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Foreword

– Sylvia Acevedo is a well-known author, entrepreneur, engineer, and rocket scientist.

The trailblazing women featured in this book represent the best of what our collective action against cybercrime can be. They have committed themselves to the mission of keeping our country safe from those who would do us harm and are on the front lines every day fighting everything from extortion and theft to espionage and data manipulation.

Cybersecurity is everyone’s problem. Cyber threats are hitting people with greater regularity, they will continue, and they will metastasize. National security and personal security vulnerabilities are at an all-time high.

But when you look at the cybersecurity industry, women make up only 20 percent of the workforce. So we have to ask ourselves: if cybersecurity is everyone’s problem, why isn’t a greater cross-section of society solving it? Why aren’t there more women like the 100 featured here?

This represents a real vulnerability for our
country, because if we have half of the population that is largely left out of the national fight against hacks, identity theft, malware, data breaches, and other cybersecurity battlegrounds, imagine the strategic and tactical blind spots we allow to take root.

As the world is being rewritten line by line and recreated around data every day, it’s critical that more women are at the table making decisions and contributing to our lines of defense. Inclusion is not just an HR buzzword — in our multicultural, dynamic, and ever-changing society, it is an absolute national imperative that we have a diversity of input and perspective when developing cybersecurity tools.

The more perspectives we have, the fewer blind spots and unknown unknowns there are — and the quicker corrections can be made.

I’m so inspired by these pioneering women and encouraged by their stories. Because of out-of-the-box thinkers, innovators, and leaders like them, the fight against cybercrime is entering a new era where women are confidently adding their voices to the mix — not just creating a path for themselves, but opening up opportunities for others forging ahead in their wake.

The safety and security of our country depends upon more women raising their hand and engaging in this fight. I hope this
book shows that they are welcome at the table. Thank you to Steve Morgan for compiling this book of female cyber leaders.

– Sylvia Acevedo is an award-winning entrepreneur who has earned worldwide recognition for her work in addressing one of society’s most vexing challenges — universal access to education.

Sylvia started her career as a rocket scientist at the Jet Propulsion Labs where she worked on the Voyager mission’s fly by of Jupiter and its moons and the Solar Polar/Probe missions. As an engineer at IBM, she led the redesign of state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities that became an international showcase. Leveraging her technical training in the technology industry, she served as an executive with Fortune 100 companies: Apple, Autodesk and Dell. She holds a master’s degree in Systems Engineering from Stanford University where she was one of the first Hispanics, male or female, to have earned a graduate engineering degree. Sylvia earned her bachelor’s degree in Industrial Engineering from New Mexico State University, which in 2010, named Sylvia as one of their most Distinguished Engineering Alumni.

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Preface

@WomenKnowCyber is a social media movement for females fighting cybercrime. On a warm summer afternoon in late June 2018, the editor-in-chief (@CybersecuritySF) at Cybercrime Magazine, which is published by Cybersecurity Ventures, shouted out an idea to everyone in our office: “Let’s start up a list of women in cybersecurity.”

What good reason is there to create a list of women in cybersecurity, let alone what’s the best way to research and publish it? Before we could ask ourselves that question, the first responder, Casey Morgan, a 16-year-old (now 17) summer intern, and our youngest woman in cyber, swiveled around in her chair and said, “OK, I’ll do it.” The rest of our small team (made up of more women than men) chimed in with an enthusiastic “Yes!” — and we were off to the races.

For better or worse — and without giving it more than a few minutes of thought — Twitter was the starting point. Casey’s older sister, Kerry Morgan, a 21-year-old (now 22) full-time employee and our special projects and operations manager, volunteered to be the social media coach.

The two girls dove headfirst into the project with a youthful enthusiasm that immediately
bore results. After a full day of researching the names of women in cybersecurity on Twitter, Casey produced nearly 100 of them. Our editorial filter brought that number down to 58. We were after as many women in cyber as we could find — including coders, ethical hackers, CISOs and IT security leaders, cyber forensics experts, specialized journalists covering the field, and others — but we didn’t want names just for the sake of saying we had lots of them.

On June 26, 2018, we posted a blog on Cybercrime Magazine, “58 Women In Cybersecurity To Follow On Twitter, And More Names On The Way,” and then tweeted it out and shared it on LinkedIn. Dozens of women (and some men) sent us messages about the list. To paraphrase what they said, in a nutshell, is “Thanks for the list” and “here’s some names of women in cybersecurity for you to add.” Some people volunteered the Twitter handles for one or two colleagues, and others provided us with dozens of contacts.

