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Hactivism, I believe, will be the most danger to computer security. According to award-winning IT publicist Margaret Rouse, this is the act of exploiting a computer system or network for a social or political purpose. Something akin to Anonymous, the well-known multinational hacking collective that targeted centralized governments in the mid to late 2000s. A new group like that would be problematic in the next 20 years since there is already antagonistic antagonism, which a new hacking group might use and wreak some damage. Whether this organization is motivated by a particular country's allegiance or by their own sense of justice, they can do a lot in this era of knowledge and technology that is far superior to that of Anonymous. The 2016 election is an example of how a spear phishing attempt that exposed the DNC single-handedly cost Hillary Clinton the general election by destroying her reputation. Another reason why a gang of political hackers would be so dangerous in the next 20 years is the level of distrust in the political system, which they may use to provoke some disputes or rifts. The emergence of the Internet of Things, as well as the fact that technology has become intertwined with our daily lives, will also work in their favor. Political people whose lives are already open to the public can now be easily accessed and crucial material released. As technology grows more commonplace, we will continue to give up our privacy in exchange for government and corporate security. Sensitive material is now freely accessible, endangering not only prominent personalities but all of us.