

# Anonymous

## **Who Anonymous is:**

- loose network of activists and hacktivists
- widespread online anonymous community who acts coordinated
- Times: “one of the 100 most influential people”
- targets: child pornography, scientology, copyright laws, corrupt governments

## **Goals of anonymous:**

- at the beginning → to suppress Scientology
- then they move → against internet censorship
  - Examples:
    - ACTA
    - SOPA

## **Operations:**

- Payback
- Sony
- GEMMA
- Zeta
- Green Rights
  - after the nuclear catastrophe in Japan

## **Anonymous act with:**

- DDoS-Attacks to crash websites
- public demonstrations
- online demonstrations (social networks)
- hacker attacks (mainly websites and databases to get informations or to crash them)

## **ACTA (Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement):**

- multinational treaty for the purpose of establishing international standards
- opponents have criticized the act for its adverse effects on fundamental civil and digital rights

## **SOPA (Stop Online Piracy Act):**

- is a proposed law that was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives
- allows the U.S. Department of Justice to seek court orders against websites outside U.S. jurisdiction accused of enabling or facilitating copyright infringement