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There is a constant announcement of hacking on the Department of Justice's Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Area news release section, and I will investigate whether there is a potential relationship between these hackings. First, there is the huge hacking of US retail and financial networks by Alberto Gonzalez, a 28-year-old Miami resident. Stephen Watt, a 25-yearold New York hacker, was convicted for supplying a data theft tool in a national identification case. Edward Pena, a 26-year-old guy. A Venezuelan citizen of Mexico was extradited on hacking charges after it was discovered that he had surreptitiously planned to break into VOIP phone service providers. Li Mun Poo, 32, was a Malaysian citizen who attempted to hack into the Federal Reserve system and was apprehended upon arrival in the US. In Kansas City, Missouri, hacker Bruce Raisley was charged with spreading dangerous viruses intended to assault many media outlets. Sergei Tsurikov, a 26-year-old Estonian, was extradited to Atlanta on allegations of being an international hacker. Nathaniel Gorton, 37, of New Hampshire, for his participation in a multinational computer hacking scheme. Andrew Auernheimer, 25, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Daniel Spitler, 26, of San Francisco, California, were arrested for attempting to hack into AT&T systems. Anthony Tyler Nashatka, a citizen of New York, was indicted on hacking charges relating to the theft of 1.4 million dollars in cryptocurrency. Michael Mussachio, 61, of Plano, Texas, was charged with two counts of criminal computer hacking. Carliss Pereira, Carl Joseph, and Christopher Wright 21 and 22-year-old Florida A&M University students were convicted of computer hacking.

All of these In most cases, hackers were young adults. The great majority are in their twenties, with one in his early and late thirties. That seems to be the trend; young adult men

tended to be the ones who committed this specific crime of hacking. Another link was that they were hacking firms, businesses, and possibly the government for financial gain. They did not hack ordinary people, and you would expect that commercial and government hackings would be supported by philosophical purpose, but not in these circumstances. The 61-year-old and 44-year-old were the clear outliers in terms of age. I was shocked by the number of foreigners that were included; whether this is due to the United States of America being a cultural melting pot or foreigners just being less skilled at computer hacking, I will never know.