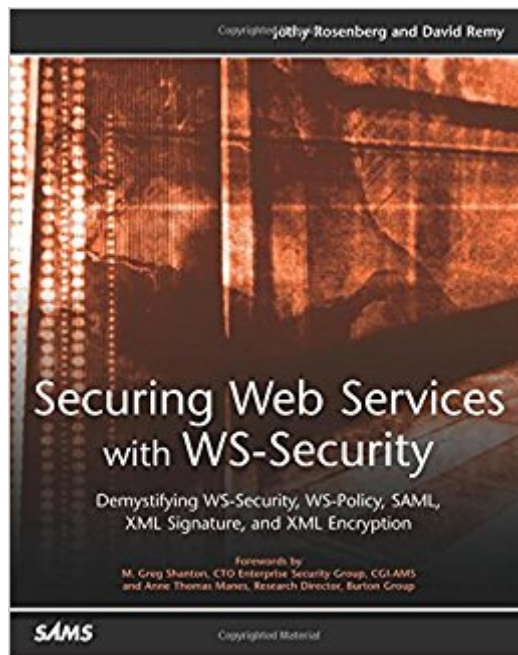# Securing Web Services With WS-Security: Demystifying WS-Security, WS-Policy, SAML, XML Signature, And XML Encryption

Synopsis

Comprehensive coverage is given in this up-to-date and practical guide to Web services security--the first to cover the final release of new standards SAML 1.1 and WS-Security. Rosenberg and Remy are security experts who co-founded GeoTrust, the #2 Web site certificate authority.

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Customer Reviews

Agree completely with all of the other reviewers in respect to practical working examples and detailed information. This is nothing more than a high-level overview of documentation and specifications you can easily find yourself on the internet. Look elsewhere (and yeah, I'm still looking myself) for solid information about how to design and deploy WS-* applications.

This book would help you if you need an introduction to Web services security standards. If you need to know the strategies for how to implement then this book may not help much. Some of the specifications discussed in the book is not complete and there is lot of confusion in the standards committee moving forward. I bought this book before I bought the Core Security Patterns which details both the standards and patterns-based implementation strategies for Web services security. This book also needs a revision in terms of updating to SAML 2.0, WS-Security 1.1, WS-I Basic Security profile.

I teach a course on Web Services Security, and was in search of a good book that I could recommend to my class. This book was certainly a good find. It goes beyond the hype and chatter associated with Web Services. This book puts a very objective perspective.What I specifically like about the book, is how it ties past lessons learnt with the current technologies and thus, helps us not repeat the mistakes. Also, throughout the book, the authors explain complex security concepts in a lucid manner and simplify (as much as possible) the intricacies of implementing secure web services. There are numerous practical insights and illustrations through out.I would strongly recommend this book for anyone trying to implement WS-* specification based solution.The only thing I would have liked to see in the book is an example with .NET as well. Nevertheless, the book is fairly platform independent (except for chapter 10) and both Java and .NET developers would benefit equally.This is my personal favorite as of now. I also like Web Services Security by Mark O'Neil - but that book is slightly dated now.

This book delivers good introduction to WS-* specs beyond that I don't find much help. From a developer perspective, the book does'nt help with good examples, it is missing with coding guidance and also lacks detail about the PKI in Web services. Possibly this book is too early to market before the specs are endorsed by OASIS. It's time for a revision..otherwise I could've added two more stars.

Having been a software architect with special focus on security and also being involved in developement of various XML related security standards, I believe, this book gives a good insight into many of the fundamental concepts related to Secure Web Services.It is a very easy read with lots of history behind some of the standards and specifications created. I would have liked a few more references - a section by itself would have been useful in addition to the inlining of references which are very useful too.I don't think I saw a clear distinction of standards and specifications. To understand this, you may want to read this white paper - [...]This is also a good book for developers who would want to understand and get started Secure Web Services. I would certainly put this book first before getting your hands into coding.

i am an architect working on large-scale web services on j2ee and .net ddevlopment and deplyment. I bought this book for getting myself introduced to ws-security and saml. if you would like to know the security specifications for web services at a high-level you may find this book useful. If you are looking at the practical aspects of how to implement them in a j2ee or .net web services you wil find

limited help. The coverage on ws-* specs are little bit old as new revisions are already out.

This book introduces everything about security in a simple but comprehensive manner. In addition to diving into web services security, it also provides good insight into structure of web services and its design fundamentals. The writing is easy to understand and overs all salient areas. It has been a handy guide for many years to me.

Page 19, "Non-repudiation" - I don't know where this explanation came from, but it is misleading and complete trash.Page 187, Listing 6.4 - Plagiarism?:

http://www.javaworld.com/article/2073287/soa/secure-web-services.html?page=2I used this book in order to understand WS-Security, but it didn't help me much. I really had to do it on my own (that is how I found the example for plagiarism).Therefore, reviewer Jerry Hewett said it most accurate in my opinion - this is a collection of things you can find on the Internet (not only good examples but bad examples as well).

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