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Thread: [Is Perfect OPSEC Even Possible?](#)

**overdoses** - August 24, 2026, 9:16 am

Connect via the Wi-Fi of a public cafe, use Tails on a disposable laptop, use a VPN of your choice, use only Monero, route all traffic through Tor, adjust your way of communicating and your online behavior, don't trust anyone (it could be an FBI agent), never log into personal accounts, etc.

Whenever I think back to the last operation, I get caught in a rabbit hole of all sorts of scenarios about how I could have been caught – of course, most of them only apply to state-backed attackers and not some random skid or doxer, but still: Do you think it would somehow be possible to carry out a hacking operation that leaves no trace and makes it physically impossible to that anyone –even a state – can trace them back to you?

Let's be honest: You're dealing with people who can retrieve all your data from any company within a few hours via EDRs, who monitor (and sometimes host) Tor and VPN nodes, who have countless 0-day exploits ready that can be deployed or have already been deployed (who really knows), and who can do absolutely anything what they want, and most important have capabilities we don't even know about, Snowden's leak was 13 years ago roughly so who knows what secrets the US government(as an example) have now about how they're invading all of our privacy.

I'm curious to hear your opinions:)  
Maybe I'm just paranoid, lol

**Raijin** - August 24, 2026, 12:47 pm

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**kommer2016** - August 24, 2026, 2:24 pm

Of course it's possible!! I've been into hacking for almost 30 years. Back in the day, staying anonymous on IRC was mad easy. However.. these days, you've gotta know Linux and run hardened distros like QubesOS if you wanna stay low-key. Hackers are basically why OPSEC is still a thing. Some of them are pulling in millions and never even get caught... cheers

**CyberXero** - August 24, 2026, 2:34 pm

I actually released a free code for operational security and hardening toolkit here in the opsec section, can also find it in my signature, you can harden your host, VM and VPS all in one script I shared, be sure to check it out, claim back your anonymity

**Binance** - August 24, 2026, 4:42 pm

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That's a fact.

**CyberXero** - August 24, 2026, 5:34 pm

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Can do the best you can to prevent leaks but it's a matter of time, and overtime people become complacent.

Stay strict with you OpSec

**overdoses** - August 25, 2026, 12:09 am

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They really just have to wait for you to mess up, which eventually, you will.

They've got all the time in the world...

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But is close to perfect enough? That's the real question, do you make yourself too expensive and annoying to track down that the reward of catching you isn't worth it?

**kommer2016** - August 25, 2026, 6:04 am

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**Binance** - August 26, 2026, 11:00 am

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Careful what you wish for.

**Shapeless** - August 26, 2026, 11:39 am

If you need it, you can stay safe. I spent years researching about this years years back, but the country I am in right now I dont need it, but there is exact ways, its funny someone mentioned snowdens book, his book is actually very informative how limited FBI is, when they couldnt even reach Ladar with Lava email project of his.

**SeishiAku09** - August 26, 2026, 2:31 pm

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(Aug 26, 2026 03:18 PM)CyberXero Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Back in those days everyone was monkey. Nobody had a clue.. some humans thought patterns were too advanced in the days of old that wasn't too far long ago either my brother. I do agree that for most people, trying to keep up with the idea of never get caught lacking might be a lot to deal with, but there's people through out history that has proved that when you really want it, you can for sure live on without getting caught.

**M?tt** - August 26, 2026, 6:29 pm

(Aug 25, 2026 06:04 AM)kommer2016 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How come the cops still can't catch me? It's been years.. I'm still waiting for them to pull up if they ever can!  
You posting this on a public forum tells us you're not as big of a deal as you think you are.

**Binance** - August 27, 2026, 8:33 am

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**Omniscient** - August 28, 2026, 10:28 am

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**SeishiAku09** - August 31, 2026, 12:25 pm

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The only thing that always connects those groups is the downfall of all the people in this side of things, greed and hunger for fame.

literally a lot of agencies in the "intelligence" area at some point, put all of their hopes in the fact that you as a human will make a mistake and so they can catch you.

Most people that get into this never spend the appropriate amount of time thinking what to do with the money once they have it and specially, what type of routine they will have when they hit the jackpot. Is kinda like they forgot about all of their talent to hack into things to become stupid college students with a lot of money.

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and on top of that, i wouldn't recommend you to become a cyber criminal if you still haven't made peace with the idea of being popular or noticed by people.

if you can't just get the money and enjoy it quietly, without the need of "flexing" on other people, you should probably keep your 9 - 5 job and call it a day.

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Interesting, what "old guides" are you talking about?

**denekzah** - September 3, 2026, 4:01 am

I think near perfect security is possible, but nothing is 100% secure. Even a PC that isn't connected to the internet can be hacked.

**Roberto Scorpius Malfoy** - September 3, 2026, 5:32 am

If they want you they get you, its all about how much they want to get you.

Lets say you do some shit on the internet and they decided nah its not worth to put that effort to get him, then they wont get you. However if they really want to get you boom they get you no matter how much time u put on your opsec.

Remember one thing the internet is not constructed for you to be anonymous its the opposite.

**kane2026** - September 4, 2026, 1:34 am

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I think you are making the argument for NO, if you were to steal 'hypothetically' \$20 million and you hide in such countries then it is not your money. You have become an extension of their pockets, to be used when convenient. Plenty of hackers hide out in China and Russia but Western authorities know damn well who they are, eager to pounce if they set a foot outside those jurisdictions.

On principle perfect OPSEC is NOT possible, but some risks can be expertly mitigated. If you run a dark web market you will be under constant siege from police, competitors and customers. One stray email account or username on a website from 15 years back will cost you. If on the other hand you have one-off job lined up (the hypothetical \$20 million) then you can prepare your OPSEC to the last detail, but you better not forget anything.

Misdirection might also be a necessity, if a hack is misattributed then you can put some proper distance between it and yourself.