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Thread: [Is SE'ing considered "hacking"?](#)

Mr. Moe - June 13, 2017, 10:17 am

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Faith Connors - June 13, 2017, 10:56 am

You are right. It's important to be able to SE in an actual pentesting contract environment

Umaru - June 13, 2017, 11:24 am

You're definitely right without a doubt.

Tell your friend to look up the book:

"Social Engineering: The Art of Human Hacking"

Brill - June 13, 2017, 11:26 am

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Umaru - June 13, 2017, 11:27 am

(Jun 13, 2017 11:26 AM)Brill Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) SE is considering fraud, but yes it is essential to know if you're getting into hacking.

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Brill - June 13, 2017, 11:29 am

(Jun 13, 2017 11:27 AM)Courage The Dog Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Depending on what you are SEing yes it is anything from fraud to mail fraud so keep that in mind its not exactly hacking depending on what you're doing

it's human manipulation/exploitation on vulnerable people. definitely not hacking as it's essential to know going into business, etc., as well.

Larceny - June 13, 2017, 11:29 am

It's not hacking. It's important to know if you are hacking, yes, but it in itself is by no means hacking.

It's like asking if reading is history. No, but knowing how to read is important when it comes to learning history.

pomwtin - June 13, 2017, 11:32 am

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?Criminal - June 13, 2017, 6:04 pm

SE is mostly required in most types of hacks, the only real ways you can hack something remotely without user interaction is exploiting networking protocols or web application exploitation things like that outside of those 2 domains of hacking SE/user interaction is a must, there's a reason most of these APT groups blast out emails to companies, it's kind of impossible to get on a company's LAN without SE unless you find something like a GPRS protocol exploit which allowed a bud of mine to get on a few decent sized phone carrier LANs and access to very nice data because GPRS is a phone carrier exclusive protocol mainly. Another important type of hack that SE is also required in would be file format exploitation which you would still need to send a file so at the end of day SE should be a tactic on your hacker tool belt.

Mr. Moe - June 13, 2017, 6:05 pm

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I didn't mean to offend any hackers, especially not on this forum xD

Pronouncer - June 13, 2017, 6:10 pm

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SE is a very vital part of hacking.

Anyone who denies this is wrong.

ISP doing is part of hacking.

When you try to hack companies, a good hacker will always start off by SE'ing information. (Not talking about running round shelling sites)

So yes, human manipulation is a form of hacking.

Hacking is gaining unauthorized access to data or a system, and that is what you're doing whether it brings a logical or physical system