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Some of the examples and walkthroughs in this book come from the authors' work in the field, perfecting hundreds of such procedures over the years. Some of the examples, though, are new, written just for this book, based on their feedback from the community.

By default the Mac is a pretty darn secure computer. But many of the things that you do to the computer after you turn it on for the first time can increase or decrease how secure it is. This book is about security from the perspective of a systems administrator, or a Mac User, once you turn on that computer.

For some, this means securing your personal machine, your home, or your small-business network from attacks. For others it means securing your enterprise from corporate miscreants. Whatever environment you are protecting, the principals are the same: provide the least amount of access that is required while maintaining a satisfactory measure of usability.

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