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The Hacker's Briefcase (Hacker Magazine Book 1)



Synopsis

Anyone who's ever seriously delved into pentesting or hacking is likely to have ended up stuck just a single step away from a successfully orchestrated attack. Kevin Mitnick's *The Art of Intrusion* describes in detail the story of a particular pentest where the testers ran into trouble in the form of a firewall properly configured by the system administrator. It seemed that there was no chance of breaking through and accessing the company's internal network. However, one of the team members had found a functional network socket in the lobby and secretly used it to connect a miniature wireless access device (which no one ended up noticing until the end of the testing procedure). This allowed the pentest team to acquire direct access to the company's internal network by means of Wi-Fi. This is just one of many examples that illustrate how important it is not to underestimate hacking devices. Inspired by this piece of wisdom, we'll be looking into some of the more curious devices available online.

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Customer Reviews

Think of this book as a buyers guide for some very cool hacking tools. It has an explanation of what the tools do, and why you should use them. This is NOT a how to book, but merely a buyers guide

to hacking tools, what they do, and how much they cost. For what it is, it's a great, short read and I found a few new tools in here that I wasn't aware of.

I can't rate it too low because it was something completely different from what I wanted to know. Plus, it was a free kindle download. Had I paid for it I would have been upset. What you get in this book is basically a list of product reviews. There is no real information about hacking. It mostly discusses what you need to buy to gain access to a network. If that's what you're looking for it's worth looking at. And you can't beat the price!

I was disappointed by the limited information provided by this book. It was as if the author skimmed a catalog and summarized the product descriptions of a few items he liked. I would have better served by a link to the catalog he looked at.

A brief explanation of interesting hacking devices - somewhat overpriced, but even for inexperienced readers worth reading to know what is out there that can invade your privacy or steal information you might think is perfectly secure. It would be worth the cost if it had listed enough devices for the explanations to cost a little less. If you are an experienced hacker, it is an overpriced catalogue of 14 items you probably could write your own review of yourself. The value of this truly depends upon your knowledge of the fourteen devices reviews here. The problem with recommending it to the inexperienced hacker is that I'm not sure what book to recommend so that you will fully understand the technical language used in this catalogue. Perhaps another reviewer has a good recommendation of a good book for that. If the author just added that information - or if he does in a future edition, it would be worthy of five stars. No doubt the people who understand the technical jargon are aware of all fourteen devices and have their own opinion of them, meaning this "magazine" is written for people who will find it difficult to understand completely. I do recommend it despite this significant problem, it is worth what the inexperienced readers will learn.

Neat stuff. It was presented well, and a good centralized repository of some fairly basic information. The upside of this is that there really aren't many collective descriptions of hardware devices out there, and this puts them in one place. Probably outdated at this point.

I liked this book. It is a good quick read and reference. I will say it is a bit dated, however and should be updated. Author prices this right for the content. If you want a good reference book for some key

hacking tools - this would be it.

An interesting overview of some of the tools that are available to hackers and what to look out for. It was not what I expected as it is more a laundry list of tools and the various uses for them. A pretty good intro to what is available and what can be done

This is an interesting overview of tools that could be useful for white hat penetration testing. The author presents a variety of different tools you need to keep an eye out for on your network if you are responsible for securing your company's network from intruders.

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