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Although it has been only four years since the release of the seventh edition of this book, many changes have occurred since that writing, with more to come. As we write this eighth edition, a complete revolution in the security industry is occurring. The aftermath of the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., has shaken the security industry, whether private or governmental. Government involvement in the security business has become a must, as evidenced by the Airport Security Act of 2002. Additional legislation at the federal level, for example, indicates major changes in the U.S. government’s involvement in the security industry since World War II. Whether this involvement is entirely positive or is heavy-handed, as exemplified by the suggestion of a national identification system, is yet to be seen.

Coupled with the security industry’s response to the growing threat of world terrorism is the need to keep up with an ever so rapidly changing technology used both in the industry and against it by criminals. Protection of information, traditionally handled by placing it in vaults and marking it PROPRIETARY or TOP SECRET, has become ever more complex. Computer systems that now contain all types of information, from personal identification to inventory records, are making life both easier and more complex. Information exchange occurs in the click of a computer key. This exchange of information relies on the Internet, and there are plenty of examples that show that the computer network that is connected to the Internet is subject to attack by outside hackers and other criminals.

The seventh edition of this text sought to maintain the basic concepts of the first edition, covering the total picture and giving the reader a glimpse of diverse components that make up the security function. However, much of the security industry has undergone tremendous changes since the publication of the sixth edition in 1998. The World Trade Center has been bombed twice, and the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was victimized by American domestic terrorism. These attacks and President George W. Bush’s call for an international coalition to wage war against world terrorism put the world’s citizens on alert. The world of security changed on September 11, 2001. This eighth edition continues to utilize the same basic concepts that have made this text a basic primer in the security field. However, the success of the seventh edition and hopefully this eighth effort lies in the focus on current problems within the basic framework of security theory.

This new, thoroughly updated edition has three fewer chapters but not less material. Two chapters are still devoted entirely to the security issues created by the growing presence of world terrorism. In addition, new topics related to securing information, identity theft, transportation, contingency planning, and new forms of piracy are discussed.
PREFACE

Even as we put the final touches on this 2008 edition, the reality of the quickly changing times makes some of the materials outdated. However, we maintain the belief that the basic principles of loss prevention and security remain. The tools that allow us to apply the principles have become more sophisticated and are constantly changing. We still lock up our valuables. Some use traditional locks and keys, others have sophisticated electronic tools that operate electronic locks, while still other information is locked into databases using information technology security, including encryption and passwords.
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