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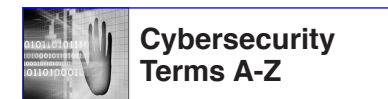
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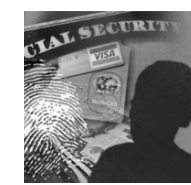
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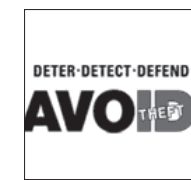


Preventing and Responding to Identity Theft

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Identity theft, or identity fraud, is a crime that can have substantial financial and emotional consequences. Take precautions with personal information; and if you become a victim, act immediately to minimize the damage.

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Fighting Back Against Identity Theft

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This website is a one-stop national resource to learn about the crime of identity theft. It provides detailed information to help you deter, detect, and defend against identity theft.

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Identity Theft and Identity Fraud

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The short answer is that identity theft is a crime. Identity theft and identity fraud are terms used to refer to all types of crime in which someone wrongfully obtains and uses another person's personal data in some way that involves fraud or deception, typically for economic gain.

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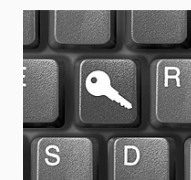


Understanding Identity Theft

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In many countries the world over, identity theft has become the most commonplace type of crime. In this regard, you may have an interest in understanding how an ID thief actually works. There is a great deal of truth to the idea that by understanding how an ID thief works you will be better able to protect yourself against identity theft.

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If you are like most people in many places around the world today you have a legitimate concern about the prospect of becoming the victim of identity theft. With that in mind, you may be wondering what steps you can take in order to protect yourself against becoming a victim of identity theft.

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If you have found yourself the victim of identity theft, you need to have a basic appreciation of the protections that actually are available to you today under the Consumer Protection Act in the United States. There are similar types of legislation on the books in other countries today as well.

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Access Control ensures that resources are only granted to those users who are entitled to them. [Find out more](#)

Access Control List (ACL)

A mechanism that implements access control for a system resource by listing the identities of the system entities that are permitted to access the resource. [Find out more](#)

Access Control Service

A security service that provides protection of system resources against unauthorized access. The two basic mechanisms for implementing this service are ACLs and tickets. [Find out more](#)

Access Management Access

Management is the maintenance of access information which consists of four tasks: account administration, maintenance, monitoring, and revocation. [Find out more](#)

Access Matrix

An Access Matrix uses rows to represent subjects and columns to represent objects with privileges listed in each cell. [Find out more](#)

Account Harvesting

Account Harvesting is the process of collecting all the legitimate account names on a system. [Find out more](#)

ACK Piggybacking

ACK piggybacking is the practice of sending an ACK inside another packet going to the same destination. [Find out more](#)

Active Content

Program code embedded in the contents of a web page. When the page is accessed by a web browser, the embedded code is automatically downloaded and executed on the user's workstation. Ex. Java, ActiveX (MS)

Activity Monitors

Activity monitors aim to prevent virus infection by monitoring for malicious activity on a system, and blocking that activity when possible. [Find out more](#)

These are draft wireframes. They do not represent the finished website.

Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)

Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) is a protocol for mapping an Internet Protocol address to a physical machine address that is recognized in the local network. A table, usually called the ARP cache, is used to maintain a correlation between each MAC address and its corresponding IP address. ARP provides the protocol rules for making this correlation and providing address conversion in both directions.

Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)

An encryption standard being developed by NIST. Intended to specify an unclassified, publicly-disclosed, symmetric encryption algorithm. [Find out more](#)

Algorithm

A finite set of step-by-step instructions for a problem-solving or computation procedure, especially one that can be implemented by a computer. [Find out more](#)

Applet

Java programs; an application program that uses the client's web browser to provide a user interface. [Find out more](#)

ARPANET

Advanced Research Projects Agency Network, a pioneer packet-switched network that was built in the early 1970s under contract to the US Government, led to the development of today's Internet, and was decommissioned in June 1990. [Find out more](#)

Asymmetric Cryptography

Public-key cryptography; A modern branch of cryptography in which the algorithms employ a pair of keys (a public key and a private key) and use a different component of the pair for different steps of the algorithm. [Find out more](#)

Asymmetric Warfare

Asymmetric warfare is the fact that a small investment, properly leveraged, can yield incredible results. [Find out more](#)

Auditing

Auditing is the information gathering and analysis of assets to ensure such things as policy compliance and security from vulnerabilities. [Find out more](#)

Authentication

Authentication is the process of confirming the correctness of the claimed identity. [Find out more](#)

Authenticity

Authenticity is the validity and conformance of the original information. [Find out more](#)

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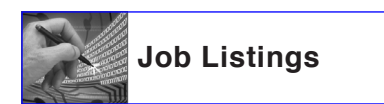
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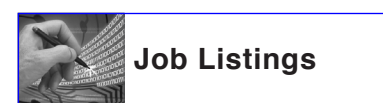
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To become a national resource for cybersecurity awareness, education, career and training resources.

Goals

- » **Awareness**
Build a national resource to elevate cybersecurity awareness and promote change in the American public to adopt a culture of cyberspace security.
- » **Education**
Promote cybersecurity education from kindergarten through the post-graduate level to nurture the future cybersecurity workforce.
- » **Training**
Guide the development of cybersecurity standards, training and professional development to empower and advance cybersecurity personnel.

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Why was NICS formed?

As a nation, we are increasingly dependent on technology to conduct our everyday lives. To protect and maintain that technology, we need an experienced and qualified cyber workforce. Currently, there is a shortage of cybersecurity experts within the federal government and private sector. An adequately established federal cybersecurity career field does not exist. As technology and competition from nation states continues to increase, so too will the demand for cybersecurity professionals.

While there is a shortage of American cybersecurity experts, there is no shortage of cybersecurity information available on the Internet. Unfortunately, the information is spread over many different academic, governmental, commercial and organizational websites, making it difficult to locate and use. As a result, our nation needs a centralized location to find the latest in cybersecurity awareness, training, education and career opportunities.

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