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I'm Jim Barr, and jimstips.com is one of my little corners of the Internet, my voice for all things tech. I love riding on the bleeding edge of technology, and I love exploring new gadgets, services, Web sites, programs, and anything interesting! Here you will find all sorts of tips and information about those things that interest me.

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### CR-48 and eyeOS – a match made in Heaven?



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### CR-48 Important Security Tip



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