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As readers know from the introduction to this column, I published two articles a week for 11½ years as the *Network World Security Strategies* (NWSS) newsletter. As I have written elsewhere, the column was never intended to be a source of news; I'm an educator, not a journalist. Some of the articles are dated: they no longer refer to current issues or they have broken links and outdated references. However, many (I hope) are still useful in explaining principles of information assurance, offering guidance in practical matters of security and security management, or to help present security issues more amusingly than usual.

I'm pleased to report that I have finished putting every one of my NWSS articles online as a PDF devoid of advertising and generated index files to allow users to search quickly through the collection.

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I hope you will be able to use these materials in your work or just find those that entertain you.

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