Casey worked diligently on researching names for us over the summer — even during her vacation time in Vermont and elsewhere when she’d pop open her laptop to squeeze in an extra hour here or there. As she went along, Cybercrime Magazine posted a weekly blog with the latest tally of names — 132, 181, 247, 345, and so on — until we hit around 1,000 names and Casey returned to high school for
her junior year. We owe her a debt of gratitude for compiling the initial list. She came up with processes for consulting our staff on quality control, reviewing external submissions, avoiding duplicates, and finding new names.

After the first 90 days or so of compilation, the top FAQ we had from Cybercrime Magazine’s readers and Cybersecurity Ventures’ followers was, “Why don’t you take the names and turn them into a Twitter list so we can follow it?” Our answer — that makes perfect sense. That would also bring the benefit of auto-updating profiles when people change jobs, and building a social community movement aimed at generating more awareness around women in our industry.

In the fall of 2018, our managing editor, Di Freeze, got involved with the project. She helped prepare us for the move to a Twitter list, and on Oct. 31, 2018, Cybercrime Magazine launched the @WomenKnowCyber Twitter account. Di then set about curating a Twitter list by going back through the first 1,000+ names we compiled — and adding them to the new list dubbed “Women In Cybersecurity 1” (Twitter currently limits lists to 5,000 contacts and we are planning multiple lists).

Di’s curation is a healthy mix of social media and editorial. She uses a standard format to provide followers with one tweet containing 5 new names every day (Monday through
Saturday, and a day off on Sunday), including their Twitter handle and a short description. Di personally selects 5 interesting women for each tweet — and there’s no other tweets on the account.

After @WomenKnowCyber was up and running, we posted a new blog on Cybercrime Magazine — which has our Women In Cybersecurity list embedded as part of our editorial. It’s a great way for our readers to keep up on the list in real time and to read Di’s curation in a larger format that is easy on the eyes.

@WomenKnowCyber doesn’t follow anyone on Twitter except for a handful of our staff. And yet, we have more than 1,000 followers on the still relatively new account. These are mainly high-quality followers from the technology and cybersecurity fields. The Retweet and Like activity is high (in proportion to the number of followers) most every day, and hardly a complaint (there was one). Most importantly, the praise and thanks we’ve received for the list have been loud and continuous. These pretty good stats tell us that there’s a lot of community interest in our list.

Going forward, we are committed to building up the @WomenKnowCyber list, and the daily tweet, as an important part of our editorial and community development. Cybercrime Magazine has met some incredible people directly through the Twitter account — which
has led to interviews, stories, and podcasts on our media.

That sums up the history of our women in cybersecurity list. We are hoping that one day it will go down in history as what one woman described to us on the phone as "a social media movement for females fighting cybercrime."

If nothing else, the @WomenKnowCyber list has become part of a new roll call of women in cybersecurity — which is recalculating the number of women represented in our field from 11 percent based on a 6-year-old survey which states the needle hasn’t moved one iota in all that time ... to 20 percent in 2019. Interestingly, many highly accomplished women on our list — including some with outstanding IT security skills — would not qualify to be counted as women in cybersecurity based on the criteria used by the old survey.

A quick "Thanks!" to the dozens of women (and some men) — you know who you are — who have taken the time to give us direct feedback on our original list and subsequent @WomenKnowCyber list. Without you, the list would not be what it is. We also appreciate the names that you’ve shared with us.

All of the women, of course, were found on the @WomenKnowCyber list.
Women In Cybersecurity

Cyber has a gender problem, if our industry continues to regurgitate numbers from a 6-year-old report that states an alarmingly low percentage of women hold security positions.

Research firm Frost and Sullivan authored a report in 2013, which states that women make up 11 percent of the global cybersecurity workforce. The report is co-branded with (ISC)2 foundation, now a part of The Center for Cyber Safety and Education, and widely circulated in the media.

In the absence of any new research data published by another source, the 11 percent figure continues to show up in the media — despite a substantial rise in the number of women in the cybersecurity field — perpetuating the stigma of too few women in cybersecurity.

Research from Cybersecurity Ventures, which first appeared in the media early last year, predicts that women will represent more than 20 percent of the global cybersecurity workforce by the end of 2019. This is based on in-depth discussions with numerous industry experts in cybersecurity and human talent, vetting, analyzing and synthesizing third-party reports, surveys, and media sources, and conducting our own list compilation.
The 20 percent figure is still way too low, and our industry needs to continue pushing for more women in cyber. But, heightened awareness on the topic — led by numerous women in cyber associations and initiatives — has helped move the needle in a positive direction.

We are recalculating the number of women in cyber based on a broader definition of positions covered. We’ve evolved the roll call from traditional “IT security (aka Information security)” titles found mainly in mid-sized to large organizations, to the “cybersecurity” roles in a much larger and fast-growing industry.

