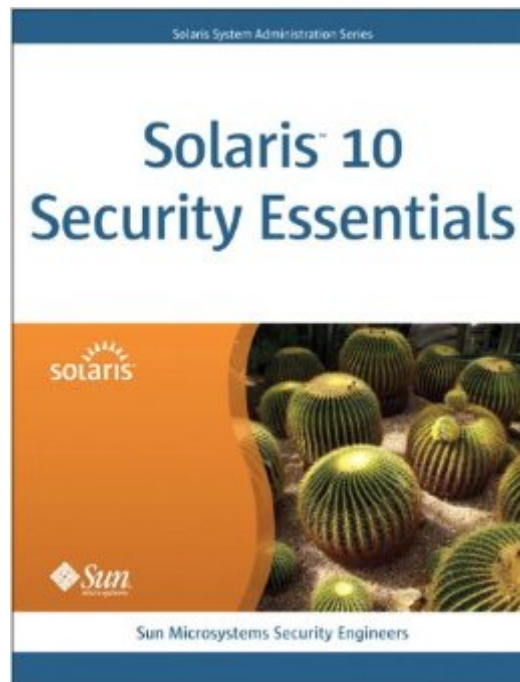


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# Solaris 10 Security Essentials (Oracle Solaris System Administration Series)



## Synopsis

Solaris<sup>®</sup> 10 Security Essentials describes the various security technologies contained in the Solaris operating system. The book describes how to make installations secure and how to configure the OS to the particular needs of your environment, whether your systems are on the edge of the Internet or running a data center. The authors present the material in a straightforward way that makes a seemingly arcane subject accessible to system administrators at all levels. The strengths of the Solaris operating system's security model are its scalability and its adaptability. It can protect a single user with login authentication or multiple users with Internet and intranet configurations requiring user-rights management, authentication, encryption, IP security, key management, and more. This book is written for users who need to secure their laptops, network administrators who must secure an entire company, and everyone in between. The book's topics include Zones virtualization security System hardening Trusted Extensions (Multi-layered Security) Privileges and role-based access control (RBAC) Cryptographic services and key management Auditing Network security Pluggable Authentication Modules (PAM) Solaris<sup>®</sup> 10 Security Essentials is the first in a new series on Solaris system administration. It is a superb guide to deploying and managing secure computer environments.

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As I mentioned in my review of Solaris 10 System Administration Essentials, I bought the two books together. I read the other book first and was disappointed by the hand-waving treatment of important topics and sometimes outdated concepts. I also felt misled by the author attribution. While it was my mistake to infer Sun engineers had written the book, "Solaris System Engineers" still misrepresents many of that book's contributors. If I had written that content and dared call myself a system engineer, I'd imagine my employer would want to know what I mean by that phrase, followed by a quiet resignation. Thankfully, this book is quite different. It is, for starters, attributed to "Sun Microsystems Security Engineers" and there's no mistaking that by the quality of the content. The first two chapters present exactly what I think such a volume should include, namely, a motivation for the subject and an example-driven overview of all the aspects of security that enter into administering this operating system. These chapters are simple, clear, and set a solid foundation that makes the sometimes-dry content to follow easier to digest. The chapters that follow could be longer, but I think the content mostly delivers on the "essentials" idea. The treatments aren't comprehensive, but they're enough to get started in several areas and explore what the Solaris tools make possible. Chapter 3, "System Protection with SMF," highlights a few aspects of Solaris' Service Management Facility that are often overlooked, and provides useful examples the reader can work through.

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