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Readers of this book will learn about common cyberattacks, including viruses, worms, Trojan horses, password crackers, keystroke loggers, denial of service, spoofing, and phishing. They will also learn about techniques for identifying and patching vulnerabilities in machines and networks as well as methods for detecting and repairing infected systems. Finally, they will study fundamental building blocks of secure systems such as encryption, fingerprints, digital signatures and basic cryptographic protocols.

Anyone interested in a very accessible introduction to computer security.

About the Author

Professors Goodrich and Tamassia are well-recognized researchers in computer security, algorithms and data structures, having published many papers on these subjects, with applications to computer security, cryptography, cloud computing, information visualization, and geometric computing. They have served as principal investigators in several joint projects sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the Army Research Office, and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. They are also active in educational technology research, and they have published several books, including a widely adopted textbook on data structures and algorithms.

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In addition to their research accomplishments, the authors also have extensive experience in the classroom.

For example, Goodrich has taught data structures and algorithms courses, including Data Structures as a freshman-sophomore level course, Applied Cryptography as a sophomore- junior level course, and Internet Algorithmics as an upper level course. He has earned several teaching awards in this capacity. Tamassia has taught Data Structures and Algorithms as an introductory freshman-level course and Computational Geometry as an advanced graduate course. Over the last several years he has developed "Introduction to Computer Systems Security," a new computer security course aimed at sophomores. His teaching of this course since 2006 has helped to shape the vision and topics of this book. One thing that has set his teaching style apart is his effective use of interactive hypermedia presentations integrated with the web.

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