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Although one finds much discussion and research on the features and functionality of Rich Internet Applications (RIAs), the 3D Web, Immersive Environments (e.g. MMORPGs) and Virtual Worlds in both scholarly and popular publications, very little is written about the issues and techniques one must consider when creating, deploying, interacting within, and managing them securely.

Security in Virtual Worlds, 3D Webs, and Immersive Environments: Models for Development, Interaction, and Management brings together the issues that managers, practitioners, and researchers must consider when planning, implementing, working within, and managing these promising virtual technologies for secure processes and initiatives. This publication discusses the uses and potential of these virtual technologies and examines secure policy formation and practices that can be applied specifically to each.

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- 3D3C identity
- Aspect-oriented programming
- ISO standards for virtual worlds
- Modeling secure 3D Web applications
- Privacy and security in virtual worlds
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- Social governance in virtual worlds
- Social order in 3D virtual worlds
- Society in virtual worlds

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