

THE TOP 5 HACKER TYPES

There's more than one kind of hacker.

And there are major differences in what they can achieve. To protect yourself and your organization, start by understanding the source of the threat.

1 SCRIPT KIDDIES

These low-skilled hobbyists vandalize websites with common hacking tools. It's done to impress their friends, and the damage is usually minimal.



2 HACKTIVISTS

Here, protest organizations such as Anonymous aim to embarrass governments or corporations. They lack the resources needed for more serious attacks.



3 CYBER CRIMINALS

Criminal groups seek cash, typically through site hacking, phishing and ransomware attacks. They are highly skilled, and often have day jobs in IT.



4 ORGANIZED CRIME

These guys are going for big paydays, and are willing to invest accordingly. Their targets include data stored on the internal networks of governments and large corporations.



5 ADVANCED PERSISTENT THREATS

Elite state-sponsored teams patiently target other governments' economies, politics and infrastructure. They are backed by unlimited resources.



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