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Movies and TV shows are created as forms of entertainment that tell a story to the audience. They are meant to elicit different emotional response from the viewers. Some movies and TV shows make the viewers laugh, sometimes, it makes them cry. Other movies and TV shows are meant to educate while others are just made purely for entertainment. If there is one thing common in most movies and TV shows, it is the fact that they try to teach a lesson to the viewers. In the YouTube video that was provided in class, a security analyst/hackers named Keren Elazari watched 12 different hacking scenes from movies and TV shows and rated their realness compared to real world applications. The movies and shows presented in the video were from different eras and genres. It tackled different cyber related concepts like “SQL Injection”, “Multi-factor Authentication”, and “Biometrics”. The video was very educational and introduced real life cyber applications and concepts that are real and are use in the cyber industry. In today’s world, the media plays an important part in educating and influencing people about cybersecurity. The scenes presented in the video were specifically made to make the characters look cool. Though some scenes are realistic, most of the hacking and cyber related activities in the video are unrealistic. Some can argue that it can teach the public the wrong way to approach and handle technological and cyber related activities. For example, you just cannot walk into a public library and successfully hack a government’s database in matter of minutes. You also just cannot dispose your laptop or sim card into a trashcan without properly destroying and erasing all its contents. However, not everything shown in video were all negative. Some of the scenes showed in the video were helpful. There was a scene that taught the viewers not to store or recycle old passwords. With the growing threat of fake news, misinformation, and

disinformation, the media needs to clearly define what is fact and what is fiction when it comes to important issues like cybersecurity. It is also our duty and responsibility to know what is real and what is not with regards to the media and how it portrays cybersecurity and cyberspace.