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For those who toil in the thankless and invisible labor of defending infrastructure against thieves, vandals, and fools who cause damage for fun and profit. Stay true.
—MRO

# **Preface**

You hold in your hands a vast and thorough repository of knowledge and experience. Information security is an incredibly complicated and ever-changing subject, and this book tackles the entire subject. The original concept for this book was to provide a security blueprint or cookbook—a comprehensive guide for building a complete, effective security program. This second edition stays true to that idea. The book was written for people who, like myself once upon a time, find themselves in a position of having to secure an organization's network, and start to realize there's more to security than a firewall. The technologies are important, and they are complex and varied. But the nontechnical aspects of security are equally if not more important. Bruce Schneier famously said "Security is a process, not a product," and I completely agree. I'd say the same thing about any business process. Technology can help an organization enforce its business goals and policies, but it is not, in and of itself, a magic solution to all problems. That's why this book covers both technology and practice.

I envisioned the first edition of this book a decade ago and participated in writing it because I wanted to share with other IT professionals what I had learned in my first ten years in the field of information security, and the philosophies I developed along the way. After 20 years of practice, I've found that those lessons and philosophies still hold true: an organization needs security policies, a technology strategy that's based on risk assessment, and the right technologies to plug all the holes inherent in the network. But it doesn't end there—as a security professional, you need to change and manage the behaviors of the people who handle data. When you begin to contemplate that, you soon realize that what you're really protecting are information assets—which may be electronic, or may take other forms such as paper and voice. A comprehensive approach is the only way to be successful. You have to look at the complete picture in order to really be effective. How do you get your arms around all that? Breaking it down into individual topics, and ensuring that every aspect is covered, from philosophy to strategy to technology to behaviors, is the approach I've taken. Everything is manageable when you carve it into bite-sized chunks that can be dealt with one at a time. This book covers everything you need to know in order to build a comprehensive, effective security program.

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The first edition was written at the beginning of the millennium—when the Internet was transitioning from a business resource to a business necessity—to provide a comprehensive resource for IT administrators (which was not available anywhere else) by offering guidance on how to create, deploy, and monitor a security solution on a budget. This second edition remains true to that vision, with every aspect of information security represented and updated. This book was, and remains, the only cradle-to-grave network security reference that brings security strategies and tactics together in one resource. The holistic approach to security theory, combined with logical, concise, hands-on information, arms IT professionals with the knowledge they need to secure their infrastructure.

I hope this book provides you with valuable insight, perspective, and knowledge. I believe we are at our best when we share what we know.

Regards, Mark Rhodes-Ousley

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# Introduction

Thether you are a security professional, an IT professional who wants to learn more about security, someone who has been thrust into a security role without preparation, an executive who wants to increase your organization's knowledge assets, a member of a sales force in a company that sells security products or services, or a technology, law, or business student or professor in a college or university, this book was written for you.

Students and professionals alike need a comprehensive guide to all aspects of security, and this second edition fulfills corporate and academic needs with updated material. Colleges now offer dedicated information security programs, yet they don't have access to a comprehensive security textbook. Organized with academic institutions in mind, this book is an important resource for the security professionals of the future, and it is still the only comprehensive book on security. This book takes a vendor-neutral approach in order to improve the lifespan and applicability of the material without "favoritism" to particular products.

A typical reader of this book would be a networking or technology professional put in charge of deploying and managing network security within their company. Due to cuts in IT budgets, many IT professionals are being tasked with assessing and deploying network security solutions for their company. Millions of IT professionals in small, midsize, and large companies are finding themselves in charge of network security but are ill-equipped to handle these responsibilities. Many of these IT professionals do not possess enough training to successfully secure their networks from both internal and external attacks. This book contains everything they need to know about information security.

## What This Book Covers

This book covers all aspects of information security, from concept to details. It includes methodology, analysis, and technical details to fit the reader's needs. Equally applicable to the beginner and the seasoned professional, this book provides a one-stop reference that replaces and obsoletes other books.

The practice of information security has grown in depth and breadth since the first edition. New standards and regulations have appeared, as have new technologies. Most security practitioners find themselves in the position of needing to comply with these new standards and regulations and secure new technologies. This book covers information security standards, including COBIT, ISO 27000, and NIST, regulations such as Gramm-Leach-Bliley (GLBA), Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX), HIPAA, NERC CIP, and PCI DSS, and a variety of state, federal, and international laws. Organizing around these standards and

regulations improves this book's practicality and usefulness as a professional reference. In addition, many organizations use IT Infrastructure Library (ITIL) practices to improve the quality of their processes, and this book shows how ITIL can be integrated with security to produce successful results.

### How to Use This Book

Start with Chapter 1 to understand the philosophy and methodology that inform the core principles and practices of a successful and effective security program, and then skim the rest of Part I to learn more about the subjects that are important to you. Then, jump to the chapters that are particularly relevant to your situation for a deeper dive. This book is meant to be a desk reference that you can pick up at any time to find the guidance you need.

For instructors, the publisher has created Instructor Teaching Materials, which you can download from this book's McGraw-Hill web page at www.mhprofessional.com/InfoSecurity2e.

# How This Book Is Organized

The seven parts of this book are organized into conceptually related subject groups, beginning with the most basic, comprehensive material that every security practitioner should know, and proceeding through the layers of infrastructure that are found in IT—data, network, computers, applications, people, and facilities—with techniques to secure the components found in each layer.

Part I: Foundations starts with the fundamentals of security. I encourage you to read at least the first four chapters, regardless of which particular subjects interest you. To see the whole picture, you need to understand the rationale and philosophy behind the best practices. The overview given in Chapter 1 expresses the importance of security and the best way to go about it. Risk analysis follows in Chapter 2, because it should be the first step before you do anything else. The discussion of compliance with standards, regulations, and laws in Chapter 3 provides guidance to those who need to avoid legal risk. Chapter 4 offers secure design principles, which describe how to plan for security. Security policies (Chapter 5) form the core set of requirements needed for a security program. Chapter 6 provides insights into how to staff, resource, and support the security function. Authentication and authorization (Chapter 7) form the basis for restricting access based on need.

Part II: Data Security provides guidance on protecting the most valuable assets on the network: data. Chapter 8 describes techniques to protect data on its own outside of a structured environment. Information rights management, covered in Chapter 9, gives a new option for protecting data in the wild. Encryption (Chapter 10) is the tried-and-true approach to protecting the confidentiality of data, and storage security (Chapter 11) and database security (Chapter 12) provide best practices for protecting data within their borders.