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White or Black or ... Gray? An Ethical Analysis of Gray Hat hacking and how it pertains to both Black and White Hat hacking.

In this essay, I will write about the implications and outstanding effects of Gray Hat hacking and as to whether it is ethical or not. My first point will be to introduce the idea of Gray Hat hacking and what it is followed by a short comparison of it with White and Black Hat Hacking.

- White, Gray and Black Hat hacking with a focus on Gray Hat hacking.
- Comparing the differences between the three.
- My viewpoint is that White Hat hacking is the ONLY ethical version of Hacking, and that Gray and Black Hat Hacking are unethical.

My second, third and fourth definitive points will be about the various ideologies of ethics and how it pertains to Gray Hat hacking. I will then discuss how those ideas pertain to Black and White Hat hacking to show the comparison between the three.

- Point 2: I will first use Virtue Ethics to discuss my viewpoint on Gray Hat Hacking.
- Point 3: I will use Act Utilitarianism to discuss my viewpoint on Gray Hat Hacking.
- Point 4: I will compare both Black and White Hacking to Gray Hat hacking using the viewpoints.

My final point will concisely wrap up all three types of hacking and conclude the essay.