

Portfolio Project Analysis: White Paper Edit

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Project

“Security Problems Caused by Aggregate Data of Client/Server Connections on the Internet” by Peter V. Radatti

Project Needs

Level 3 Edit (Developmental)

- The project needed an introduction to connect the topics of web server logs and Internet cookies as examples of situations where data is collected about Internet users.
- The project needed new headings and organization to make the relationships between the topics more clear and help the reader find information:
 - Web server logs and honey pot servers were combined into one category.
 - Internet cookies and Trojan horses were combined into another category.
 - Both categories were further broken down to make the information more accessible (ex: what kinds of data are collected; why it's a problem; what the solutions are).
- The author tends to alternate between a highly technical voice and a very casual one. The technical information is very important in this paper, but it is not always presented in a way that is accessible to the types of readers who would need this information. The decision was made to add clarification of terms and conclusions when possible, but to otherwise leave the author's voice as-is. To do otherwise would have required a major rewrite.

Level 2 Edit (Substantive)

- The examples included in the paper were confusing for readers. The annotated web server log examples were reformatted to make them easier to understand. The aliases configuration file examples were deleted because they did not clarify the text.
- The section on honey pot web servers used the second person and made it seem like the author had switched from teaching the readers to protect themselves to teaching the readers how to abuse the system. The language was changed to third person to fix the problem.
- Transitional sentences were needed to make conclusions and subject changes more clear.

Level 1 Edit (Copyediting)

- The paper had some problems with punctuation, homonyms, and subject-verb agreement.