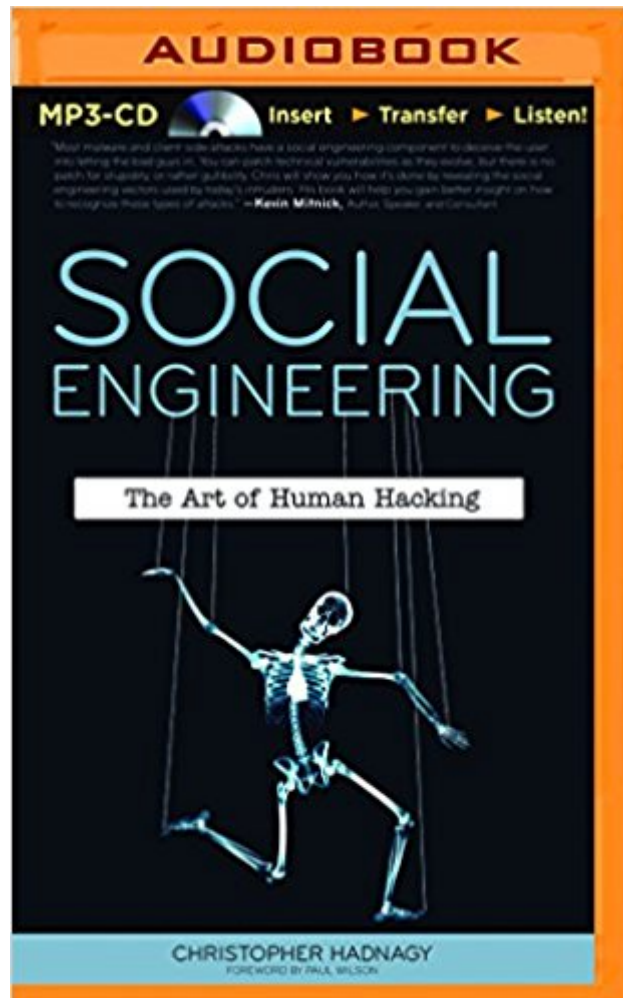




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Social Engineering: The Art Of Human Hacking



Synopsis

The first audiobook to reveal and dissect the technical aspect of many social engineering maneuvers. From elicitation, pretexting, influence, and manipulation, all aspects of social engineering are picked apart, discussed, and explained by using real world examples, personal experience, and the Science & Technology behind them to unravel the mystery in social engineering. Kevin Mitnick – one of the most famous social engineers in the world – popularized the term social engineering. He explained that it is much easier to trick someone into revealing a password for a system than to exert the effort of hacking into the system. Mitnick claims that this social engineering tactic was the single-most effective method in his arsenal. This indispensable audiobook examines a variety of maneuvers that are aimed at deceiving unsuspecting victims, while it also addresses ways to prevent social engineering threats. This audiobook: -Examines social engineering, the Science & Technology of influencing a target to perform a desired task or divulge information; -Arms you with invaluable information about the many methods of trickery that hackers use in order to gather information with the intent of executing identity theft, fraud, or gaining computer system access; and -Reveals vital steps for preventing social engineering threats. Social Engineering: The Art of Human Hacking does its part to prepare you against nefarious hackers. Now you can do your part by putting to good use the critical information this audiobook provides.

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Customer Reviews

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the Paperback edition.

"Chris Hadnagy has penned the ultimate text on social engineering. Meticulously researched and teeming with practical applications, this brilliant book offers solutions to very real problems and ever-present dangers to your business and even to yourself. Truly groundbreaking."

—Kevin Hogan, author of *The Science of Influence: How to Get Anyone to Say "Yes" in 8 Minutes or Less*

Discover the secrets of expert con men and human hackers No matter how sophisticated your security equipment and procedures may be, their most easily exploitable aspect is, and has always been, the human infrastructure. The skilled, malicious social engineer is a weapon, nearly impossible to defend against. This book covers, in detail, the world's first framework for social engineering. It defines, explains, and dissects each principle, then illustrates it with true stories and case studies from masters such as Kevin Mitnick, renowned author of *The Art of Deception*. You will discover just what it takes to excel as a social engineer. Then you will know your enemy.

Tour the Dark World of Social Engineering Learn the psychological principles employed by social engineers and how they're used Discover persuasion secrets that social engineers know well See how the crafty crook takes advantage of cameras, GPS devices, and caller ID Find out what information is, unbelievably, available online Study real-world social engineering exploits step by step

"Most malware and client-side attacks have a social engineering component to deceive the user into letting the bad guys in. You can patch technical vulnerabilities as they evolve, but there is no patch for stupidity, or rather gullibility. Chris will show you how it's done by revealing the social engineering vectors used by today's intruders. His book will help you gain better insight on how to recognize these types of attacks."