“I started out often being the only woman in the room — and now I’m seeing not only more women in the room, but also women of color. That makes me happy on so many levels,” says Rosa Smothers, SVP of Cyber Operations at KnowBe4, a top security awareness and phishing simulation vendor.

Smothers took a path different from most people to the upper echelons of cybersecurity. She started out as a sales engineer — and then was a technical intelligence officer at the CIA for over a decade, also doing a rotation at the NSA. The benefit of solving problems with diverse perspectives was a lesson she learned at the CIA, and she’s happy to have this same experience in her role at KnowBe4.

IT security is in fact a subset of cybersecurity. Cybersecurity Ventures looks beyond securing
corporate networks (which has seen a rise in the number of women), and includes IoT security, IIoT and ICS security, medical device security, automotive cybersecurity, aviation cybersecurity, military cyber defense technology, and others. Further, we cover the cybersecurity service provider ecosystem, which also includes women-owned small businesses, and broadens to include digital forensics and other jobs.

We include Israel, the world’s second-largest exporter of cyber technology (behind the U.S.), which bolsters an impressive and growing head count of female cybersecurity founders and professionals. In 2018, TechCrunch reported that for the most recent year tracked, 15 percent of newly established Israeli cybersecurity startups had a female founder, an increase from 5 percent the previous year.

Women are participating in Australia’s cybersecurity workforce at much higher rates than the purported 11 percent global figure. The 2018 McAfee Cybersecurity Talent Study states that Australia’s cybersecurity workforce is 25 percent female.

According to industry body National Association of Software and Services Companies, the strength of the women workforce in the information technology and services industry in India currently stands at 34 percent. "There is certainly a rising trend among
women to take up the cybersecurity domain for their profession,” stated Jamuna Swamy, an award-winning CISO based in India. Last year, Microsoft India and Data Security Council of India (DSCI) launched CyberShikshaa, a three-year program to create a pool of skilled cybersecurity women professionals in the country.

BeecherMadden, a leading, award-winning U.K. and U.S. cybersecurity recruitment business, conducted research which showed that the U.K. cybersecurity industry is now 18 percent female. "Given that increasing the number of women in cybersecurity is a goal that many companies hold, we should all be pleased that we have started making progress," states Karla Reffold, COO and founder of BeecherMadden. "18 percent still doesn’t go far enough, and while 50 percent may seem far away, there are some companies at this level already."

Cybersecurity Ventures isn't the only research firm noticing an uptick of women in cybersecurity. Forrester Research analyst Stephanie Balaouras, who co-authored a recent report with fellow analyst Claire O'Malley, told Dark Reading that she believes women now represent somewhere between 15-20 percent of the industry if you include security and risk, privacy, and compliance and audit functions.
Forrester also predicts that the number of women CISOs at Fortune 500 companies will rise to 20 percent in 2019, compared with 13 percent in 2017. This is consistent with new research from Boardroom Insiders which states that 20 percent of Fortune 500 global chief information officers (CIOs) are now women — the largest percentage ever.

In a survey of 300 women that were employed in cybersecurity, less than 50 percent of the respondents said that they had entered the field via IT or Computer Science. The respondents are diverse in their backgrounds, coming from Compliance, Psychology, Internal Audit, Entrepreneurship, Sales, Art, and more. The pipeline of women entering the cybersecurity field is as far and wide as employers are willing to imagine.

An old school accounting of women in cybersecurity focuses mainly on "corporate IT security" and excludes (or substantially limits) startups and companies with less than 500 employees; large swaths of risk, compliance and privacy; and other roles, and concludes that women are barely represented in cyber — sending the wrong message to young girls that may be open to pursuing an education and future career in our field. It's time to go new school on this topic — and send out a new and accurate message about the number of women in cybersecurity.
"You know what, I see the change firsthand," says Robert Herjavec, founder and CEO of Herjavec Group, a $300 million cybersecurity company with offices in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. "The number of women I meet every day in our industry has gone way up — not to mention in the boardroom and technical, high-level positions. And I have to say — as a 'Cyber CEO,' it's great to see organizations actively working towards this change."

Amy Hess, executive assistant director (EAD) of the Criminal, Cyber, Response and Services Branch at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Tonya Ugoretz, deputy assistant director of the FBI's Cyber Division, are the first women to occupy their respective posts — in a field, and agency — that has been dominated by men, according to an article in The Wall Street Journal.

"Over time what I've seen is that it’s helpful for young women and girls in school to see somebody that looks like them in these (cybersecurity) spots," Hess told Cybercrime Magazine in an interview at FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C. recently. "That’s something that I’ve grown to appreciate more and more so in the past several years — to say and to see that you can achieve this too, I’m no different than any of them."

