed the article the more likely it is we'll be able to use it. However, there's always room to include case studies as examples.

Include practical information where possible. These journals are read by security practitioners. What they want to know is:

- What is the likely impact of this issue on my organisation's infrastructure and security posture?
- What will I have to do to address this issue (including technical details of changes/work that may be needed)?

If you would like to submit an idea for an article, here's the best way to proceed:

- **Important: Read the [NS-CFS Writer's Guide](#)**, which will help you understand how we approach our subjects. Please also note the section on what we like to have supplied with the article -- such as author photo, author bio, illustrations etc -- and the details about formatting.
- [Email me](#) with a set of bullet points outlining the subject, what angle you would take,

what ground you would cover and what material (eg, reports, case studies, etc) you would reference.

Generally, it's better if you don't start writing until we've had a chance to discuss your idea. That way, we can ensure that the content is perfectly matched to the publication and our readership. Once we've agreed on a subject, I can then provide you with a fuller brief that will help you plan your article.

If you've already written a paper or article, feel free to submit it, but also indicate whether it has been published or offered elsewhere (including on the web) and whether you'd be prepared to rework it to our style and approach.

We generally ask for 2,000 words, but frequently run pieces up to 4,500 words.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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