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Thread: [Does this product break the rule against Identity Theft](#)

Linux™ - September 20, 2017, 3:14 pm

The Part

Sales Thread: <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5696689>

Author: <https://hackforums.net/member.php?action=profile&uid=1500389>

Rule

Code Identity Theft

This is another topic we feel is purely criminal in nature and we won't allow that here. Topics on stealing identities will be removed immediately.

B3Plays - September 20, 2017, 3:16 pm

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Nachfolger - September 20, 2017, 3:16 pm

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Da? ?ae - September 20, 2017, 3:18 pm

That's fucking scary bruh wtf.

It should be disallowed as it may not be active ID theft but... a SSN? are you serious? lmao we talkin big credit fraud here cmon now

Linux™ - September 20, 2017, 3:19 pm

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FamousHater - September 20, 2017, 4:09 pm

im sure he is counting on finding equifax hack

B?ker - September 20, 2017, 4:11 pm

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Are you retarded?

Yes OP this would be Blackhat and not allowed.

B?ker - September 20, 2017, 8:35 pm

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Mr. WAVES - September 20, 2017, 9:44 pm

(Sep 20, 2017 03:16 PM)Nachfolger Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You're not stealing an identity by looking up the SSN. How is this identity theft? If this is not, then what is it's identity theft?

Give us your SSN + Name + Birthday and you'll see what's next.
I'm sure you won't

To me this is identity theft

M?xim - September 21, 2017, 3:42 am

I don't think that any PI service on the clearnet should be in need of offering to find someone's SSN to be honest.

Here's a definition of Identity theft for those wondering:

Quote:the illegal use of someone else's personal information (such as a Social Security number) especially in order to obtain money or credit [>> Source](#)

HuntedCS - September 21, 2017, 3:45 am

This would not be allowed. You can for sure get fucked just for having it, and being HackForums, there is likely a malicious intent.

Vitani - September 21, 2017, 4:39 am

I'm not sure why anyone would think this is allowed. Even if such information is publicly available due to a hack, it's still not allowed to have this information let alone use it.

theBallistic - September 22, 2017, 8:44 am

I'd say this is simply not allowed. I had a look at the thread the other day and questioned if it's allowed in the rules. The thread should be taken down imo. This is simply just wrong, and if you are to dox someone, why would you need their SSN? Like others have said, it's better to wait for a staff member to reply rather than argue about it.

californiaweed - September 22, 2017, 8:47 am

should be against the rules and is actually dumb selling this method on the clearnet

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Maybe I'm confused here.

Is the tool in question offering a search system for doxing other information from a person's SSN? Example: I have a SSN and want to know who owns it.

Or is it offering a tool to find a specific person's SSN. Example: I have a person's name and want their SSN.

Please understand the first one is much less severe than the second!

Meow - September 22, 2017, 4:38 pm

Could've PM'd before making this thread. I don't bite.

Blind Man - September 22, 2017, 5:38 pm

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Armada - September 22, 2017, 7:17 pm

Totally sure Omni is like 100% cool with you selling or using Social security numbers as a form of identification/sale/or general dumb assed use. (not)

I mean, use some freaking common sense, you are talking about numbers assigned for people to work legally. OBV that shit is illegal. ??????????

Elitas - September 23, 2017, 6:33 am

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I asked whether it was finding a person's SSN, or finding the person's name attached to a SSN.

One of these is stealing someone's SSN and is illegal whilst the other one is finding the owner of a SSN which isn't illegal (but may be illegal depending on how you found their SSN in the first place).

Hope you understand my confusion..

Mr. Robot - September 23, 2017, 7:10 am

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(Feb 18, 2017 02:03 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Lot's of confusion in this thread.

<http://www.dmlp.org/legal-guide/publication-private-facts>

That's the closest I've found to actual factual data. I'm not aware of criminality when it comes to doxing. I am aware of possible civil lawsuits that can ensure. And in EU they are more stringent with privacy laws so it could be that posting of private data may have a legal consequence.

Bloggers who post private data may hide behind laws giving the press/media the ability to publish freely. Certain authors are testing the waters on what's acceptable. It also arguable if a blogger is an actual news agent. There has to be the consideration of malice (an intent to harm).

Bloggers can get sued but that doesn't mean they will lose.

Also, it doesn't matter where the dox'd person lives. What matters is where the doxer/blogger lives. It will be there place of residence that you'll be able to take any legal action.

You're not expected to follow laws outside of your country. It's illegal to drink alcohol in the UAE for instance but obviously I can drink in US all day long.

If you're going to dox someone you should consider legal terms like harasment, defamation, and emotional distress.

Also note that "doxing" is an obscure term the same as "hacking". You won't find hacking or doxing in any penal code I'm aware of. The CFAA (Computer Fraud and Abuse Act) doesn't ever use the term "hack", not once.

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1030>

Hmm....maybe. But again, it's one of those loose terms which can probably have multiple meanings.

The only law I'm aware of to prevent the publishing of private data is HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability) which concerns your medical records and the health industry. Find me a law saying that posting of an SSN is against it. Find it....stop talking about it and find it.

Here is a nice article:

<http://abovethelaw.com/2010/07/fourth-circuit-decides-first-amendment-trumps-social-security-number-privacy/>

Basically, I have yet to ever see anyone arrested for publishing private data and very few ever sued for it and then even less for those who lost for doing so.

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"You have had your privacy rights violated in regards XXXXX XXXXX information and right to privacy. What the person did was not legal. They have given many others the chance for identity theft of your number.

<http://www.privacyrights.org/fs/fs10-ssn.htm>

The SSN and Privacy

Today, the Social Security Number plays an unparalleled role in identification, authentication, and tracking of Americans. Because the identifier is used for many purposes, it is valuable to those who wish to acquire credit, commit crimes, or masquerade as another person.

The SSN has been increasingly used in the private sector. The SSN is the record locator for many private-sector profilers, credit bureaus, and credit card companies. It is also used extensively outside the financial services sector. And, while some businesses use the SSN to identify individuals, others use the SSN as a password. This means that the SSN is widely used both as an identifier and as an authenticator. Serious security problems are raised in any system where a single number is XXXXX both as identifier and authenticator. It is not unlike using a password XXXXX to a user name for signing into e-mail. Or like using the SSN as a bank account number and the last four of the SSN as a PIN for automated teller machines.

<http://www.epic.org/privacy/ssn/>

You need to contact the forums and ask that it be removed ASAP. Please let me know if you need further assistance."

"consult with an attorney and try to get an injunction stopping that person. Also, if you suffered financial loss because of the conduct, you could explore options to recover those damages from the person. "

Unless you're getting their SSN to hang up on your wall it's probably going to end badly. The point of doxing is almost always to release said persons information or use it to harm them in some way. Both of which are illegal

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