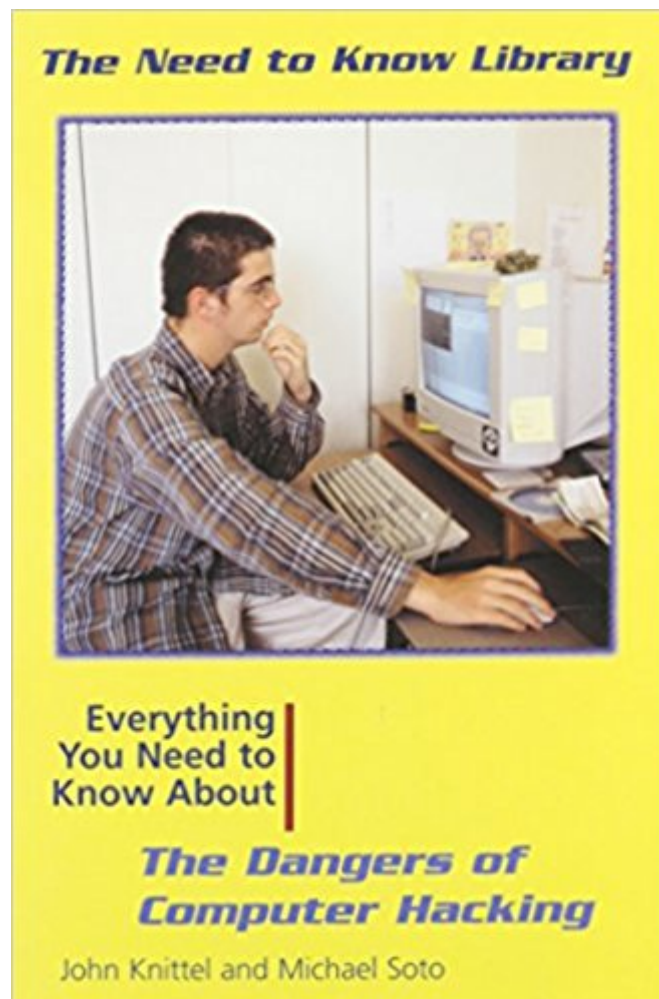




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The authors make the fundamental distinction between a hacker, a "person who uses his or her skills to find new and innovative solutions to computer problems," and a cracker, a "person who illegally breaks into people's computers." The book discusses both beneficial and malicious computer actions and encourages readers interested in computers to study computer programming and security through recommended books and Web sites. Discussions include the history of computer hacking, psychological profiles of crackers, legal issues, cases of people convicted of computer crimes, and ways to practice "safe hacking." Though the text makes interesting reading, the book has a lackluster format, with black-and-white and color photos of indifferent quality. This competently written volume from the Everything You Need to Know About series may fill a gap in library collections. Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

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