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To my wife, Sylvia, daughter, Maxine
and
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Preface

This book is a critical investigation and empirical analysis of studies conducted amongst companies that support electronic commerce transactions based in both advanced and developing economies. It presents insights into the validity and credibility of current risk assessment methods that support electronic transactions in the global economy. The book focuses on a number of case studies of IT companies in selected countries in West Africa, Europe, Asia and United States of America. The foundations of this work have been based on previous studies by Williams G., Avudzivi P.V (Hawaii 2002) on the retrospective view on information security management and the impact of Tele-banking on the End-user. Most leading IT companies in developing economies, purchase expensive equipment to ensure that services provided to organisations that exchange funds through electronic means become fully secured during transactions. The rational behind this hypothesis is based on the strong competition that exists among these leading IT companies. Contrary to companies in developing economies there has been a certain level of complacency amongst advanced economies, although some academics and practitioners might disagree with this view. The irony of this analysis is that, while investments in security amongst IT companies in advanced economies are not that high in budget, the methods employed for assessing possible risks in the application of technologies are normally high in cost. These investigations depict that elements and factors for risk assessment in developing and advanced economies are not usually met with appropriate counter measures or methods. I strongly believe that readers of this book will gain a detailed insight into the issues involved. A proposed guideline for ensuring the synchronisation of electronic security is also outlined. The audience of this book is postgraduate students undertaking research in internet security policies, algorithm design, risk assessment methods and strategic information systems planning. Final year courses in issues in distributed systems and internet engineering. Issues in information systems development and practice could be enhanced by some of the issues addressed in this book. It will also be an appropriate source of reference for MBA students reading information management, systems management and E-commerce as well as practitioners.

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