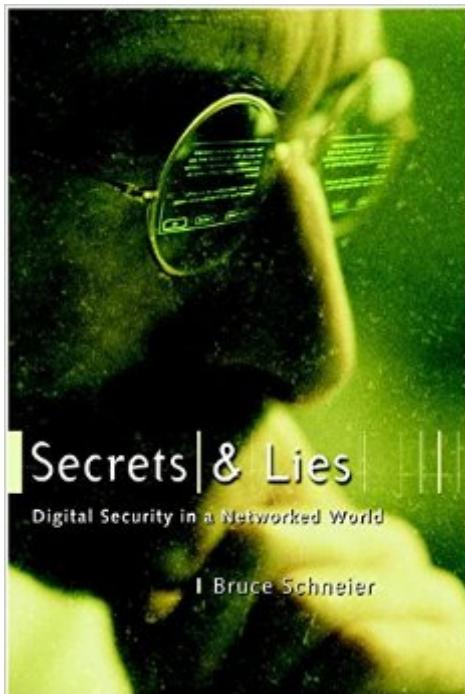


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# Secrets And Lies: Digital Security In A Networked World



## **Synopsis**

Bestselling author Bruce Schneier offers his expert guidance on achieving security on a network Internationally recognized computer security expert Bruce Schneier offers a practical, straightforward guide to achieving security throughout computer networks. Schneier uses his extensive field experience with his own clients to dispel the myths that often mislead IT managers as they try to build secure systems. This practical guide provides readers with a better understanding of why protecting information is harder in the digital world, what they need to know to protect digital information, how to assess business and corporate security needs, and much more. \* Walks the reader through the real choices they have now for digital security and how to pick and choose the right one to meet their business needs \* Explains what cryptography can and can't do in achieving digital security

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Written by one of my favorite industry commentators, this is an introductory text on information security that should be useful to just about everyone. I highly recommend this book for the following audiences: Â  Beginning security specialists Â  IS and other business managers who make decisions about systems deployment Â  Experienced security practitioners who want to improve their thinking and analysis skills Â  Those studying for security certification, such as the CISSP Â  Software and Internet product planning and marketing staff (and not just security software) Schneier, who is recognized for his contributions to cryptography, has recently found

religion. As recounted in a recent interview in "Information Security" magazine, he realized that humans were destroying the purity of his mathematical approach. Instead of retreating into academia, he tackled this issue head-on, some of the result of which is this landmark book. He recommends reading it cover to cover, and I agree with him-it takes all 400 pages to paint the complete story, and if you don't approach it linearly, you run the risk of missing the subtleties of the author's message. Skimming this book could easily trap a reader into equating vulnerability with risk. The world is full of risk, and while Schneier takes obvious delight in deconstructing the vulnerabilities of automated systems, it is important to understand that historical manual systems are quite vulnerable too, and humans deal with the risk quite nicely. Read the whole book. The chapters that I found most significant included: [A](#) [\(6 & 7\) Cryptography](#): It is no surprise that he was written a terrific introduction to the concepts and building blocks (primitives and protocols) of encryption.

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