

Reflection on Motives for Cyber Offenses

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There are many different motives for cyber crime. These could be caused by many things throughout people's lives, and all of these reasons can have very different backgrounds.

- **For Money:** Many different hackers see money as a major motivator for them to commit cyber crimes. Types of attacks like ransomware and data theft are very lucrative money makers for many different hackers. Cybercriminals will not only steal money from people, but even will use the money as an investment to make more money off of people.
- **For Recognition:** Within the hacking realm, there is a sort of respect people have for each other based on what they have either successfully attacked or broken into. Larger groups will attack big targets in order to gain more recognition within their communities and the world as a whole.
- **Politics:** A way that hackers can show their beliefs in political aspects is through hacktivism. These are hackers who attack targets based on their political motivations, which could be something like injustice or corruption. The attacks that people can commit could be powerful against what they believe in.
- **For Revenge:** Revenge is one of the more personal forms of motivators. It is up in the higher levels of popularity when it comes to cyber crime, and leads to a large amount of damage. This could be simply between two who are at conflict or someone who has some personal conflict with a larger entity.
- **For Entertainment:** Some criminals simply commit cyber crimes for the enjoyment of it, or even the challenge. There are those who commit attacks solely because they want to see if they can.
- **Boredom:** One of the more minor motivators that create smaller issues is boredom. Cyber criminals when bored could simply do minor attacks that don't involve much planning but can still take up time to do.

All in all, there are many different motivations for cyber criminals. Whether it is one of these motivators or multiple, they all have a certain reason as to why they commit acts of crime, from being bored and wanting something to do to pushing their political agenda across.

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