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Thread: [What do blackhats actually gain?](#)

ShadowPacket - September 13, 2026, 2:45 pm

I'm not talking about the ones you hear on the news, but the many others who attack individuals. It seems to me that most of the time the risk greatly outweighs the potential positives. Are there other motives other than money for the actual skilled blackhats that target individuals? Ego? Power? Knowledge?

Terry A. Davis - September 13, 2026, 3:46 pm

Money, fear, respect, entitlement.

What do you gain from being a nice person?

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(Sep 13, 2026 03:46 PM)Terry A. Davis Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Money, fear, respect, entitlement.

What do you gain from being a nice person?

Absolutely nothing, always comes back and bites me in the arse.

Sift - September 13, 2026, 4:14 pm

Money, fear, respect and often just the joy of a successful attack.

CyberXero - September 13, 2026, 5:38 pm

A sense of accomplishment,

XtremeDiscount - September 13, 2026, 6:34 pm

Money mostly lol

clark.dll - September 14, 2026, 8:36 am

Leverage, money, sense of accomplishment.

It just depends on who the target is relative to the attacker.

leste0 - September 14, 2026, 12:49 pm

Financial freedom or a 10-year federal sentence, with very little middle ground. The Hollywood trope died a long time ago—it's just an industry with terrible retirement benefits.

m1000 - September 14, 2026, 2:13 pm

Some people just do things because they can... That's part of being human, whether it's good or bad. Most of the time black hats are after financial gain or clout.

Binance - September 14, 2026, 6:43 pm

Prison sentences.

Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow; but eventually they come for you. Whether you think you're too big, too small, too safe; nobody can out-resource law enforcement.

SIM-5022267 - September 16, 2026, 5:29 am

I don't understand how blackhats still exist when our entire internet and devices are all being watched by the government, LOL.