

# Network Security: A Feminist Perspective

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## Feminism in Network Security

Network security and feminism go hand-in-hand

- Problems of traditional male-dominated computer security
- Modern feminism provides an alternative approach

Holistic approach to network security issues

- Applying feminist theory to security problems
- An egalitarian attitude towards solution providers

The “Jesus as Mother” figure in postmodern feminist theology and its application to securing networks

- Problems of subordination of women in traditional testosterone-poisoned network environments
- Sexual identity issues in digital signature mechanisms