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**Rick Howard : Cyber Fraud: Tactics, Techniques and Procedures** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cyber Fraud: Tactics, Techniques and Procedures:

1 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Comprehensive, up-to-date, and completely 'user friendly'By Midwest Book ReviewWith the coming of the computer age came a new brand of criminal conduct which came to be called 'cyber crime'. The use of computers and computer software to illicitly invade, to steal, to corrupt, and to disrupt. From 'lone wolf' amateur hackers to well organized criminal conspiracies, to sophisticated hostile governmental spying, cyber crime has emerged as a serious and daily threat to personal privacy, American business, and even national security. That's why "Cyber Fraud: Tactics, Techniques, And Procedures" is such a timely and critically

important instructional textbook. The combined effort of seventeen knowledgeable, experienced, and expert authors and editors, "Cyber Fraud" describes the cyber criminal culture, along with such tactics and strategies employed by cyber defrauders including phishing and pharming, trojans and toolkits, direct threats, pump-and-dump scams, and more. Profusely illustrated with case examples, "Cyber Fraud" also covers how to deal with these various and on-going threats thereby enabling the reader to better understand the nature of these threats and how best to defend against them. Comprehensive, up-to-date, and completely 'user friendly', "Cyber Fraud" is a critically important addition for personal, professional, corporate, academic, and community library Computer Science reference collections and supplemental reading lists. 5 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A very impressive, in depth look at cyber crime

By J. Clark  
This book is a 'must read' for cyber crime investigators and researchers. It offers a comprehensive, technical analysis of current cyber crime tactics covering everything from criminal organizational structure to a in-depth technical analysis of several modern malware specimens. Cyber Fraud provides concrete evidence of the high level of professionalism and sophistication employed by today's for-profit criminal organizations.

With millions lost each year, cyber crime has evolved from a minor nuisance to a major concern involving well-organized actors and highly sophisticated organizations. Combining the best of investigative journalism and technical analysis, Cyber Fraud: Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures documents changes in the culture of cyber criminals and explores the innovations that are the result of those changes. The book uses the term Botnet as a metaphor for the evolving changes represented by this underground economy. Copiously illustrated, this engaging and engrossing book explores the state of threats present in the cyber fraud underground. It discusses phishing and pharming, trojans and toolkits, direct threats, pump-and-dump scams, and other fraud-related activities of the booming cyber-underground economy. By examining the geopolitical and socio-economic foundations of a cyber threat landscape, the book specifically examines telecommunications infrastructure development, patterns and trends of internet adoption and use, profiles of specific malicious actors, threat types, and trends in these areas. This eye-opening work includes a variety of case studies ? including the cyber threat landscape in Russia and Brazil. An in-depth discussion is provided on the Russian Business Networks' (RBN) role in global cyber crime as well as new evidence on how these criminals steal, package, buy, sell, and profit from the personal financial information of consumers. Armed with this invaluable information, organizations and individuals will be better able to secure their systems and develop countermeasures to disrupt underground fraud.

Written and edited by known experts in the field, the content is indeed of high quality and very informative. The logical structure and writing style are excellent, which is a challenging task when there are so many contributors. The book is a must-read for several reader categories. I strongly recommend some of the technical chapters to advanced undergraduate and graduate computer science students. Law students can use the book to grasp the necessary technical background material for investigating cyber fraud. Finally, it is also for readers who wish to learn about the current state of Internet fraud. For all of these readers, this book is a welcome and rewarding addition to the bookshelf.

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