Special Issue

Recent Advances in Network Security

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue, "Recent Advances in Network Security," presents cutting-edge research addressing the dynamic and escalating challenges of securing modern networks. The collection of papers highlights a paradigm shift from traditional, static defense mechanisms to more adaptive, intelligent, and programmable security frameworks.

Key themes explored include encrypted traffic analysis, where novel machine learning and statistical methods are employed to detect malicious activities without decrypting sensitive data, thus preserving privacy. Another significant focus is the programmable network data plane, which leverages technologies like P4 to enable line-rate, in-network security functions, allowing for the rapid deployment of custom defenses against emerging threats. Furthermore, this issue delves into Al-driven network security, showcasing how artificial intelligence and machine learning are revolutionizing threat intelligence, automating anomaly detection, and enabling autonomous response systems.

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