Top cyberattacks
In history

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1995

Russian computer programmer Vladimir Levin managed to steal $10 million. He hacked into the Citibank telephone system and stole account credentials from customers when they said them aloud to service reps. An then wired the money to different accounts

1999

Created by David L. Smith in 1999. This virus disguised itself as a Microsoft Word attachment to an email. Once clicked, it replicated itself and sent out copies to the first 50 names in the victim's contact list. It's estimated that 20% of the world's computers at the time were infected

2000

A 15-year-old hacker known as MafiaBoy – real name Michael Calce – aimed a powerful DDoS attack at some of the biggest sites in 2000. He successfully took down CNN, Yahoo, Amazon, eBay, Dell, and eTrade before being stopped.

2001-2002

Hacking into american space agency in 1999. Which lead to compromising the systems of NASA and Dept of defence. 97 computer system which included 16 of NASA and 81 of DOD. Hackers stole source code of life support system of ISS, deleted weapon logs of US naval fleet, stole 950 password and dozens of documents. Estimated £550,000 damage was caused by this hack

2006

Max Ray Butler, hacked several carder forums (online marketplaces where individuals could buy and sell stolen data, fake IDs, and other services) and absorbed their databases into his own portal called CardersMarket. He stole nearly 2 million credit card numbers, amounting to roughly $86.4 million

2008

Credit card processing system was compromised in 2008. An estimated 130 million customer accounts were accessed, making it one of the largest credit card hacks in history. It remained undetected for around 6 months. Hackers placed sniffer programs within the Heartland system. These sniffers intercepted credit card credentials in real-time and relayed the data back to them

2011

In 2011, a hacker accessed the Play Station Network system, which resulted in the loss of data and personal information for some 77 million users. The company had to shut down for 20 days and lost an estimated $171 million.

2013-2014

Over one billion Yahoo accounts were compromised in 2013, including names, DOB, security questions, contact details, and passwords. A further 500 million accounts were hacked in 2014. It is not known how many of those accounts overlap with the first hack, so the true number of affected accounts is unclear

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