

Cyber Crime Fighters

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The authors are experienced law enforcement officers with special experience in computer based (cyber) crime. Their description of actual crimes made the text interesting rather than a simple academic description of computer crimes. I found the reading somewhat difficult because the topics of child sexual assault were disturbing. It seemed that too many chapters discussed this difficult subject.

The list of topics include Cyber Stalking, Identify Theft, Sexual Deviance Online, Phishing and Pharming. The chapters include valuable recommendations on how to limit what information you provide to online dating and social networking sites. Included in the text are the URLs for many useful computer crime prevention sites. The book concludes with a computer online safety checkup and a discussion on why computer crimes are hard to prosecute.

As a result of reading this text I will be more wary online especially when providing personal information to web sites. I found some of the recommendations, such as turning off your computer and network access in conflict with my desire to be part of TUCS folding@home efforts.

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