

Motives for committing crimes come from a plethora of reasons, from boredom to revenge. Here are 7 sample journals from cyber crimes. I have put them in order from weakest motive to strongest based on personal opinion.

1. <https://www.heraldive.co.za/news/2021-05-31-cyberbullying-and-online-sexual-grooming-of-children-on-the-increase/>  
This journal covers cyber bullying and child grooming. It bases the motives off of 'boredom' and 'just because they can'. These internal motives that take a stab at curing boredom are weak and often have much more dire consequences than the boredom they attempt to cure. There are much better ways to keep yourself busy.
2. <https://9to5mac.com/2021/07/19/man-behind-linkedin-scraping/>  
A man exposed data of 700 million users on LinkedIn, simply for the joy of doing it. He also sold some of the data for a profit after collecting it via web scraping. Similar to number 1, there are much better, and more legal ways, of entertaining yourself.
3. [https://www.theregister.com/2021/06/30/bradley\\_niblock\\_election\\_ddos/](https://www.theregister.com/2021/06/30/bradley_niblock_election_ddos/)  
A Labour Party parliamentary candidate in the UK had their website DDoS'd by a 22 year old. He used social media for attention and recognition, posting about his crime. If you are talented and want attention for your skill, enter a competition, or find employment involving your skill to make money and get recognition the right way.
4. <https://threatresearch.ext.hp.com/sex-drugs-and-toilet-rolls-how-cybercriminals-spend-their-money-infographic/>  
This site explains how cybercriminals will commit crimes to make profits, how much they make, and why they do it. Buying equipment, jewelry, and investments were some of the top spendings, but again, if you're looking to make money, find a good job for it, or at least something legal.
5. [https://newsfromwales.co.uk/revenge-porn-victims-in-wales-often-feel-let-down-by-the-law-as-cybercrime-slips-through-the-net/#google\\_vignette](https://newsfromwales.co.uk/revenge-porn-victims-in-wales-often-feel-let-down-by-the-law-as-cybercrime-slips-through-the-net/#google_vignette)  
Crimes of revenge are among some of the most serious, in Wales, revenge porn is an issue that law enforcement has recently been struggling to hold at bay. The criminal could be anyone from a stranger to an ex-partner, and their motive could be from just for fun, to something much more serious.
6. <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 journal covers hackers looking to make a political point. The common theme applies here again, there are effective ways to discuss political change that are legal where you can still make your mark.
7. [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)

Ego, socioeconomic, and psychological factors often play a role in motivating cyber criminals to commit a crime. Someone's past will affect their future, and sometimes, bad people are made, not born. Kacy Zurkius, a news writer, covers Wendy Zamora's work on the in depth analysis of why cyber criminals do what they do.