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*“The tie, if I might suggest it, sir, a shade more tightly knotted. One aims at the perfect butterfly effect. If you will permit me \_”*

*“What does it matter, Jeeves, at a time like this? Do you realize that Mr. Little’s domestic happiness is hanging in the scale?”*

*“There is no time, sir, at which ties do not matter.”*

—*Very Good, Jeeves!* P. G. Wodehouse

In this age of universal electronic connectivity, of viruses and hackers, of electronic eavesdropping and electronic fraud, there is indeed no time at which security does not matter. Two trends have come together to make the topic of this book of vital interest. First, the explosive growth in computer systems and their interconnections via networks has increased the dependence of both organizations and individuals on the information stored and communicated using these systems. This, in turn, has led to a heightened awareness of the need to protect data and resources from disclosure, to guarantee the authenticity of data and messages, and to protect systems from network-based attacks. Second, the disciplines of cryptography and network security have matured, leading to the development of practical, readily available applications to enforce network security.

### OBJECTIVES

It is the purpose of this book to provide a practical survey of network security applications and standards. The emphasis is on applications that are widely used on the Internet and for corporate networks, and on standards (especially Internet standards) that have been widely deployed.

### INTENDED AUDIENCE

This book is intended for both an academic and a professional audience. As a textbook, it is intended as a one-semester undergraduate course on network security for computer science, computer engineering, and electrical engineering majors. It covers the material in IAS2 Security Mechanisms, a core area in the Information Technology body of knowledge; and NET4 Security, another core area in the Information Technology body of knowledge. These subject areas are part of the Draft ACM/IEEE Computer Society Computing Curricula 2005.

The book also serves as a basic reference volume and is suitable for self-study.

### PLAN OF THE BOOK

The book is organized in three parts:

**Part One. Cryptography:** A concise survey of the cryptographic algorithms and protocols underlying network security applications, including encryption, hash functions, digital signatures, and key exchange.

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**Part Two. Network Security Applications:** Covers important network security tools and applications, including Kerberos, X.509v3 certificates, PGP, S/MIME, IP Security, SSL/TLS, SET, and SNMPv3.

**Part Three. System Security:** Looks at system-level security issues, including the threat of and countermeasures for intruders and viruses and the use of firewalls and trusted systems.

In addition, this book includes an extensive glossary, a list of frequently used acronyms, and a bibliography. Each chapter includes homework problems, review questions, a list of key words, suggestions for further reading, and recommended Web sites. In addition, a test bank is available to instructors.

## ONLINE DOCUMENTS FOR STUDENTS

For this new edition, a tremendous amount of original supporting material has been made available online in the following categories.

- **Online chapters:** To limit the size and cost of the book, two chapters of the book are provided in PDF format. This includes a chapter on SNMP security and one on legal and ethical issues. The chapters are listed in this book's table of contents.
- **Online appendices:** There are numerous interesting topics that support material found in the text but whose inclusion is not warranted in the printed text. Seven online appendices cover these topics for the interested student. The appendices are listed in this book's table of contents.
- **Homework problems and solutions:** To aid the student in understanding the material, a separate set of homework problems with solutions are provided. These enable the students to test their understanding of the text.
- **Supporting documents:** A variety of other useful documents are referenced in the text and provided online.
- **Key papers:** Twenty-Four papers from the professional literature, many hard to find, are provided for further reading.

Purchasing this textbook new grants the reader six months of access to this online material.

## INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT MATERIALS

To support instructors, the following materials are provided.

- **Solutions Manual:** Solutions to end-of-chapter Review Questions and Problems.
- **Projects Manual:** Suggested project assignments for all of the project categories listed subsequently in this Preface.
- **PowerPoint Slides:** A set of slides covering all chapters, suitable for use in lecturing.
- **PDF Files:** Reproductions of all figures and tables from the book.
- **Test Bank:** A chapter-by-chapter set of questions.

All of these support materials are available at the Instructor Resource Center (IRC) for this textbook, which can be reached via [pearsonhighered.com/stallings](http://pearsonhighered.com/stallings) or by clicking on the button labeled "Book Info and More Instructor Resources" at this book's Web site [WilliamStallings.com/Crypto/Crypto5e.html](http://WilliamStallings.com/Crypto/Crypto5e.html). To gain access to the IRC, please contact your

local Prentice Hall sales representative via [pearsonhighered.com/educator/relocator/requestSalesRep.page](http://pearsonhighered.com/educator/relocator/requestSalesRep.page) or call Prentice Hall Faculty Services at 1-800-526-0485.

## INTERNET SERVICES FOR INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS

There is a Web page for this book that provides support for students and instructors. The page includes links to other relevant sites, transparency masters of figures and tables in the book in PDF (Adobe Acrobat) format, and PowerPoint slides. The Web page is at [WilliamStallings.com/NetSec/NetSec4e.html](http://WilliamStallings.com/NetSec/NetSec4e.html).

