

COMPUTER SECURITY PANEL DISCUSSION  
JANUARY 28, 2003  
SCPD COMPUTER CLUB GENERAL MEETING

INTRODUCTORY NOTES

I. WELCOME! The purpose of this Panel Discussion is to give the attendees an appreciation for the problems of Computer Security and Computer Privacy. Computer Security is in the news almost every week! It behooves you to be knowledgeable about how your computer may be affected by computer security threats and how your life might be impacted by privacy invasion through the computer.

II. Each member of our Panel will discuss a particular Threat Topic and will provide some brief comments about their experience as it relates to such threats. Our panel members are:

Alex Chavarin  
Dick Franzen, Moderator  
Kerry Greene  
Barbara Kaye  
Kent McDonald

III. My definitions of:

Computer Security - all measures used to protect a computer and its resources such that a threat mechanism cannot prevent an authorized user from appropriate use of the computer system and the data contained therein. (Example: A typical threat mechanisms would result in theft of data, contamination of data, or the denial of use of a computer system by its rightful users.)

Computer Privacy - the unauthorized use of private or proprietary information or data that may reside on a computer system for the purpose of legal and reasonable purposes. (Examples: A privacy violation could involve someone using your credit card information for purchasing unauthorized items - after you ordered something on-line; someone obtaining information from your computer (or another one) that results in identity theft; or, finding personal financial or medical information published in an on-line Chat Room.)

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Both of these issues are serious and deserve your interest and attention in order for you NOT to become a victim of a computer criminal. If you are interested in protecting your computer and yourself - you can do so with a little effort and attention to basic computer security precautions.

IV. Our panel members have each had some exposure to computer security issues and have some thoughts they will share with you. Each has been given up to three minutes to cover some basics of their concern and thoughts followed by three minutes of Q&A about that Threat, before we go on to the next item:

- Viruses
- Spyware
- Privacy/Spam
- Hoaxes/Frauds & ID Theft
- Hackers

V. General Q&A:

At the end of the topical items, if we have time remaining, we will entertain general questions of anything having to do with computer security and privacy.

VI. Follow-on interest in Computer Security topics - let me remind you to sign-up for additional information about a threat of interest on the sign-up sheets in the back of the theater. These lists will be provided to the panel members for follow-up with regard to classes which they will teach in the future.