Analysis and design patterns have been around for about ten years and have found practical use in many projects. They have been incorporated into several software development methodologies aiming to support less experienced developers who can use them to receive advice and knowledge of experts. The situation is not so clear for security patterns because no accepted methodology exists for their use so far. This section of the Workshop proceedings contains eight papers accepted for publication at the 2nd International Workshop on Secure Systems Methodologies Using Patterns.

Security patterns have arrived to a stage where there is a lot of discussion and considerable research output. There are a significant number of them, two books about them have been published, and industry is starting to accept and use them. Catalogs of security patterns are a good step to organize them, but they are not enough. Building secure systems is a difficult process where security aspects are interlaced with the satisfaction of functional requirements. Developers are typically experts on a language or a development methodology but know little about security, which results in them not knowing what security mechanisms make sense at which moments. Further methodologies are needed that guide a designer at each stage of the development cycle. A few of them have appeared, but none of them has been tested in production applications.

The papers accepted for publications and the discussions during the workshop will help to get a better understanding in all the issues involved in the development and use of secure systems methodologies using patterns. The eight papers accepted are grouped into three sessions: SPattern Organization, SPattern Development, SPattern Applications.

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