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Go to: **RCPL** (<http://www.myrcl.com>)

Click: ***Research and Learning***

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Scroll to: ***Safari Tech Books Online***

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★ To begin a new search, click *Home*. All searches are Basic Searches unless otherwise noted.

Computer commands, field names and mouse actions are in *Italics*.
Text that you must type is within single quote marks (' ').

1. I need in-depth information on computer security.

- ☐ At the *Safari Tech* homepage, type 'computer security' at *Start a New Search* (to the left of the *Search* button) and click *Search*.
- ☐ The *Search Results* page will return a list of results for both books and articles. These are accessed by clicking either the *Books* or *Articles* tab near the top.
- ☐ Illustrations of book covers with hyperlinks for *Author*, *Title* and *Table of Contents* are in the left column. Relevant, hyperlinked chapter or section titles from those books are found to the right of the book cover reproductions and can be clicked to open the full-text document.
- ☐ To select a specific title to read in entirety, click either the icon representing the book cover or the *Table of Contents* link.
- ☐ There are *Previous* and *Next* arrows at top and bottom for advancing or retracing the pages.

2. I would like to see a complete list of the books covered by *Safari Tech*.

- ☐ At the home page, click the yellow *View All Titles* button. A list of all books covered will be displayed along with the publisher, table of contents, publication date, and the date it was added to *Safari Tech* (*Insert Date*).
- ☐ The list can be reordered by either *Publication Date* or *Insert Date* (ascending or descending).

3. How do I browse by category as well as keyword?

- ☐ At the left of the screen is a box for *Browse Categories* that lists general subject categories. Each may be clicked for further categorical refinement and for their bibliographies.

4. I need in-depth information concerning the interaction of firewalls and virus protection.

- ☐ At the top of the screen, click *Advanced Search*.
- ☐ When the *Advanced Search* dialog box appears, leave the first box at *Any Content* and the second at *Contains All These Words*. Type 'virus firewalls' in the third box.
- ☐ Click the *Search* button. Books with relevant sections will be displayed.

5. Which books in the *Safari Tech* library are published by Prentice Hall?

- ☐ At the home page, click *Browse Publishers* near the bottom left.
- ☐ From the retrieved list, find *Prentice Hall* and click.
- ☐ A list of relevant books will be displayed.

6. Does Safari Tech books have anything on 'cheat codes' used by video gamers?

- ☐ At the home page, type 'cheat codes, in the *Start a New Search* box and leave the second box set at *Entire Site*.
- ☐ Click *Search*. The *Search Results* page will return numerous matches for this topic, including entire sections with these terms.

7. I want to search for the code fragment 'TR align ="left" valign ="middle".

- ☐ At the home page, type 'TR align ="left" valign ="middle" ' in the *Start a New Search* box.
- ☐ Click *Search*. Pertinent sections of specific books will be returned and listed.