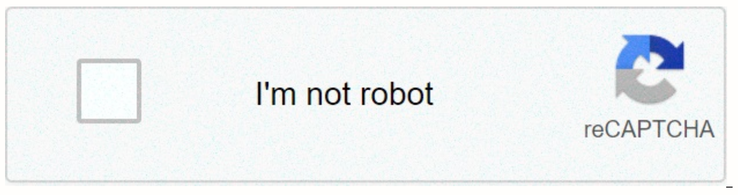

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The forewarned that cryptology did more harm than information system security, not because the cryptology failed in and of itself, but because of improper use or deployment of technology. This book aims to provide specific advice to those who design and deploy crypto systems. As such, it is not the usual introduction to cryptology, and is aimed at a fairly limited group. Chapter one asserts that we should be technically given security, rather than speed or bells and whistles. Security is just as strong as the weakest links we're talking about in chapter two, and (following from the idea of deep defense), we need to have deep engineering (and perhaps width, as well). The issues are important, but there is some lack of clarity for the organization and flow of text and institutions: readers may begin to wonder what the nature of the message is. (I found that I should have branded professional paranoia when I started using it years ago, but it is nice to note that the point is being made.) Chapter three is a fairly unusual Introduction to cryptology (and the mathematical format of the text does not make it easier for math-phobic to focus on meaning), but focuses on applications and problems, cryptanalytic attacks, and repeated bans against the complexity and sacrifice of security for performance as a combined location reason. Having gone so far, it's interesting to note that we only started part one, considering message security. Chapter four compares and evaluates different existing block passcodes. The modes, and attacks against specific modes, block algorithms are described in chapter five. (This material seems to be what would, in a more traditional book, be the introduction to cryptology.) Hash functions are explained, compared, and evaluated in chapter six, while the seven functions expand the concept into message authentication code, ensuring not only random change detection, but also resistance to externally modified attacks on data or transmission. Therefore, we have the basic tools that we need to consider a safe channel from eavesdropping and manipulation by anyone who is not involved in the communications, in chapter eight. Implementation, and technical or software development considerations, are examined in chapter nine. Part two deal with important negotiations, partly by introducing the concept of asymmetry (more common, if less accurate, known as public key) cryptization, the main power of which involves the processing of keys. Chapter ten raises random problems, which is very important in selecting keys, and also talks about the components of the Fortuna system to create random fake numbers. Primes are explained in chapter eleven, due to their importance in asymmetry The respectable Diffie-Hellman algorithm is considered, along with the mathematics that make it work, in chapter twelve. (If you want to follow the material all the way, you'll have to be good at math, but the discussion, while interesting, is not important for the use of the system.) A similar work is done on the RSA in chapter thirteen. Chapter fourteen is titled Introduction to cryptcrypt protocol but actually talks about trust, risk, and more requirements for the security channel. The high-level design of an important negotiation protocol is gradually developed in chapter fifteen. Specific implementation issues for asymmetric systems are considered in chapter sixteen. The third considers critical management, and different approaches to the problem. Chapter seventeen discusses the use, and risks of use, clock and time in cryptosystems. The idea of the main server is illustrated by Kerberos in chapter eighteen, but almost no details are included. A quick introduction to PKI (Public Key Infrastructure) is given in chapter nineteen, followed by a philosophical assessment of the other considerations in the twenties, and additional practical concerns in twenty m2 one. (While the division is not unreasonable, three can, without seriously distorting the book, have been a great chapter.) Secret storage, important for the reliability of keys and passwords, is intended in chapter twenty-two. Section four contains subtle themes, including the uselessness of standards (twenty-three), the problematic utility of patents (twenty-four), and the need to involve real professionals (twenty-five). As already noted, this book is not simply an introduction to cryptology. The content is intended for those involved in the gut of a cryptocurrency system, and the documentation provides significant guidance to the concerns of those in that position. copyright Robert M. Slade, 2003 BKPRCCRP. RVW 20030918 NIELS FERGUSON is a crypto and consulting engineer. He has extensive experience in the design and implementation of large-scale crypt encryption algorithms, protocols and security infrastructure. Previously, Ferguson was a cryptology journalist for DigiCash and CWI, and he worked closely with Bruce Schneier at Counterpane Internet Security. He has published many scientific articles. BRUCE SCHNEIER is the founder and technical director at Counterpane Internet Security, a managed security monitoring company. A world-renowned scientist, security expert and lecturer, he is the author of Secrets and Lies: Digital Security in a Networked World and Applied Cryptography (both from Wiley). From the publishing house: In today's world, security is a top concern for businesses around the world. Without a secure computer system, you do not make money, you expand, and -- the bottom line -- you don't exist. Cryptology keeps great promise as technology to provide security in cyberspace. Amazingly, no literature exists about how to cryptology and how to combine it into real-world systems. With Practice Crypto, an internationally renowned team of authors gives you guidance on implementing the first practice crypto product, bridged the gap between crypto theory and real-world crypto applications. Start your review of passcode practice (4.0) Learn some, well explained for the most part, probably will never need to use any of it thoughEnjoyable, educational reader. Main takeaways: don't even think about 'innovation' cryptocurrencies. Follow good research (and attack) algorithms, protocols. 