

Can Nautilus Sink Clipper?

With the FBI's long history of illegally spying on citizens, who in their right mind would purchase AT&T's US\$1,295 Clipper-equipped Surety 3600 telephone device? If you have a PC and a modem, you're just one free piece of software away from having a completely spook-proof telephone.

Called Nautilus, the voice-encryption program was released in May by three programmers: Bill Dorsey of Mountain View, California; Pat Mullarky of Bellevue, Washington; and Paul Rubin of Milpitas, California. The program has the ability to use an algorithm called "triple-DES" that is widely believed to be unbreakable. And unlike Clipper, there's no government backdoor. For a copy of Nautilus, ftp to <ftp://ftp.csn.org/mp/>, download the file README, and follow the instructions. — *Simson Garfinkel*