An Internet mailing list has been set up so that instructors using this book can exchange information, suggestions, and questions with each other and with the author. As soon as typos or other errors are discovered, an errata list for this book will be available at [WilliamStallings.com](http://WilliamStallings.com). In addition, the Computer Science Student Resource site, at [WilliamStallings.com/StudentSupport.html](http://WilliamStallings.com/StudentSupport.html), provides documents, information, and useful links for computer science students and professionals.

## PROJECTS FOR TEACHING NETWORK SECURITY

For many instructors, an important component of a network security course is a project or set of projects by which the student gets hands-on experience to reinforce concepts from the text. This book provides an unparalleled degree of support for including a projects component in the course. The IRC not only includes guidance on how to assign and structure the projects, but also includes a set of suggested projects that covers a broad range of topics from the text:

- **Research projects:** A series of research assignments that instruct the student to research a particular topic on the Internet and write a report.
- **Hacking project:** This exercise is designed to illuminate the key issues in intrusion detection and prevention.
- **Programming projects:** A series of programming projects that cover a broad range of topics and that can be implemented in any suitable language on any platform.
- **Lab exercises:** A series of projects that involve programming and experimenting with concepts from the book.
- **Practical security assessments:** A set of exercises to examine current infrastructure and practices of an existing organization.
- **Writing assignments:** A set of suggested writing assignments organized by chapter.
- **Reading/report assignments:** A list of papers in the literature, one for each chapter, that can be assigned for the student to read and then write a short report.

See Appendix B for details.

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE FOURTH EDITION

The changes for this new edition of *Network Security Essentials* are more substantial and comprehensive than those for any previous revision.

In the four years since the third edition of this book was published, the field has seen continued innovations and improvements. In this fourth edition, I try to capture these

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changes while maintaining a broad and comprehensive coverage of the entire field. To begin this process of revision, the third edition was extensively reviewed by a number of professors who teach the subject. In addition, a number of professionals working in the field reviewed individual chapters. The result is that, in many places, the narrative has been clarified and tightened, and illustrations have been improved. Also, a large number of new “field-tested” problems have been added.

Beyond these refinements to improve pedagogy and user friendliness, there have been major substantive changes throughout the book. Highlights include:

- **Pseudorandom number generation and pseudorandom functions (revised):** The treatment of this important topic has been expanded, with the addition of new material in Chapter 2 and a new appendix on the subject.
- **Cryptographic hash functions and message authentication codes (revised):** The material on hash functions and MAC has been revised and reorganized to provide a clearer and more systematic treatment.
- **Key distribution and remote user authentication (revised):** In the third edition, these topics were scattered across three chapters. In the fourth edition, the material is revised and consolidated into a single chapter to provide a unified, systematic treatment.
- **Federated identity (new):** A new section covers this common identity management scheme across multiple enterprises and numerous applications and supporting many thousands, even millions, of users.
- **HTTPS (new):** A new section covers this protocol for providing secure communication between Web browser and Web server.
- **Secure Shell (new):** SSH, one of the most pervasive applications of encryption technology, is covered in a new section.
- **DomainKeys Identified Mail (new):** A new section covers DKIM, which has become the standard means of authenticating e-mail to counter spam.
- **Wireless network security (new):** A new chapter covers this important area of network security. The chapter deals with the IEEE 802.11 (WiFi) security standard for wireless local area networks and the Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) security standard for communication between a mobile Web browser and a Web server.
- **IPsec (revised):** The chapter on IPsec has been almost completely rewritten. It now covers IPsecv3 and IKEv2. In addition, the presentation has been revised to improve clarity and breadth.
- **Legal and ethical issues (new):** A new online chapter covers these important topics.
- **Online appendices (new):** Six online appendices provide addition breadth and depth for the interested student on a variety of topics.
- **Homework problems with solutions:** A separate set of homework problems (with solutions) is provided online for students.
- **Test bank:** A test bank of review questions is available to instructors. This can be used for quizzes or to enable the students to check their understanding of the material.
- **Firewalls (revised):** The chapter on firewalls has been significantly expanded.

With each new edition, it is a struggle to maintain a reasonable page count while adding new material. In part, this objective is realized by eliminating obsolete material and tightening the narrative. For this edition, chapters and appendices that are of less general interest have

been moved online as individual PDF files. This has allowed an expansion of material without the corresponding increase in size and price.

## RELATIONSHIP TO CRYPTOGRAPHY AND NETWORK SECURITY

This book is adapted from *Cryptography and Network Security, Fifth Edition* (CNS5e). CNS5e provides a substantial treatment of cryptography, including detailed analysis of algorithms and a significant mathematical component, all of which covers 400 pages. *Network Security Essentials: Applications and Standards, Fourth Edition* (NSE4e) provides instead a concise overview of these topics in Chapters 2 and 3. NSE4e includes all of the remaining material of CNS5e. NSE4e also covers SNMP security, which is not covered in CNS5e. Thus, NSE4e is intended for college courses and professional readers where the interest is primarily in the application of network security and without the need or desire to delve deeply into cryptographic theory and principles.

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