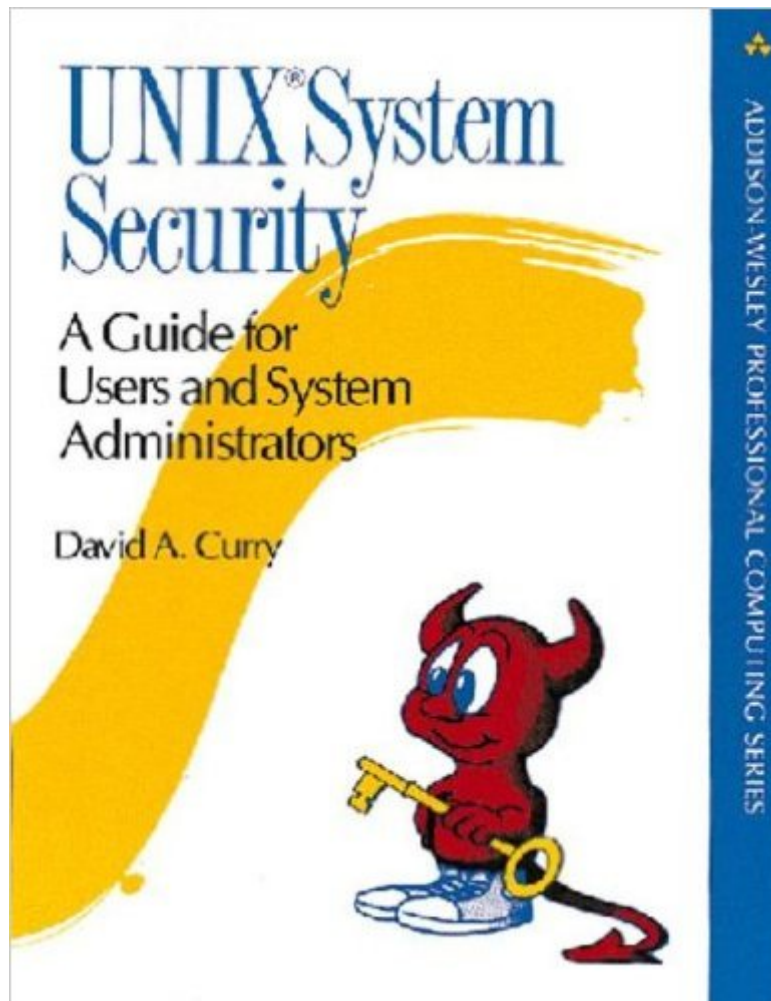


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# UNIX(R) System Security: A Guide For Users And System Administrators



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