

Becoming the hacker

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So. You want to become a hacker he?

There are many definitions of what hacking or a hacker is. Even hackers disagree. One thing is true for all of us though. Hacking is a way of life and a life long journey.

To become a hacker you need to read A LOT. You have to understand all the tools you work with. It's technical, long, tedious and dedicated work. Also, you need to work in team. Lone prodigy hackers don't need to read this guide.

Don't expect to hack into your girl friend Gmail and Facebook account. At the time you are able to, you probably won't be with her anymore.

Also, don't expect others to tell you how to do things. You'll have to think and figure out things for yourself. If you can't, then you don't have what it takes.

Where to start

First

Did I mention reading? I think I did. Read [How To Become a Hacker](#) by Eric Steven Raymond, an author, software developer and open source advocate.

Documentaries

Now I'll give you a break from reading. Watch ALL OF THE FOLLOWING documentaries :

- The Internet's Own Boy
- We Are Legion
- RED! Hack
- Citizen Four
- The Hacker Wars
- WikiRebels
- The Pirate Bay - Away from Keyboard

I got links to some of those in the [documentaries section](#). Find the rest yourself.

Books

Read the following books :

- Ghost in the Wires
- Hacker, Hoaxer, Whistleblower, Spy: The Many Faces of Anonymous
- Inside the Hacker World of LulzSec, Anonymous, and the Global Cyber Insurgency

Learning

Are you still with us after all that reading? Yes? Ah but we are just getting started. Now the fun part, the learning part.

There are three very important skills every hacker need to master : [Linux](#), [Terminal](#) and [Coding](#). Click each link and read the whole thing.

Owning your skills

Practice make perfect, especialy in the hacking world.

The easiest way is to step out there and help others with their computer related problems. Broken iPhone screen? Fix it. Malware rid Windows computer. Fix it. Friend need a crappy website? Code it. Old computer need a refresh. Refresh it. Random person need to learn how to use a computer. Teach them. You get the picture.

Training grounds

There's a lot of websites and forums with classes and catch the flag challenges to help you learn your new craft.

My favorite are:

- [Ringzer0team](#)
- [Enigma Group](#)

If those two aren't your taste, lurk moar. You'll find plenty.

More learning, and a bit of hacking

The rest, is up to you. Learn what you think is worth your time. What you do from now will define you as a hacker.

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