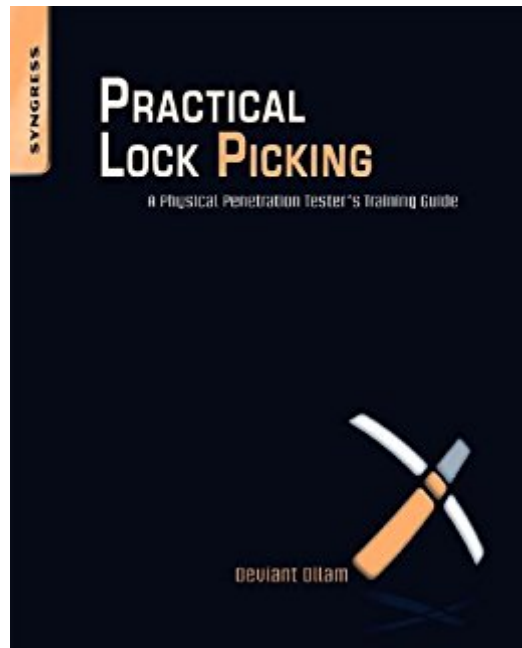


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Practical Lock Picking: A Physical Penetration Tester's Training Guide



Synopsis

Practical Lock Picking: A Physical Penetration Tester's Training Guide introduces the reader to the basic principles of lock picking. The book combines both easy-to-follow, step-by-step lessons, and tutorials that will help security-conscious people learn how to open most of the locks they may encounter during auditing or assessment work. It covers the fundamentals of pin tumbler and wafer locks; the basics of picking; beginner and advanced training; and quick entry techniques. Whether the student will be hired at some point to penetrate security or simply trying to harden his or her own defenses, this book is essential. This instructional manual focuses on pin tumbler locks, the construction and function of which are illustrated with the aid of several diagrams. Everything from straightforward lock picking to quick-entry techniques like shimmying, bumping, and bypassing are explained and shown. Guides and exercises demonstrate the use of basic lock-picking tools in order to manipulate and open these locks. The text also describes the most common "alternative" designs of pin tumbler locks and summarizes the tools and techniques that can be effective against them. It comes with a DVD filled with indispensable lock picking videos and color photos. This book is an ideal reference for penetration testers, security consultants, and IT security professionals as well as hackers. Detailed photos make learning as easy as picking a lock. DVD is filled with indispensable lock picking videos and color photos. Extensive appendix details tools and toolkits currently available for all your lock picking needs.

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Customer Reviews

I have seen lock picking in movies my whole life and always believed it was one of those movie magic gimmicks but this book clearly shows you how easy it really is to pick most American style locks. The diagrams and explanations could be followed by a child. After reading this book I immediately started investigating replacing all the locks in my life with high end Abloy locks. Too bad those locks are so expensive (but almost impossible for most people to crack). As it is now, I feel like my house is totally insecure with the regular locks on my house like everyone else house.

This review is for the Kindle version of this book. I haven't seen the print version. I need to split this into two sections; one for the overall content and one for the design and layout. As far as knowledge content goes this book is a great primer on locks, how they function and the mechanisms and tools employed for bypassing them. Deviant has a wonderful talent for taking technical knowledge and delivering it in a conversational tone that makes it easy to understand and retain. I've seen others try and share the same information and it just falls flat. On that level alone, this book gets five stars. Where layout and formatting is concerned, the book needs some serious help. It looks as though the rough draft was approved for publication. The irregular fashion in which images and notations are inserted into the flow of text and the seemingly random sized boxes used to separate them looks jarring and amateurish. I don't understand why he chose to use greyscale versions of his lock diagrams. I've seen the slide presentations where they were originally used and in full color, they very clearly differentiate the components of the lock and allow for highlighting and directing the reader's focus to the pertinent portion of the image. In greyscale, they lose virtually all of their impact. The inclusion of a single color image (Figure 3.7) is a horrible tease and I wonder why it was included. As for the photography, many of the photos used have blown out contrast to the point of rendering the image barely usable. It's likely because they were converted from color to greyscale as well, but that's just a guess. Overall, this book is an amazing resource. I've seen most of the information in various sources before but Deviant has pulled together all of the basics (and then some) into a single location and presents it all in a very user friendly fashion. I just wish some more thought/time/effort was devoted to the design and layout of the book. In it's current form, it's a lead-off stand-up double. Clean it up and fix the design issues and it's a walk-off home run.

Practical Lock PickingThe author does a fantastic job at covering the fundamentals of lock picking. He breaks it down into simple components and concepts, and then steps it up to cover advanced techniques and various anti-tampering lock designs. The one complaint I have is that while there are numerous diagrams to help you visualize the lock designs, pins, etc... you have to physically practice to get a better understanding. Some of the diagrams didn't make sense to a beginner, but after reading the book, the basics are all in there and it is a matter of developing practical experience and knowledge. What I got out of this book was that for every wild and crazy lock design intended to prevent tampering, there is a key or a way to get past it.Overall: 4/5 stars

This book is for everyone interested in lock picking!!! From the absolute beginner knowing nothing about locks, keys, or how they work to the Experts. From hobbyists to professionals. Even having a solid foundation of lock picking knowledge this book still presents information in a way that will keep you interested and reading along. A masterful work!

The book is well written, very informative, very easy to understand, and a fun read to boot. Since I picked up this book I've been getting better and better at lock picking. Great introduction to the skill. Would recommend for anyone interested in lock picking.

Definitely worth the read and money. The fact that the author has had experience at Defcon conferences speaks volumes too.

For those in the field of fixing,repairing or getting into locks without keys. THIS is a extremely value tool. Explanations on how to over come some difficult issues are explained and described in great detail.

I own the Kindle version of this book. It really is wonderfully written, very clear and concise. This book helped me understand not only the basics of how locks work, but how and why they can be defeated through basic lockpicking. It is definitely a go-to book for someone new to picking locks, and is a good reference for those who have been doing it for a while. I recommend it to all, and look forward to the 2nd edition.

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