With WikiLeaks Claims of C.I.A. Hacking, How Vulnerable Is Your Smartphone

Documents released by WikiLeaks indicate the extent to which the spy agency was looking for ways to break into ordinary consumer devices.
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Snap Makes a Bet on the Cultural Supremacy of the Camera

... But Snapchat uncovered something deeper about the camera. Not only could we use pictures to document the world, but we could also use them to communicate. Snapchat, which was at first dismissed as a mere sexting app, showed that with the right design, a phone’s camera could add an extra dimension to communication that you couldn’t get with text alone....

Yes, Snapchat lets you add text on top of these images, but the pictures are a kind of language by themselves. Gretchen McCulloch, a linguist who is writing a book about how the internet is changing language, said Snapchat lenses and filters were a form of what linguists call “phatic communication,” which is communication that is meant to ease social interactions instead of to convey information. (For example, saying “hello” and “you’re welcome.”)

Hmmm... This is deep! Prof K.

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