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Synopsis

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Purpose: If you want to become an information security professional, this is the book you need. It is nearly 900 solid pages of useful information, carefully written. It includes very little material that you won’t need, and provides a complete base for on-the-job experience. It covers the security topics required by the ACM’s IT curriculum, and the US government’s Information Assurance training standards for administrators of national security systems.

Audience: Though it was created as a textbook for an undergraduate course, it makes an *excellent* text for self study: it comprehensively covers the entire subject area, and it includes all background material that the intended reader may need in order to understand the primary subject matter. The book’s organization shows the author’s experience with teaching this material in class. The reader must be familiar with files, applications, email, and the web, but needs little more than that--not even programming. Yet because the sections introducing background material are short, appear just before they’re needed, and clearly bring to the fore the ideas that are about to be used, they are useful even to a reader with a much deeper background. The discussion covers Linux, Windows, and OS X without assuming that the reader is familiar with any of the three.