# Cybersecurity (Definitions)

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#### A note on security terminology

- No single and consistent terminology in the literature!
- Be careful not to confuse while reading papers and books

#### Terminology

- Computer Security
  - automated tools and mechanisms to protect data in a computer, even if the computers are connected to a network
    - against hackers (intrusion)
    - against viruses
    - against Denial of Service attacks
- (Inter)Network Security
  - measures to prevent, detect, and correct security violations that involve the transmission of information in a network or interconnected network

#### 1. Definitions

(Cybersecurity definition)

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# Everything will be in cyberspace covered by a hierarchy of computers!



Fractal Cyberspace: a network of ... networks of ... platforms

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information systems and networks

It's not really the security of the information systems and networks that we care about, it's that we care about the operations and assets that depend on these information systems.

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People often think of security as being security against attackers, but as we showed earlier you also need to protect against accidents and failures

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#### Security Objectives

Prevent/detect/deter improper **Disclosure** of information Secrecy Prevent/detect/deter Improper modification of information Integrity Availability

> Prevent/detect/deter improper Denial of access to services

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Hardware, Software, Storage and Network Devices, ...etc.

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Example: Money Laundering (ML)

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