

## Postscript

We have come to the end of our handbook.

We hope that the knowledge provided in this handbook will prove to be useful both to computer system administrators and to individual users interested in improving computer and network security.

The intention of the authors is not, and never has been, to glorify the image of the “malicious hacker”. For some time, internet society has depicted hackers as computer vandals. This stereotype has unfairly given the true elite hackers a bad name.

We would like to suggest the reader have a look at “How to Become a Hacker”, by Eric Steven Raymond. This document describes precisely the hacking philosophy that we have tried to present in this book. It is available under the address:

<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/hacker-howto.html>