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Thread: [Is exploiting a vulnerability illegal?](#)

Dr1ps - November 28, 2016, 11:32 am

Out of curiosity, is it illegal to exploit a vulnerability or it's the business's fault for not securing it properly?

DevSquad - November 28, 2016, 11:33 am

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Millimeter Peter - November 28, 2016, 11:34 am

(Nov 28, 2016 12:32 PM)Dr1ps Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) it is illegal to exploit a vulnerability

i'll put it like this. your home security has a flaw, is it illegal to go in and rob? or is it the owners fault for not securing it properly?

Cammy - November 28, 2016, 11:34 am

Of course, you're accessing something that's not yours without authorization

R?????obert - November 28, 2016, 11:34 am

Not sure if you are joking or not lul

Dr1ps - November 28, 2016, 11:35 am

What about just sending a request which you would have sent anyway under different circumstances?

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NapoleonicCode - November 28, 2016, 11:41 am

Everything is legal. unless you get caught ?

Thats my philosophy.

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Hm alright that should be enough to know, cheers.

InjectOG - November 29, 2016, 4:13 am

Depends what it is, and if you have permission etc from the Owner.

DeathHimSelf - December 2, 2016, 12:08 am

i would seek permission from the owner. Or use a sock 5 vpn

clrlslwi - December 2, 2016, 12:17 am

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Prince™ - December 2, 2016, 3:15 am

Illegal yes ofcourse. But totally depends on the website's owner. If you're going to report the exploit, few appreciate it and reward you as well.

Rihsky - December 2, 2016, 3:18 am

Usually if you have to ask if something is legal or not, it usually isn't. In this case, no it is not.