Asset Protection through Security Awareness

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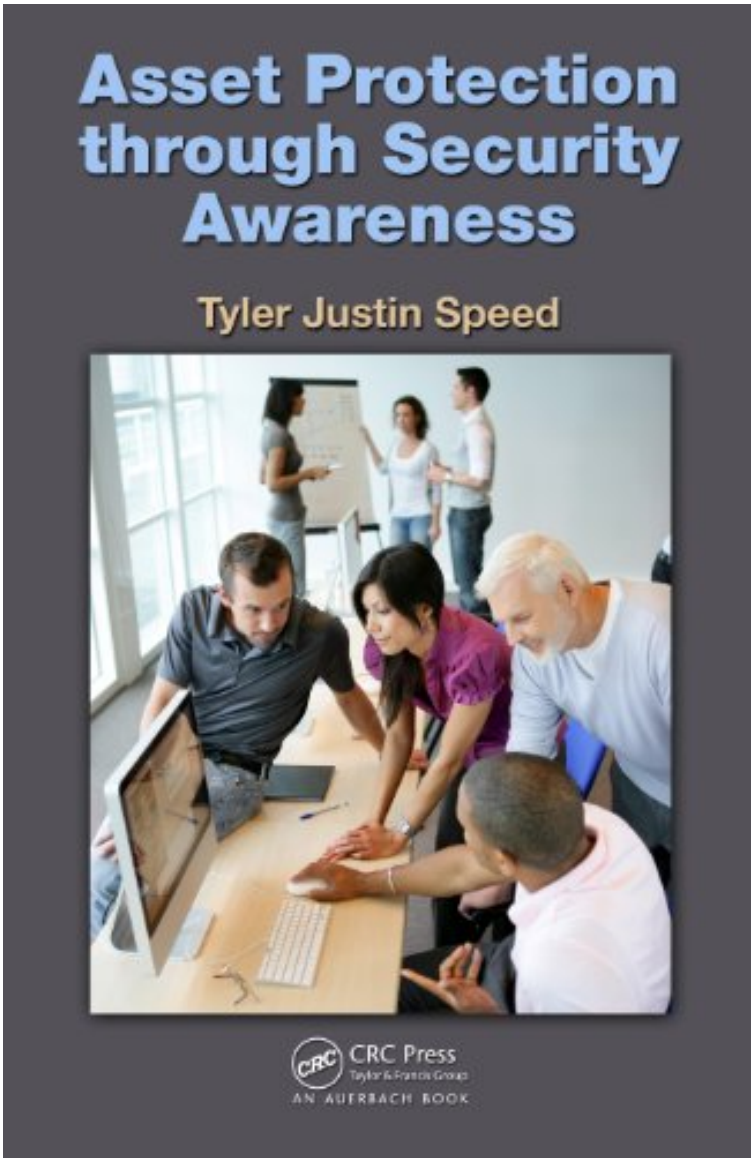

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Tyler Justin Speed : Asset Protection through Security Awareness before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Asset Protection through Security Awareness:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Easy read but limited coverage and variable depthBy Dr. G. HinsonProvided you are not expecting detailed guidance on how to raise security awareness, this book gives reasonable introductory-level coverage of network/ICT security including a few aspects that are barely mentioned in some similar texts.While the cover blurb refers to providing "a high-level overview of how to protect your company's physical and intangible assets ... [that] explains the best ways to enlist the assistance of your employees as the first line

of defense in safeguarding company assets and mitigating security risks", the book is primarily concerned with network/ICT security: human factors and security awareness are covered but not in much depth.The level of detail varies between and within chapters. "Diplomacy", "Interdepartmental security", "Physical security" and "Computer and network forensics" are not universally covered by network/ICT security books, making these chapters welcome additions. Emphasizing the human aspects of information security balances out the more IT/technical security content, although arguably leaving the technical side a bit light in places (e.g. there is not much about firewalls, and almost nothing about application security). This is not a detailed, highly technical book. The information security guidance is a little naive at times, and occasionally off-base. The style is not unlike a summary-level revision manual for CISSP or a similar information security qualification, laying out what ought to happen without much regard to the practicalities.As an introductory or intermediate level text, the book is readable and a worthwhile introduction to the topic, if a bit patchy in its coverage and variable in depth. I would definitely recommend additional reading for information security professionals. For advice on doing security awareness, I unreservedly recommend Rebecca Herold's Managing an Information Security and Privacy Awareness and Training Program, Second Edition. David Lacey's Managing the Human Factor in Information Security: How to win over staff and influence business managers is strong on the human and cultural aspects of security, while for network/ICT/technical security I would suggest Ross Anderson's Security Engineering: A Guide to Building Dependable Distributed Systems and books by CISCO and Microsoft authors. CISSP/CISM study guides such as Harold Tipton's Official (ISC)2 Guide to the CISSP CBK, Second Edition ((ISC)2 Press) and ISACA's CISM Review Manual 2012 are good all-rounders for students.

Supplying a high-level overview of how to protect your companyrsquo;s physical and intangible assets, Asset Protection through Security Awareness explains the best ways to enlist the assistance of your employees as the first line of defense in safeguarding company assets and mitigating security risks. The author reviews key topics surrounding computer securitymdash;including privacy, access controls, and risk managementmdash;to help fill the gaps that might exist between management and the technicians securing your network systems. In an accessible style that requires no previous networking or programming experience, the book delivers a practical approach to asset protection. It specifies the roles of managers and employees in creating a company-wide culture of security awareness and provides step-by-step instruction on how to build an effective security awareness team. Each chapter examines a separate security issue and provides a brief overview of how to address that issue. It includes tools and checklists to help you address:Visual, digital, and auditory data security Credit card compliance (PCI), password management, and social engineering User authentication methodsComputer and network forensicsPhysical security and continuity planning Privacy concerns and privacy-related regulationThis concise security management primer facilitates the up-to-date understanding required to protect your digital and physical assets, including customer data, networking equipment, and employee information. Providing you with powerful tools of diplomacy, this text will help you win the support of your employees and empower them to be effective gatekeepers of your companyrsquo;s most valued assets and trade secrets.