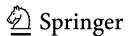
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Preface

As the Internet continues to grow in size and complexity, the challenge of effectively provisioning, managing, and securing it has become inextricably linked to a deep understanding of network behaviors of networked systems and Internet applications. While there exists an extensive body of research publications on traffic classifications, Internet measurement, network security, and digital forensics, there are few books dedicated to network behavior analysis. This book provides a comprehensive overview of network behavior analysis that focuses on the study of network traffic data to provide critical insights into the behavioral patterns of networked systems such as servers, desktops, smartphones, and the Internet of Thing (IoT) devices and Internet applications such as web browsing, electronic mails, file transfers, online gaming, video streaming, and social networking. The objective of this book is to fill the book publication gap in network behavior analysis which has recently become an increasingly important component of comprehensive network monitoring and security solutions for backbone networks, enterprise networks, data center networks, home networks, and emerging networks such as 5G networks, vehicle networks, and IoT networks.

Network behavior analysis is an end-to-end process of collecting, extracting, analyzing, modeling, and interpreting network behavior of end systems and network application from Internet traffic data such as TCP/IP data packets and network flows. This book presents the fundamental principles and best practices for network behavior analysis. Relying on data mining, machine learning, information theory, probabilistic graphical and structural modeling, this book explains what, who, where, when, and why of communication patterns and network behavior of networked systems and Internet applications. The book also discusses the benefits of network behavior analysis for the applications of cybersecurity monitoring, Internet traffic profiling, anomaly traffic detection, and emerging application detection.

This book is of particular interest to researchers and practitioners in the fields of Internet measurement, traffic analysis, cybersecurity since this book brings a spectrum of innovative techniques to develop behavior models, structural models, graphic models of Internet traffic and presents how to leverage these results from

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these models for a broad range of real-world applications in network management, security operations, and cyber intelligent analysis.

The major benefits of reading this book include (1) learning the principles and practices of measuring, modeling, and analyzing network behavior from massive Internet traffic data; (2) making sense of network behavior for a spectrum of applications ranging from cybersecurity, network monitoring and emerging application detection; and (3) understanding how to explore network behavior analysis to complement traditional perimeter-based firewall and intrusion detection systems to detect unusual traffic patterns or zero-day security threats via data mining and machine learning techniques. The prerequisite for reading this book is a basic understanding on TCP/IP protocols, data packets, network flows, and Internet applications.

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