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The 8 individual motives for why people commit cybercrimes are money, entertainment, politics, curiosity, revenge, recognition, and multiple other reasons. Ranking each of these reasons, money would be number 1. Money can influence people to do things they never thought they would do. If you possess the skills but lack a moral compass, cybercrimes can be highly lucrative. Political reasons would be next, a lot of well-known hacking groups take orders from their nation, but obviously, their government won't admit it. Recognition is something that most cybercriminals aspire to have. Curiosity would be after Recognition, curious to see how to commit cybercrimes and how much damage you can do. Some people have fun doing illegal activities, which is why entertainment is next, the thought of getting caught entertains them. Multiple other reasons would be next, whether it is how they grew up or how dire their living situation is, a ton of reasons can lead someone to take the criminal route. Boredom would be the last reason someone would commit a cybercrime, putting themselves at risk of going to jail for years, simply because of boredom is highly unlikely.