Forum:Hack Forums

Thread: Do you have favorite or model hacker ?

Bastille - *October 26, 2024, 6:56 pm*

I'm thinking about making a thread about the most famous / important hackers in the history, for our hacker culture, and I would like to get new names in case you have ones.

The term "hacker" encompasses many activities that aren't all malicious and have also evolved over time, so the people we mention that are related to hacking may have different paths, activities, and so on.

I've read few books about the most important ones, like Kevin Mitnick, Bradley/Chelsea Meaning, Edward Snowden, Adrian Lamo, and there are many more I need to study such as :
- Jeremy Hammond
- Hamza Bendelladj
- Karl Koch

So far, I think that Kevin Mitnick was my favorite (he left us a year or two ago if I remember well ...), he had the FBI on his tail; he was playing with the feds, hacking systems simply for the challenge rather than for money. He was so confident that he'd physically enter buildings, posing as an employee to steal technical documents in order to understand how certain networks worked. He was truly the archetype of the original hacker, driven by a quest for challenge and knowledge.

And you, who he's your favorite ? Of course this is not limited to hacker, if you have models in IT such as Linus Torvalds or Richard Stallman I would like to hear about them too !

For my part, in the "IT" field, it was Terry A Davis, the creator of TempleOS, if you don't know him you should really take a look on YT, there are few HQ videos about this amazing/controversary man

ttbr0 - *October 26, 2024, 8:22 pm*

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Money- - *October 26, 2024, 8:38 pm*

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I didn't know the "Google Project Zero", I'll take a look at it :)

And yeah, he was someone, different, but a god damn genius..

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Bro when you spoke about most youtubers that are business men I was like "Damn, there is this guy I need to share to him, it's like Buffer Overflow or something like that", I've spent 5 minutes looking for his YT channel and I gave up, then I saw you wrote it in your post haha

There is this guy also from NullBytes, the one that never blinks haha, Kody something, I liked him, I started learning with NullBytes videos

Cooligan - *October 27, 2024, 7:54 am*
It might sound sort of basic, but Edward Snowden would be my favorite of all time simply due to the balls he has for what he did.

Without resorting to mainstream though, the hacker @onecool, one of the guys responsible for deciphering 50 pages of Cicada 3301 is severely underrated imo.

There's also the oldschool hacker @Mudge from way back in the day who was one of the main leaders of The L0pht hacking group.

Oh and not to mention Cult of the Dead Cow hacker group.
https://cultdeadcow.com/

Game - *October 27, 2024, 8:47 am*
One person who has always intrigued me as someone who I have also been friends with previously is MLT from Team Poison and TriCk who went and joined ISIS (crazy).