"My company employs 42 people (and growing), 40 percent of them women," says
Theresa Payton, CEO at Fortalice Solutions and the former White House CIO. "Also, fraud prevention and cybersecurity are now converging. And there are a lot of women who are in fraud operations — which was previously paper-based and is now digital — who can come work in cybersecurity."

Payton, a visible spokesperson for the industry and the founder of a fledgling cybersecurity company, and the women working for her, would not count in the old 11 percent report. They aren't employed by mid-sized or large corporations, and they aren't coders — despite the fact that they are highly accomplished cyber fighters.

“When I first started hosting cybersecurity conferences (more than a decade ago) it was very rare, maybe out of the audience you’d have 2 or 3 women; now I’d say sometimes almost half the audience, maybe not quite half, but almost," says Kim Hakim, a U.S. Navy veteran and founder of FutureCon, which produces events in 24 North American cities this year. "It’s great to see all the women that are now in the industry and it’s a great career for all of our daughters. The limits are endless. I mean, you can go very far in this industry.”

"I am seeing more women attending conferences now than ever before," adds Payton. "And I don’t mean all women conferences where the events were based around
discussing ways to fight the unfair balance of men and women in the cybersecurity space. I see a lot more women at the big cyber conferences. There are a lot more women involved than ever before.”

The RSA Conference USA 2019 held recently in San Francisco — which is the world's largest cybersecurity event with more than 42,000 people and 740 speakers — is another measuring stick for representation of women in our field. "At this year's conference, 46 percent of all keynote speakers were women," according to Sandra Toms, VP and curator, RSA Conference, in a blog she posted on the last day of this year's event. "While RSAC keynotes saw near gender parity this year, women made up 32 percent of our overall speakers," noted Toms.

Cybercrime will more than triple the number of job openings over the next 5 years. Cybersecurity Ventures predicts there will be 3.5 million cybersecurity job openings by 2021. To fill the world's open security positions, we'll need to aim for 50 percent of women in cyber over the next decade. While some people may view that as an overly ambitious goal, it's one that the cybersecurity industry must aim for.

“Cybersecurity is one of the only professions that has almost every job within it,” says Shamla Naidoo, global CISO at IBM. Naidoo says that you can be an engineer, a
communications person, or a developer, and find your place in the cybersecurity field. She points out opportunities for women to write policy, get involved with corporate governance, or to do hard-core forensics.

Cybersecurity Ventures concurs with Naidoo. Our @WomenKnowCyber list contains thousands of women in cybersecurity — many of them with strong cybersecurity technical skills and yet would not qualify to be counted into the old 11 percent survey.

Can we all agree to disagree with the notion that the cybersecurity field hasn't made any progress over the past 6 years and we're still stuck at 11 percent of women in cybersecurity – when there are so many experienced experts, analysts and data pointing to more female representation than ever before?

*Steve Morgan is founder and editor-in-chief at Cybersecurity Ventures.*

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Introduction

Women know cybersecurity and they’re heavily involved in our industry. Don’t let anyone or any survey tell you otherwise. Just in case you don’t believe it, we’ve written a book to help prove it. It’s a new wave book that is based on the Twitter list @WomenKnowCyber researched and compiled by Cybercrime Magazine and published by Cybersecurity Ventures.

"Women Know Cyber: 100 Fascinating Females Fighting Cybercrime" features cybersecurity experts from across the globe, with varying backgrounds, who stand out for protecting governments, businesses, and people from cybercrime — and for their contributions to our community.

If these 100 leading ladies aren’t proof enough for you, then we encourage you to look at the @WomenKnowCyber Twitter list. You’ll see thousands of women in cybersecurity — from coders to digital forensics experts to chief information security officers at the world’s largest corporations. The list grows larger every day.

Are women underrepresented in cybersecurity? Yes. Cybersecurity Ventures predicts that
women will hold approximately 20 percent of the positions in our field by the end of this year. But, that is up from an 11 percent figure which has been circulating for the past 6 years. Make no mistake about it — women are trending up in cybersecurity.

How do we move the needle from 20 percent to 50 percent in the coming years? One answer may be that we need to look at the glass as being half-full, rather than half-empty — as has been the case for way too long by way too many people. Let’s highlight the sheer number of women in cybersecurity — in an effort to attract more women to an industry that desperately needs them.

Cybersecurity Ventures predicts that there will be 3.5 million unfilled cybersecurity jobs globally by 2021, up from 1 million positions in 2014. The job openings are driven by a huge increase in cybercrime, which is predicted to cost the world $6 trillion annually by 2021, up from $3 trillion in 2015.

There’s a cybersecurity career waiting for every girl and woman that wants one and is willing to gain the skills needed for employment. We hope that this book will inspire you — or someone you know — to think about becoming a woman in cybersecurity.

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