What is Surveillance Self-Defense?

Surveillance self-defense is the ability to tell when you are being spied on by a peeper, and the power to poke that peeper in the eye – metaphorically speaking. Did you know that your laptop camera might be on right now? A strange man might be watching and laughing at you. Poke him in the eye! We'll show you how.

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How Do I Protect Myself Against Malware?

Malware, short for “malicious software,” is software that is used to harm computer users. It works in many different ways including, but not limited to, disrupting computer operation, gathering sensitive information, impersonating a user to send spam or fake messages, or gaining access to private computer systems. The majority of malware is criminal and is most often used to obtain banking information or login credentials for email or social media accounts. Malware is also used by governments, law enforcement agencies, and even private citizens to circumvent encryption and to spy on users. Malware has wide-range capabilities; it may allow an attacker to record from a webcam and microphone, disable the notification setting for certain anti-virus programs, record keystrokes, copy emails and other documents, steal passwords, and more.

Anti-Virus Software

EFF recommends that you use anti-virus software on your computer and your smartphone, though we cannot recommend any particular anti-virus products as being superior to others. Anti-virus software can be quite effective at combatting cheap, “non targeted” malware that might be used against hundreds of targets. However anti-virus software is much less effective against targeted attacks, such as the ones used by Chinese government hackers to compromise the New York Times.

Indicator of Compromise

When it is not possible to detect malware using anti-virus software, it is still sometimes possible to find indicators of compromise. For example, Google will sometimes give a warning to Gmail users stating that it believes your account has been targeted by state-sponsored attackers. Additionally, you may notice a light indicating that your webcam is turned on when you have not activated it yourself (though advanced malware may be able to turn this off)—this could be another indicator of compromise. Other indicators are less obvious; you may notice your email is being accessed from an unfamiliar IP address or that your settings have been altered to send copies of all of your email to an unfamiliar email address. If you have the ability to monitor your network traffic, the timing and volume of that traffic might indicate a compromise. Another red flag would be that you might notice your computer connecting to a known Command and Control server—the computers that send commands to machines infected with malware or which receive data from infected machines.
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