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Week 5 Journal Entry

1. For money – As with many hackers the risk/reward is typically at the forefront. Using protective measures while carrying out an attack can shield the identity. Bitcoin allows them to spend freely without concern for being tracked.
2. Multiple Reasons – the combo of one or more of these factors is certainly a strong second. When knowledge meets opportunity, and meets boredom, or revenge? This sounds like a perfect storm of reasons. I know how to hack ethically, but my boss who doesn’t know as much gave me a bad performance eval, “maybe I’ll hack his socials and mess with his life”.
3. Recognition – I think these days the hacking groups are typically seeking recognition. Most threat actors fight hard to remain anonymous. But much like my #1 money can buy them properties, cars, and other expensive items.
4. Political – Since the known interference by APTs during the 2016 elections in the U.S., and speculatively the most recent 2024 election. It seems there is a lot of interest by other nation states to attempt to influence not only U.S. elections but others around the world that may be of value to their nation’s interests.
5. Revenge – This is the most personal of these motives and the amount of people with the skills to carry out attacks seems to me to be one of the lower groups.
6. Entertainment -
7. Boredom