**Eavesdropping made easy!**

Traditionally, it has been very difficult for various security agencies and also experts to find ways to track conversation or any type of data could be a security concern or involve some anti social elements. There are evidences that it is used widely by terrorists as well to communicate among themselves. But now there are proposals that any data stream can be legally intercepted that can help various government agencies.

New technology will help government agencies by which they can ‘silently record’ communication between people on internet available with chat services like Skype. Till now, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services was difficult to trap because of the way they send information over the web. These services convert the analog audio signals into digital data that are sent in a way that is costly and complex for third parties to intercept. But now a California businessman has obtained a patent for a ‘legal intercept’ technology. According to Dennis Chang, president of VoIP-PAL, says his system would allow security agencies to identify and monitor users merely by accessing their username and subscriber data. According to the patent, they could also be identified by bills that have names and addresses with usernames. This would make not only audio conversations but ‘any other data streams such as pure data and/or video or multimedia data ‘open for interception.

This will bring transparency in the Internet domain that is said to be difficult to regulate, in spite various government, security agencies and cyber laws. This could be one of the important tools that will help cyber crimes to be tracked down by various agencies easily, effectively and with evidences that could help solve cases quickly. After taking into account, the advantages of this technology it would be unfair if we do not look at dangers of it as well. Let’s look at one of them. If this technology is used by any unauthorized person, then it could lead to security issues. E.g. A competitor is eavesdropping on a firm’s future plan that is discussed between employees of that firm.