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Mainstream media has a certain way of dramatizing a lot of things in order to add to the plot or the appeal of a movie. Of these "things" hacking and cybersecurity is very prevalent in a lot of movies and shows. Mainly, a character will "hack the mainframe" using the classic green hacker screen in order to assist the main character in doing whatever it is they may be doing. However, these added dramatics can really influence people's perceptions of what cybersecurity and hacking really is. It is made to seem a lot more scary and thrilling than it generally is, and can influence people toward or away from it. For professionals, such as the woman in the video, they can point out what's real and what's fake, but that is much harder for a person with no experience to do. This lack of differentiation can lead people to think that cybersecurity is super extreme and heart-pounding, like it is portrayed in movies, and may scare people into changing their online habits as a result.