

# Journal Prompt from Module 8

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I think the media plays a big role in how we understand cybersecurity. Growing up, I used to see hacking as some 3D model similar to what you would see in like a 3D printing program, pop ups that open all at once and/or close and reopen rapidly, someone typing really fast with a screen full of code information. While it all may have seemed exciting, it was not a big issue or concern to a lot of people as it was all in development, whereas now Hollywood has developed more of a better understanding using some correct terms and using actual coding information on screen or an actual representation of something in the cyber field. Today it is much different since the news captures more data leaks and breaches affecting some big companies or governments. Thinking of it more in depth, it's not just individual hackers now whereas a decade ago you would find a lot but today they are now working with others or specific groups to cause international damage. Social media spreads awareness nowadays about that it can also be used to deceive and create fake news and is not always accurate. What has really changed is back then used to be far away tech and a geek problem, and today modern media talk affects everyone to include from your phone, job, elections, bank and many more. There's more focus on prevention now as far as strong passwords and avoiding suspicious emails. So, I'd say the media has helped people take a more serious approach to cybersecurity and shaped what we think of threats.

## References