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The Ninth International Symposium on Networking and Computing (CANDAR 2021) was held virtually from November  $24^{th}$  to  $26^{th}$ , 2021. The organizers of the CANDAR 2021 invited authors to submit the extended version of the presented papers. As a result, 18 articles have been submitted to this special issue. This issue includes the extended version of 14 papers that have been accepted.

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