

1. Multiple Reasons ([https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/what-drives-hackers-to-a-life-of/?\\_cf\\_chl\\_jschl\\_tk=\\_\\_pmd\\_c1d89a4695edbd23f2bceb54d70f35ce5e536e86-1626721164-0-gqNtZGzNAfjcnBszQi6](https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/what-drives-hackers-to-a-life-of/?_cf_chl_jschl_tk=__pmd_c1d89a4695edbd23f2bceb54d70f35ce5e536e86-1626721164-0-gqNtZGzNAfjcnBszQi6))

I ranked this motive 1<sup>st</sup> as most people who commit crime have multiple reasons to do so. For example, a cybercriminal might be motivated to commit cybercrime in order to obtain money and status.

2. For Money (<https://threatresearch.ext.hp.com/sex-drugs-and-toilet-rolls-how-cybercriminals-spend-their-money-infographic/>)

I ranked motive 2<sup>nd</sup> as the main reason most cybercriminals hack others is to obtain money. As shown in the article most cybercriminals use the money they get to invest into other money-making methods and on needs and wants.

3. Recognition ([https://www.theregister.com/2021/06/30/bradley\\_niblock\\_election\\_ddos/](https://www.theregister.com/2021/06/30/bradley_niblock_election_ddos/))

This is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> as most criminal want to have notoriety from their actions and their crimes. For example, in the article the culprit mentioned in the article wanted to attract attention to his Twitter (X) account to get likes for his actions.

4. Revenge (<https://newsfromwales.co.uk/revenge-porn-victims-in-wales-often-feel-let-down-by-the-law-as-cybercrime-slips-through-the-net/>)

This is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> as most people who are blind sighted by revenge tend to go very far in their revenge plans. For instance, they might try to hurt someone by ruining their public image by posting nude photos.

5. Political (<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/magazines/panache/new-generation-of-angry-youthful-hackers-join-the-hacktivism-wave-adding-to-cyber-security-woes/articleshow/81707844.cms>)

This is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> as only a handful of hackers want to send a message to the government since politics are touchy and a wrong move can land them with a lot of jail time.

6. Boredom (<https://www.heraldive.co.za/news/2021-05-31-cyberbullying-and-online-sexual-grooming-of-children-on-the-increase/>)

This is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> as I feel most hackers would rather try to hack something when they want to achieve or gain something.

7. Entertainment (<https://9to5mac.com/2021/07/19/man-behind-linkedin-scraping/>)

This is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> as said in 6<sup>th</sup> most hackers would rather hack something to gain something rather than to do it for fun.