

Common Threat Actors:

1. Hactivist Groups-
 - a. Motivated by Social or Political Justice
 - b. Tactics: The group may use DDos attacks to bring down organization's online capabilities
 - c. WikiLeaks: Whistle blowing organization leaked over 90,000 documents about the Afghanistan war.
2. White Hat-
 - a. Motivation: discover weaknesses for the purpose of improving the security of systems
 - b. Tactics: Vulnerability Scanning, Penetration Testing, Network traffic analysis.
 - c. Example: Kevin Mitnick a famous white hat hacker who leads a ghost team for ethical hacking to find vulnerabilities in government systems.
3. Black Hat-
 - a. Motivation: Monetary gain
 - b. Tactics: Phishing, Password cracks
 - c. Example: Vladimir Levin- Russian hacker who in 1994 from his apartment hacked Citibank and stole upwards of 10 million USD.