—Kevin Mitnick, Author, Speaker, and Consultant --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Interesting book, provided some concepts I have not considered. Has a little bit of everything for everyone. five star book. The seller Hippo Books does not provide tracking information, and sets a wide arrival date.

So far it is very entertaining and really makes you think about what you do on social media and several other aspects of life. Always keep in mind that all good software comes and goes and when it goes it is usually replaced with something better. A little research goes along ways.

Chris Hadnagy's book on Social Engineering is phenomenal. It is packed full of detailed information,

complete with in depth explanation and real life examples. Chris has an excellent writing style that flows conversationally. Also, I have yet to find any errors (to include typos), which makes the read much more enjoyable as I tend to get distracted by errors. While most of what is presented could be found in other sources, never before has it been brought together in such a targeted and helpful way for those needing to learn these skills for security work. Chris shares many real life examples in a way that illustrate the principles he is teaching quite well, and demonstrates the practical applicability of what is being taught. I have also found this book to be particularly stimulating, and indeed even an intellectual curiosity. I believe that Chris is undertaking a sizable social engineering project, in which he is using the opportunity to teach social engineering to actually effect positive and permanent change on the reader (and "coincidentally" enough, this is precisely one of the goals for social engineering that Chris mentions). One can glean that Chris is a master of the art he teaches based on what he has written, and how he has written it. This book itself is a phenomenal experiment in social engineering in which Chris actually helps to make people more caring and empathetic towards others. The idea that one should truly care about others and work on developing true concern, empathy, and listening skill is sprinkled throughout the text in the beginning (pre-loading the reader), and then explicitly declared later on in the guise of becoming a better social engineer. At no point though did I feel as though this message was in any way artificial. It comes across very genuine, and I believe his recommendation truly will make the reader a better social engineer, and a better person. It is clear (to me at least) that Chris is either a psychopathic, wholly evil genius freak who takes pleasure in manipulating others, or he has an amazing understanding of the human mind as a result of his dedication to study and practice, and he truly cares for others and wants to effect positive change in them. I am fully convinced that it is the latter. I believe that a lack of empathy and true compassion is a serious problem in modern society, made worse as technology continues to eliminate the need for physical interaction between people. Chris is clearly using his talents to make the world a better place, and for that I want to thank him heartily. Interpret this as you will. I have never met Chris and I know nothing about him other than what I've learned from reading his book. If I've been duped then that is a testament to Chris' skill and mastery of the subject. If I haven't been duped, then take my recommendation and buy this book! Even if you aren't looking to make a career in security auditing, this book will help you communicate better in all aspects of your life. (You may even be able to convince your wife to have dinner at that awesome steak joint).

The author provides both a solid theoretical backing as well as numerous, very relevant examples.

Some topics were new to me, others I had not learned in depth, such as the human buffer overflow and how micro expressions can change someone's mood. Fascinating book, and the author stressed that the techniques can be used to benefit people. They are not restricted to malicious social engineering and auditing, but can help be a better person to others.

Anyone wanting to understand Social Engineering and how it is done. Get this book. Still reading this book at the time of this review. Been re-reading chapters to understand and learn the wonderful information found on the pages. Great book to gain an insight and understanding of Social Engineering for anyone is an enthusiast and professional computer geek.

At every turn this book provided insight on the weakest link in any security program. He shows that hacking access to a system doesn't mean the bad guys even need to touch a keyboard. They just use a phone and with a bit of research are able to talk their way into gaining access. Chris clearly outlines the steps of a social engineering attack. The book starts with the research to better "talk the talk" with key targets to harvest the best information. He then moved to drawing people out while being someone else, fine tuning each conversation reading reactions from micro expression to gain trust. All to elicit an action that ranges from giving access to a locked building to convincing a user into sending a customer database, filled with confidential information, to a competitor. Each step of the way, he points out ways to educate your staff on how to identify a social engineering attack and how to challenge and respond appropriately. I insisted my children read this book and should be a must read for everyone that interacts with people. Great book!

Brilliant book for those who are interested in learning the art of social engineering. The book takes a very clear stance that it is written as a means of education and protection, but it is a very inviting look into the mind of a hacker. Well-organized and decorated with relevant examples, Hadnagy paints a very clear picture of what it takes to be and/or protect oneself from social engineers. I have read the whole thing through twice and am still picking up on subtle techniques and nuances each time. Would definitely recommend.

Much pertinent information for anyone interested in understanding how humans can be social engineered and also ways to recognize when it is being done. Tone was kind of dry except for the beginning and towards the end when real life situations were being referenced. Citation of valuable tools of SE and hacking were available. Overall, of not used for understanding hacking of social

engineering, this book would be an excellent guide for members to perform assertive, effective, and tactful customer service.

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