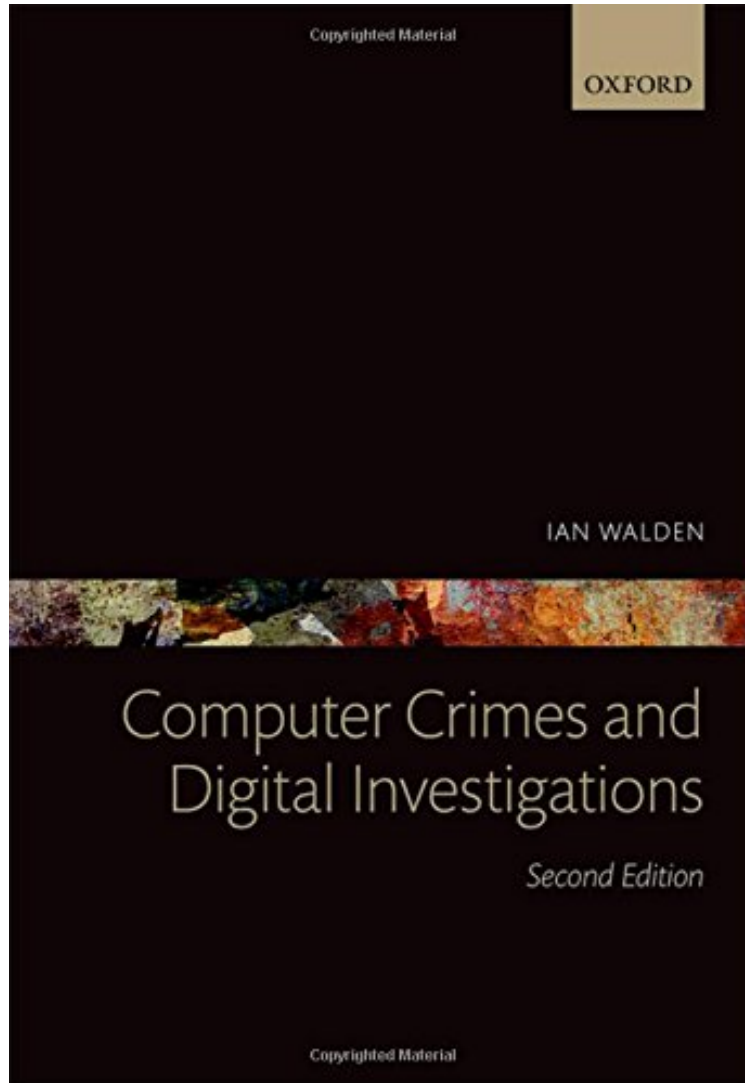


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Investigations will nonetheless be of interest to all lawyers who inevitably will have to deal with high tech crime issues. In providing an overview of this indubitably vexed subject, this book, now in a new second edition, makes an important contribution to the still relatively scarce body of literature concerning this specialised area of law. The first edition was published would you believe nine years ago. And in case there are still a number of practitioners and judges out there who need reminding, the Internet was long past its infancy even then, having been in widespread use at the time for at least ten years. Recently published by the Oxford University Press, the book provides an important update which will certainly be welcomed by criminal practitioners. As the title indicates, the focus is on computer crime, more commonly referred to as cyber-crime a phenomenon facilitated by the ever-developing technologies of computer connectivity i.e. the Internet. Now ubiquitous and almost instantly available, the Internet in the authors words, has become a key resource of the global economy. Largely unregulated (except in totalitarian states) the Internet has also become a key resource for assorted criminals and terrorists. Author Ian Walden, who hails from Baker McKenzie and teaches an LLM course entitled International Cybercrimes and Investigations, mentions that the clients with whom he has had dealings, have exposed him to issues and insights that are not normally available to academics. He has also been a board member of a number of institutions concerned with Internet scrutiny, particularly on Internet safety. The book, he says, may be viewed simply as a criminal law text operating as a filter through which we can examine the whys and wherefores of criminal law and policy. It can be regarded as a computer crime book, or a book on crime with a cyberspace filter -- in short, a book which focuses specifically on crime, as opposed to other aspects of internet usage such as contracts, trademarks, domain names and the like, not to mention ordinary communications. As the author also remarks, it is obvious that computers may play a part in the commission of nearly every form of criminal activity, from fraud to murder. The subject area is so wide that large chunks of it go beyond the scope of this book. The author therefore turns our attention to problems where computers and networks are involved, either, he says, because the legislation was drafted in an era before such technology was envisaged, or because statutory drafting has failed to be robust enough to appropriately address the use of information computer technologies (ICT). And there, fellow lawyers, lies the crux of the problem. This is indeed a massive subject and those who crave further information on it will find research references aplenty in this book, including tables of cases, legislation and international treaties and conventions. Also note the four appendices, extensive footnoting and the ten-page bibliography. Based on recent developments in digital and the current pace of change, it is anticipated that further editions of this distinguished and accessible work of reference will appear in the future, ideally at more frequent intervals. The publication date is cited as at 2016.

Cybercrime and cybersecurity are of increasingly high profile not only within law enforcement but among policy makers, legal professionals and the general public. The establishment of the European Cybercrime Centre at Europol and the recent publication of guidelines on the prosecution of social media cases by the Director of Public Prosecutions serve as illustrations of the reach and impact of cybercrime related issues. As more of our day to day lives are conducted via digital mediums, cybercrime has ceased to be a purely specialist area and as technologies rapidly evolve and advance so do the challenges and threats raised, making it more important than ever for practitioners working in this area to stay up to date. Building on the detailed legal analysis in the first edition, this updated text remains the only comprehensive work to cover the complete lifecycle of cybercrimes, from their commission to their investigation and prosecution. With its clear and accessible structure, Computer Crimes and Digital Investigations provides essential guidance on the substantive and procedural aspects of cybercrimes for both experienced practitioners and for those new to the field. Substantial developments have occurred since the publication of the first edition of this work, in terms of the threats faced, the legislation and case law, and the response of law enforcement. The second edition will include new material on topics such as cyberwarfare; orders made against convicted criminals; and issues of surveillance and interception as well as expanded discussions of cyber security policy and laws, intermediary liability, developments in policing activities and prosecution policies, and developments in cross-border search and seizure and mutual legal assistance and extradition. An expanded comparative discussion of law and policy within the EU and under the Budapest Convention, as well as other international organizations such as the United Nations, places cybercrime in its international context.

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