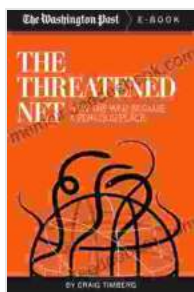# How the Web Became a Perilous Place: A Journey Through the Dark Side of the Internet

The internet has become an essential part of our lives. We use it to stay connected with friends and family, to learn new things, to shop, and to bank. But the internet is also a place of danger. From cyberbullying to online scams, there are many threats lurking online. It's not just the hackers who are the problem,

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The internet has become a perilous place in recent years. This is due to a number of factors, including the rise of social media, the increasing popularity of online banking and shopping, and the proliferation of fake news and misinformation.

Social Media

Social media has made it easier than ever for people to connect with each other, but it has also created a new platform for cyberbullying and online harassment. Cyberbullying is the use of electronic devices such as computers, cell phones, and social media to bully another person. It can take many forms, including sending hurtful or threatening messages, posting embarrassing or private information about someone, or spreading rumors about them. Cyberbullying can have a devastating impact on victims, leading to depression, anxiety, and even suicide.

Online harassment is another form of cyberbullying that has become increasingly common in recent years. Online harassment is the repeated sending of unsolicited and offensive messages to someone, often with the intent of causing them distress or fear. Online harassment can be extremely disruptive and can make it difficult for victims to live their lives normally.

Online Banking and Shopping

Online banking and shopping have become increasingly popular in recent years, but they have also made us more vulnerable to online scams. Online scams are schemes that are designed to trick people into giving up their personal or financial information. These scams often involve phishing emails or websites that look like they are from legitimate companies.

Phishing emails are emails that are designed to trick people into clicking on a link that will take them to a fake website. Once on the fake website, people are asked to enter their personal or financial information. This information can then be used to steal money from their bank accounts or to commit identity theft.

Fake websites are websites that are designed to look like they are from legitimate companies. These websites often offer products or services at very low prices. However, once people have entered their personal or financial information on these websites, they find that they have been scammed.

Fake News and Misinformation

Fake news is false or misleading information that is presented as news. Fake news is often spread through social media and other online platforms. It can be difficult to tell the difference between fake news and real news, which can make it difficult to know what to believe.

Misinformation is information that is inaccurate or misleading. Misinformation can be spread unintentionally, such as when someone shares a story that they heard without verifying its accuracy. However, misinformation can also be spread intentionally, such as when someone spreads rumors or propaganda.
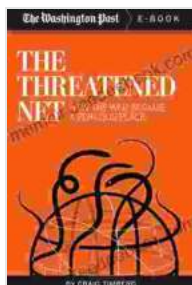
How to Stay Safe Online

There are a number of things you can do to stay safe online. These include:

- Be careful about what personal information you share online.

- Don't click on links in emails or text messages from people you don't know.

- Use strong passwords and change them regularly.

- Keep your software up to date.

- Be aware of the signs of online scams.

- Report any suspicious activity to the appropriate authorities.

The internet can be a dangerous place, but it's also an essential part of our lives. By taking some simple precautions, you can help to protect yourself from the dangers of the internet and make the most of its benefits.

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