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Thread: [how long will it take to achieve this goal and is it a realistic goal?](#)

**randomFunParty** - November 5, 2019, 3:49 pm

I have always had a passion for hacking and the hacker mentality and personality.

I want to learn as my hacking skills the following + required programming languages to do so:

primary skills:

web exploitation/database exploitation

social engineering

OSINT

browser hacking

secondary skills:

wifi/network hacking

server/OS exploitation

basic reverse engineering

But I want to have the necessary knowledge to know how this stuff works before I exploit it. I have been learning web development to try and get the necessary skills to learn web exploitation. I want to learn the programming behind it. As for the secondary skills, I want to still be proficient but not emphasized as much. I want to know how that stuff works as well but its the first four things I really like the most, especially web exploitation. That's what I want as my primary specialty more than anything else there.

How long should it take me to do this minimum if you include the time it takes to get the prerequisites done in order to do so?

Thanks.

**CyberStrike** - November 5, 2019, 4:17 pm

Are you starting from zero already? If that is the case with 12-18 hour days you might be able to do it in 3 - 4 months absolute minimum.

**Asdethprime** - November 5, 2019, 5:45 pm

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**randomFunParty** - November 6, 2019, 3:04 pm

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I know but wouldn't be ideal to take a web development course first? I mean I am taking a full-stack web development course right now and its going really well.

Yeah, I mean I agree with you. Obviously, i need to get to the point where I can actually hack it.

Thanks for the advice.

**Noodlez\_** - November 9, 2019, 11:36 pm

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Question, but don't most people know basics of multiple skills but one skill in depth?

I think I see what your saying though.

I am gonna get good at web exploitation primarily but I see what your saying I guess.

i'm probably gonna learn web exploitation first and spend the most time on that.

But I see where your going with this.

I will probably spend a year or two just on web exploitation before I get to anything else. For everything else, if I do it at all I will probably just learn the basics of it.

Does that make it more doable?

My favorite one of all of these is web hacking.

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So would you say that most expert hackers don't have basic well-rounded hacking skill?

And I want to know web application hacking the most so I would pick that above all else.

But don't most hackers have more than one thing they know how to do? I mean, I thought that for example most hackers can crack WPA2, do basic SQLi, etc.

I am all for picking one thing and mastering it. It actually would be a good exercise for me because I generally have a problem being scattered with things.

But I am curious so do most really good hackers in web hacking just not know the first thing about anything else?

That's just my question.

And how well-rounded is the average skilled hacker in your view?