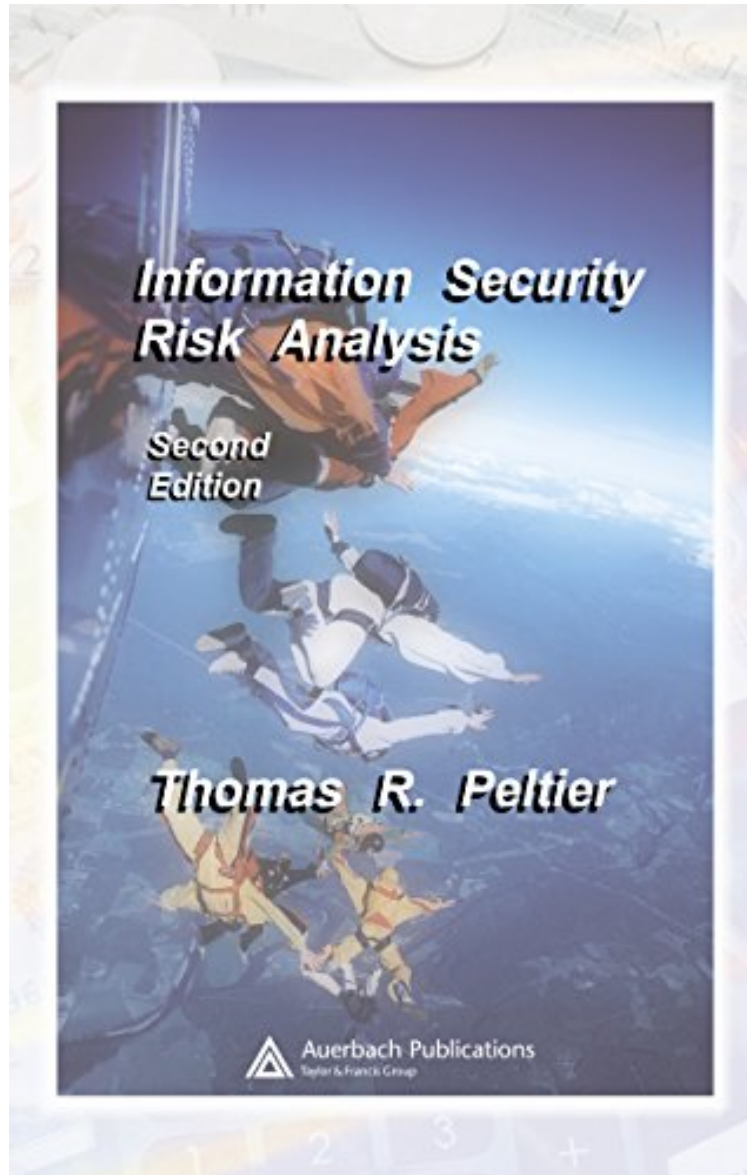


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This book has radically influenced my approach to security risk management. In the past I had nothing but disdain for any qualitative approach to risk assessment, whether it was for security, project management or disaster recovery. My philosophy was that if you couldn't produce a probability curve you didn't have the full picture. The problem with that

philosophy is the very people for whom you are doing the assessment typically do not care about probability curves - if they understand them at all. Mr. Peltier's approach, while not as scientific, is far more powerful because it involves all stakeholders through his unique facilitated risk analysis process (FRAP), and produces findings and assessments that are clear and easy for non-technical people to understand. His approach is also thorough and business-focused. From the beginning this book grabs your attention. By page four I was completely drawn in by his use of a life cycle of the risk analysis process, and how he closely tied it to tasks and deliverables, and quality. He explains the strengths and weaknesses of qualitative analysis, then moves into a chapter that describes his approach to performing it. This is where I became sold. The approach is comprehensive and task-oriented. Every key factor, from financial loss to legal implications, are covered and qualitatively assessed using a valuation score. This section also has numerous checklists, tables and data with which to perform the analysis. These are augmented in the next chapter on value analysis, and by the time I finished it I was not only "sold", but a proponent of this approach. The heart of this book and approach is the facilitated risk analysis process that extends the process to a team of stakeholders. The value is that the business itself is an active participant and assumes ownership of the findings, deliverables and action plan. I contrasted this with my past approach and saw that one of the reasons why assessments done by "experts" were difficult to move into the implementation phase is because the so-called beneficiaries of the work couldn't relate to the reasons or importance. Using Mr. Peltier's approach, information security becomes everyone's responsibility - an ideal situation in the eyes of any security professional. The remainder of the book is filled with case studies and more tables and checklists. In fact, if you purchased this book for the tables and checklists alone you would be getting a bargain. My only complaint is these were not provided in electronic format as well. If you perform information security risk analysis, or business continuity or disaster recovery planning this book is "must reading". Others outside of the primary audience who will find this book valuable include project managers (the qualitative risk approach will be equally effective in project planning and control), and facilities managers. This book earns a solid 5 stars and Mr. Peltier earns my gratitude for showing me a better way. 11 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Awesome Content - hurried writing By Customer I believe that this book was pushed out to the presses much too quickly. Be prepared to rewrite some of the processes because of poor writing (and/or proof reading). Some of the steps in the Qualitative Risk Analysis just straight up don't make sense. However I give it two thumbs up for content. This book helped me with disaster planning tremendously. Bottom line this book is worth the money and deserves/needs a second edition. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Simply Elegant Enterprises Excellent product!

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