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### Week 5 - Journal Entry

There can be a lot of different motivations to why people would commit crimes, or in this case specifically, cybercrimes. Out of the seven motives listed in the presentation, here's the ranking that I believe makes most sense.

#### **For Money**

The world runs on money, and financial gain is often the strongest force behind committing cybercrimes. Criminals love targeting valuable assets like bank account information, insider access into financial information, ect.

#### **Recognition**

In my opinion, a lot of hackers are motivated for the sole reason that people will talk about them or the attack. A lot of hackers desire fame within certain communities, and are seen more powerful the more systems they can hack into this. Because of this, I believe that recognition is a huge motivation for hackers to commit cybercrimes.

#### **Entertainment**

A lot of people simply find entertainment in trying to poke holes and find vulnerabilities in systems, it's the reason a lot of bug bounty programs exist. Many people are just interested in how systems work and want to see for themselves, or are entertained by the chaos they may cause.

### **Revenge**

Revenge can be a very powerful motivator, especially in cases that may affect people personally. This could be something like getting laid off at your job, and then deciding to infiltrate their systems as revenge. Or doxxing somebody because you're losing an argument on the internet. Whatever the case may be, revenge can be a powerful motivator for why somebody would want to be malicious.

### **Boredom**

I think that boredom and entertainment can go hand in hand in some cases, but it can definitely be a factor into why somebody would commit crimes. If you have nothing else to do, why wouldn't you poke around at a system and see if you could find vulnerabilities? It gives you something to do, and at times can be rewarding for hackers.

### **Political**

Political motivated attacks is something we see quite often, whether it's defacing a government website in protest, or shutting down government systems in entirety. Hacktivism is a form of activism where you try to spread or share your message by doing what the name implies, hacking.

### **Multiple Reasons**

While some hackers may have a mix of motivations on why they attacked, most of the time there's a clear goal in mind that the hacker has. Whether it's anything on this list, or more, the reasons somebody has to hack into a system or person can be all over the place.