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Predator Drone
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[Iraqi Militants Breach \\$45 Million Drone Content Stream Using SkyGrabber](#)

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This has to be the best article that I have gotten to write yet, and simply because it comes as proof once again that hyper-expensive technology is absolutely no match for the basic primordial [Windows applications](#). Well, we all know that hackers use to breach high security servers and such, with just the use of simple software like telnet and other, but I don't think you can even imagine the hilarity of what is to follow.

I can't seem to find the right words, but "[the humanity](#)" can be suitable enough, for the fact that the Iraqi militants managed to breach the video streaming feeds of the Predator surveillance drones using nothing more than a simple Windows application. Those are not even hackers, and the software used was just a simple data-leeching utility that, combined with a PC and a satellite dish, needs just a few parameters, like Packet IDs and transponder codes (that you can easily scan for), for tapping into downstream data feeds, and basically record whatever data is being transmitted to other users on a satellite network.

Even without any info from the Iraqi militants (they don't have Tweeter) on how they managed to get the according parameters for the predator drone, and we can relate to the fact that is not that hard, just like a senior defense official stated. "There did appear to be a vulnerability. There's been no harm done to troops or missions compromised as a result of it, but there's an issue that we can take care of and we're doing so."

I have always thought that the military has the highest levels of security, especially since I know fifteen-year-olds that have their home network more secure than the governments' instant messengers, but it looks like I was wrong. As I said in the subtitle, [here](#)'s the software, SkyGrabber.

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