



## Joe Grand's Hardware Implants and Espionage Workshop Agenda

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This one-day workshop focuses on the risks and realities of hardware espionage and supply chain compromise. It is a hands-on environment where students will detect and analyze various forms of surreptitious hardware. Each section provides details of the threat, real-world examples, and recommendations for detection/mitigation.

Prerequisite: [Joe Grand's Hardware Hacking Basics](#)

### A. Espionage Overview

### B. Hardware Implants

- Hands-on exercise: Build a keystroke-injection hardware implant, experiment with various payloads

### C. Covert Channels/Data Exfiltration

- Hands-on exercise: Discover multiple methods of covert channel on a custom circuit board, capture/decode exfiltrated data

### D. Component-Level

- Hands-on exercise: Identify functional difference between a known-good and modified device, determine resulting effect/weakness, reverse engineer the modification

### E. Printed Circuit Board (PCB)

- Hands-on exercise: Physical delayering of an intentionally-modified custom circuit board, identify differences in layout against known-good version, determine effect of modifications