In the [computer security](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computer_security) context, a **hacker** is someone who seeks and exploits weaknesses in a computer system or computer network. Hackers may be motivated by a multitude of reasons, such as profit, protest, or challenge.[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hacker_%28computer_security%29#cite_note-crackdown-1) The subculture that has evolved around hackers is often referred to as the computer underground and is now a known [community](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Community).[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hacker_%28computer_security%29#cite_note-2) While other uses of the word hacker exist that are not related to computer security, such as referring to someone with an advanced understanding of computers and computer networks,[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hacker_%28computer_security%29#cite_note-3) they are rarely used in mainstream context. They are subject to the long standing [hacker definition controversy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hacker_definition_controversy) about the true meaning of the term [hacker](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hacker_%28term%29). In this controversy, the term hacker is reclaimed by [computer programmers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hacker_%28programmer_subculture%29) who argue that someone breaking into computers is better called a **cracker**,[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hacker_%28computer_security%29#cite_note-4) not making a difference between computer criminals ([black hats](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_hat_hacking)) and computer security experts ([white hats](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_hats)).[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hacker_%28computer_security%29#cite_note-5) Some white hat hackers claim that they also deserve the title hacker, and that only black hats should be called crackers.