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Godfather112 - April 24, 2009, 9:06 am

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Vaqxine - April 24, 2009, 9:07 am

Same situation here but things work differently in the UK.. A few universities here offer IT Security courses which would be ideal.

iBruteforce - April 24, 2009, 9:10 am

I've gained my knowledge in security over the last 4 years or so, It's amazing what you learn without actually going to college, I just pick it up from testing out things, reading on the internet, I'm not a white hat though. As vaqxine said, IT course is the other option, depends which way you learn best.

Godfather112 - April 24, 2009, 9:10 am

Wow ya that would be awesome. I'd be willing to go out of the country to learn

Vaqxine - April 24, 2009, 9:22 am

I wasn't saying leave the country (:D), but aren't there any IT courses you can take where you live?

Jetwall - April 24, 2009, 9:25 am

CEH anyone?

<http://www.eccouncil.org/education.htm>

whiterabbit7500 - April 24, 2009, 9:25 am

google "ethical hacking"

dues ex machina - April 24, 2009, 10:50 am

maybe take some classes by distance ed if you can? heaps of courses have stuff that you can do online like CCNA networking or something?

Omniscient - April 24, 2009, 10:52 am

There is security certifications that you need to look into. Microsoft has classes you can take and tests for certification.

Godfather112 - April 24, 2009, 10:56 am

ok thanks all you have been extremely helpfull. I am looking into the EC-Council University, it seems like it has some really good classes. It would give me my MMS which is master of security science. Thanks omni ill have to check out microsoft also.

Phius - April 24, 2009, 11:09 am

There are many training centres worldwide that provide ethical hacking courses, here are just a few...

http://7safe.com/ethical_hacking_passport.htm

<http://www.net-security-training.co.uk/>

<http://www.appinonline.com/>

<http://www.learningtree.com/courses/537.htm>

Viral Dragon - April 24, 2009, 11:11 am

I disagree. IT is not automatically the best way to learn. I found it easier to learn on my own rather than listening to some boring people drone on and on about some weird history of Linux I could have just looked up on my own and memorized it all in about 7 minutes.

I actually think it's better to learn on your own. You learn at your own speed no pressure. Easier to get help and easier to learn. Less time consuming. Doesn't cost money.

n3xus - April 24, 2009, 1:23 pm

Umm.....make sure you don't get suckered into a scam ethical hacking course, like the ones where they teach you how to use task manager and call it hacking. I recommend seeking education and using tutorials from Security Communities such as Bugtraq, Atalavista, etc.

Aaron*1 - April 24, 2009, 2:44 pm

Personally I learn better by Reading on the Internet for things to do with computers but for school subjects (maths as an example) I prefer having a teacher and actually revising it, mathd is VERY useful subject... ;)

Soldier of Fortune - April 24, 2009, 3:11 pm

Pen testing for example? Probably the best go.

t3hmadhatt3r - April 24, 2009, 6:10 pm

Start with some basic web langs and read up on some on going exploits against websites and users. Also, I recommend my ebooks. They are great for learning. Then when you know some stuff go find some sites that are locally owned (Newspapers maybe???) and try to find some exploits for them. Then report them and, maybe start contacting them and their security team. You can then try to get the word out about you helping the site (Maybe get it published in THEIR newspaper and see if anyone is willing to hire you to test their site... You can always do it free though.(I don't think anyone's going to trust a teen but, might as well get some word out that you are alive...But the great thing is you can practice on their sites if you have permission!!!).

Professor 0110 - April 24, 2009, 6:12 pm

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n3xus - April 24, 2009, 6:15 pm

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A book series that accurately describes modern hacking? Sounds too good to be true, but I'll give it a look.

Viral Dragon - April 25, 2009, 10:25 am

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I agree with nexus. Kinda hard to believe. Where can I find this book?

I'd like to give it a look over. Besides I might learn something new. I'm always up to learning something new.

Viral Dragon - April 25, 2009, 10:39 am

Interesting. Well I'll definitely this good look over when I get time later on.
Thanks for the torrent.

Emily02 - July 7, 2022, 3:21 pm

Am a certified cybersecurity personal and help with IT passing for IT Certification exams.

zerodrive - July 8, 2022, 5:11 am

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There's a really big community of like-minded individuals in exactly the same situation as you. Go on discord, explore public servers, and search for "Whitehat Hacking". The first result should be what you're looking for.

