

Stop ID Theft



COMtek CEO Dr. Joe Fergus recently started a second company, nexGrēn, a spin off that will sell DiskEraser, software that wipes your hard drive of personal information before you get rid of it. "You could get lucky and nothing will happen, but if someone gets a hold of that info, they could make your life a nightmare," says Joe, whose original company developed the solution for DoD.



Joe grew up in the U.S. Virgin Islands and studied electrical engineering at Norfolk State and Illinois after serving in the Navy. The entrepreneur bug hit after nine years at Bell Labs, working on the team that originally came up with Caller ID. He started COMtek, a global provider of broadband services, 19 years ago, which now pulls in \$85 million/year. Outside of work Joe can be found at the gym and running four miles a day on the treadmill.