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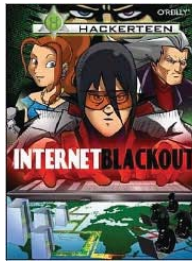


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InternetBlackout V 1

*By Marcelo Marques; Hackerteen Team
O'Reilly, \$19.99, 108 pages*

InternetBlackout is a graphic novel about Yago, a computer-obsessed teen whose parents send him to a Hackerteen, a school for children to learn ethical computer programming and use. While he is there, he's approached by someone requesting that he write a tracking program to follow someone's online movements. Wanting to help his father who's been having financial difficulties running his bakery, he agrees, and the program ends up being used by unethical hackers.



The art is a mix of computer generated and manga, but is clean and easy to read. The story introduces a number of technical and ethical concepts from open source software and voting machine security to plagiarism and cheating. Not really aimed at an older (or technically sophisticated) audience, it is probably a good book for middle school kids.