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Thread: [What is the best way to learn hacking ? Do you have to learn programming to do so?](#)

lilphilog - December 18, 2012, 1:49 am

Hey everybody i would like to ask you guys What is the best way to become a hacker ? and do i have to learn programming to become a hacker? Is programming a requirement when it comes to hacking in general ? Any advice and suggestions will be very appreciated... thanks in advance.

Also i forgot to add that i have no problem in learning programming also, I'm actually interested in learning different programming languages also (I have no programming experience)

PinkPanther - December 18, 2012, 2:02 am

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lolitsthad - December 18, 2012, 2:04 am

(Dec 18, 2012 02:49 AM)lilphilog Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) and do i have to learn programming to become a hacker? Is programming a requirement when it comes to hacking in general ?

no its not but if you want to go beyond the 'skid' lvl then yes. i reccomend you go in this orde

- 1.)vb.net
- 2.)c#
- 2.)python (either c# or py are good second langs, choose one then lrn the other nxt
- 4.)delphi or c++ (maybe both?!)
- 5.) asm

currently im on vb.net ?

also im not the best so other pples input might be better than mine, so far i have only coded a mc acc stealer with a smtp script i found online. so i only had to make a fake gui lol took me 2 mins, thats the only 'hacking' i have done, but you can say i do know more than your avg skid ?

o ye networking too :D hope ive helped

simple_n_eazi1 - December 18, 2012, 2:39 am

Please way is to use the search function here. have many good articles

lilphilog - December 18, 2012, 10:57 am

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Thanks dude i will definitely keep that in mind... I'm willing to listen to any advice and suggestions,

so dont be scared to post them ?

amus3d - December 18, 2012, 11:00 am

Depending on what kind of hacking you want to learn; it is always best to know how something works.

For example, say you want to hack websites - you would need to understand how the vulnerability (like SQLi) works, this is speed the "hacking process" up a lot.

Juggernauten - December 18, 2012, 11:03 am

A hackers best weapon is his mind. To become a good hacker you should want to learn everything. You don't study for becoming a hacker, you study different sections in computing because you enjoy it and want to learn more. Don't get in over your head.

SauceJohnson - December 18, 2012, 12:08 pm

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Perl, Ruby, and Bash scripting in a Linux environment are vital. I would NOT START WITH NMAP. NMAP is cheating and you won't learn anything, especially how noisy it is on a network. Netcat is a great tool to learn networking and hacking in a "hands-on" way. You'll use it a lot as you become more experienced, then you can move on to NMAP once you know what you're doing :)

ram-raid - December 18, 2012, 12:14 pm

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lilphilog - December 18, 2012, 5:10 pm

OK thank you guys i really appreciate all the feedback :)

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I can tell you're a script kiddie -_- ..

Yes, NMAP is awesome, but it is cheating for beginners and skips the learning process "which is important". Also, NMAP is noisy on a network and most people on here don't know how to use it effectively besides basic commands. And those scripting languages are "VITAL", but that's over your head. I don't know what you "throw together", but it's definitely something I wouldn't use..

lilphillog - May 29, 2013, 6:14 pm

I know this is an old thread (which i forgot about) but i'm about to seriously get into programming, hacking and self teaching myself the craft and would like more answers and suggestions, so feel free to post please...

TornSoul - May 29, 2013, 7:03 pm

hacking is not something learned over night and yes you should learn programming as that will help you should you say hack a websight but hacking is not all fun and games you need tools and if you are to step out side of the law you would need tools such as ip masker and other things to make sure you are not traced and arrested

Turtle™ - May 29, 2013, 7:06 pm

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- HTML (extremely easy)
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- Javascript

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Good luck

lilphillog - May 30, 2013, 4:50 am

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Definitely, I totally understand that... Thats why i'm asking these question... I'm willing to put in the time to learn how to hack and program well.

notsteve - May 30, 2013, 9:55 pm

If you don't learn programming you will be stuck using other people's tools, forever.