

IN THE MIDDLE:

Is there a “backdoor” on your device?

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Get out your tin foil hats, folks — it is time to dig around in a fairly new conspiracy.

Just about everyone knows about iPhones, iPods and other Apple-made products. We also know that the



government is said to have been eavesdropping on our calls and emails, but did you know that Apple could have made a "backdoor" on their products? A backdoor means a way to get past all of Apple's security.

On a National Public Radio talk show recently, they talked to a hacker named Johnny Mnemonics who found the backdoor. He says that every time new software comes out, there is a race between some of the biggest hackers to find holes in the software's security. These mistakes are worth millions of dollars.

In the past, Apple has officially denied working with government agencies to place a backdoor on its devices. Some people, though, believe that this backdoor was made for the government to see our texts and calls, though it could just be a silly mistake. You decide.

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