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Is someone spying on you?

You might be surprised

It could be your boss, your competition, or a private investigator, but it could just as easily be a foreign intelligence agent—or the whiz kid down the street. More and more people today want to know what's on your computer, your PDA, your cell phone, or your wireless network. And as soon as one vulnerable chink in your security is identified and plugged, a new spy tool or method will arise to circumvent the countermeasure.

Joel McNamara takes you inside the mind of the computer espionage artist—amateur or professional—and shows you appropriate defenses for a wide array of potential vulnerabilities.

This is not just another book on network security. This is the book that teaches you to think like a spy, because that's the only way to outwit one.

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- Understand where electronic eavesdropping becomes criminal—and where it's perfectly legal
- Discover how spies circumvent security measures and learn how to protect yourself
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- Learn how the government uses computer espionage techniques to combat drug lords, organized crime, foreign terrorists, and industrial espionage
- Explore some of the top-secret national spying projects like TEMPEST, ECHELON, Carnivore/DCS-1000, intelligence-gathering worms and viruses, and what impact they may have on you

#### About the Author

Joel McNamara is an internationally acclaimed security and privacy consultant and the creator of Private Idaho, one of the first popular open source Internet privacy tools. A former Microsoft technical writer and training manager, he is credited with developing one of the first Microsoft macro viruses and then publicizing the security risks. He is also the author of the "The Complete, Unofficial TEMPEST Information Page," a Web site that demystifies classified government surveillance technology.

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