

- What is the difference between Hacktivism and Cybercrime

In order for us to understand the difference between Hacktivism and Cybercrime, it is useful for us to define those two concepts first. Firstly, Cybercrime. Wikipedia defines *Cybercrime as a crime that involves a computer and a network. The computer may have been used in the commission of a crime, or it may be the target.* This definition is pretty loose, since different countries have different definitions of crime. Although it's loose, it's useful enough. Wikipedia defines Hacktivism like this, *Hacktivism is the use of computer-based techniques such as hacking as a form of civil disobedience to promote a political agenda or social change.* In the definition, civil disobedience may or may not refer to a crime, but mostly is crime. So we can say that Hacktivism is almost a subset of Cybercrime.

Lets provide an example for Hacktivism. In 2011 a hacker group named Anonymous, issued a DDoS attack (Distributed Denial of Service attack). We're not certain of the reasons of this attack, but the most likely explanation is because of Sony's persecution of PlayStation 3 jailbreaker, George Hotz (geohot), in which the group saw this as unfair and committed a civil disobedience in order to send a political message.

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