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# Kevin Mitnick

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With more than fifteen years of experience in exploring computer security, Kevin Mitnick is a largely self-taught expert in exposing the vulnerabilities of complex operating systems and telecommunications devices. His hobby as an adolescent consisted of studying methods, tactics, and strategies used to circumvent computer security, and to learn more about how computer systems and telecommunication systems work.

In building this body of knowledge, Kevin gained unauthorized access to computer systems at some of the largest corporations on the planet and penetrated some of the most resilient computer systems ever developed.

He has used both technical and non-technical means to obtain the source code to various operating systems and telecommunications devices to study their vulnerabilities and their inner workings.

As the world's most famous (former) hacker, Kevin has been the subject of countless news and magazine articles published throughout the world.

He has made guest appearances on numerous television and radio programs, offering expert commentary on issues related to information security. In addition to appearing on local network news programs, he has made appearances on *60 Minutes*, The Learning Channel, Tech TV's *Screen Savers*, Court TV, *Good Morning America*, CNN's *Burden of Proof*, *Street Sweep*, and *Talkback Live*, National Public Radio, and as a guest star on ABC's spy drama *Alias*.

Mitnick has served as a keynote speaker at numerous industry events, hosted a weekly talk radio show on KFI AM 640 in Los Angeles, testified before the United States Senate, written for *Harvard Business Review* and spoken for Harvard Law School.

His first best-selling book, *The Art of Deception*, was published in October 2002 by Wiley and Sons Publishers. His second title, *The Art of Intrusion*, was released in February 2005.

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