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(Heh, also sure to update 128 bits as computing power increases ;)) On p221-222 they point out it's worth yours while examining the prime numbers proposed by NIST for DSA (don't know it), as it's possible to imagine that there are other parts of the U.S. government who would have an interest in publishing non-standard primes. It's interesting to read between the lines here, although I probably won't take the time to follow their recommendation to use NIST's own checks to verify if the primes are appropriate or not (but then of course you can blindly trust their verification algorithm? ;)). p249 actually has a really good summary of the causes of the financial crisis: inappropriate incentive structures. Many have also observed this, but often it takes more words to put it out. However, as they claim, Structural Repair incentives are usually relatively easy..., I think they have stepped a little outside of their domain name and reality. For the most part the book is quite accurate and well explained. A small flaw (in my understanding, mainly) is how nonce, Na, is used in the next steps of critical negotiation algorithms on p270. In the text we see that it is returned to the authentic Alice (so she can be sure it is Bob sending it back), but this is ignored from the diagram, nor do I see how Bob convinced himself that the first request came from Alice (as the first message is and how do we know it came from the same Alice sending the third message?). A few other improvements they can make: a necessary reading list, more case studies in disaster cryptocurrencies (I'm sure there are plenty of public examples (they include a little WEP) outside of their own professional work – apparently they don't want to risk matching the law ;)). ... more While I actually understand probably a quarter of what I read, this book is so elegantly written that I can't put it down. Clear, concise, and to the point – good prose is a surprise to look at in this age of crappy writing! Among other things, this book has an author authoroly described by Fortuna CSPRNG, and Fortuna remains one of the best out there... The actual passcode is a follow-up to Applied Cryptography, but not in the sense that it's more the same, just updated to 2003. Where the Application handles cryptization algorithms and basic concepts, Reality focuses on brings those algorithms together to build larger systems and some related pitfalls. It is not strictly aimed at teaching readers to build such systems, though; more than anything, it tries to prevent them from doing so in the first place by proving that there is the actual Passcode that is the next part of the Application Passcode, but not in the sense that it is the same, just updated to 2003. 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If you're part of the correct target audience - those who just read The App Passcode and are now eager to build their own cryptocurrency system, but not part of the security community that has become more accessible since 2003 thanks to the Internet - you'll find most of the things discussed in this book compelling and new , but most of those who will pick it up today will probably be aware of most of the concepts being discussed, as the Internet has not only implemented concepts like PKIs and Diffie-Hellman and various caveats around hash general knowledge, but has also had well-published problems over the past few years with the exact exploitation of the types being discussed here , in the software everyone uses. My main problem with actual passcodes is not covered, though, but the language used in covering it. I suppose Niels Ferguson wrote the fact- it was written at the third grade level, with unscise short sentences and too much discussion. On this paper seems like a good good Material is meant to be as accessible as possible, after all, but in reality it leads to a stammering flow that just makes you want to punch things. I don't know if it was a deliberate style choice or a consequence of Ferguson's native language being Dutch, but it was annoying quickly. However, even for those who are familiar with the concept, the book is interesting enough that it is a tolerable distractor, and it is not a bad thing it has to be written at all even if it is not nearly as interesting as the encrypted application is. It's certainly true that there are still a lot of people around who need something like it. ... More This book is somewhat of a crypto application next. In the case of books that are a long list of a lot of different neat crypto algorithms, this is a much more realistic book that offers solid advice on what algorithms, etc. to use. 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As such, it includes a lot of different security ways that can be compromised, including using the crypto functions in the wrong mode, not verifying every protocol notification back and again, bad pseudorandom number creator, side channel attack, clock attack, etc. It's kind of depressing, honest :-) The first sentence of the fore is that over the past decade, cryptology has done more to damage the security of digital systems than to strengthen it. The later section headlines include Cryptology which is very difficult, followed by Cryptology as the easy part. It talks about Diffie-Hellman and RSA in some depth (meaning a bit of math), and works through the design of a secure protocol. But, its practical advice is to use already existent and very careful advice. As the authors note many times, there have been enough fast unsafe systems; We don't need someone else. Anyway, this is an invaluable book if you're working on security in any shape or form, and I find it quite interesting regardless. (paper books, available for loan) ... more This book is a great introduction to applying crypt codes to information security, highlighting its proper role and use as well as including design notes for secure passcode. Strikes that balance the 'high level' with 'technical depth'. Strikes that balance 'senior' with 'technical' ... much more realistic, if outdated. This book is amazing! Fun included to cover reading - unlike a normal tech book. This book is amazing! Fun included to cover reading - unlike a normal tech book. ... more great books on cryptization concepts and the challenges that cryptization systems try to solve. Great book, high score on storytelling, the math department is easy to follow. A good first read for security and cryptology if you have any mathematical aptitude. Really well done - kind of makes you paranoid. 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