

GTA Online Spy Satellite DLC – Shadow Hacker Group Services – Hacking Services – Cell Phone Hacking Services – Social Engineering – Swatting – Snitching – Standard Social Engineering

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This document presents the Social Engineering Services provided by the Shadow Hacker Group through the spy satellite. The *GTAOnline Spy Satellite DLC* is created for GTA Online.

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Vision Statement

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GTA 5 Cellular Phone



In designing the *GTA Online Spy Satellite DLC*, a few potential optimizations were discovered. The optimizations in this document use the in-game cell phone that is provided to the players. The players in GTA Online use the in-game cell phone to progress through the game in both GTA Online and GTA 5, respectively. The GTA 5 cellular phone is shown on the left as an image.

The cell phone optimizations that were created with the *GTA Online Spy Satellite DLC* use the player's cell phone in different ways to create new gameplay concepts in GTA Online.

The potential gameplay concepts are found in this document. They are provided to the players as a service from the Shadow Hacker Group, with the use of a spy satellite.

Cell Phone Hacking



Some components might already be in GTA Online, but they do not use the player's cell phone in their operations. Enabling a spy satellite in GTA Online, and creating a direct link to the player's in-game cell phone, would allow the Shadow Hacker Group, through the spy satellite, to perform new operations involving the player's cell phone and other in-game concepts.

The new operations are found in this document as components. Some of the components would require new systems to be created, so that they may be made available to the player as the players use the spy satellite. The Shadow Hacker Group will only operate through the spy satellite. Thank you.

Shadow Hacker Group



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Expanding on Vision Statement – New Addition to GTA Online – Social Engineering – What is Social Engineering (the Art of Human Manipulation)?

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Social Engineering



Hypnotized



Puppeteer



Social Engineering is commonly known as the Art of Human Manipulation because it involves altering the behavior of a person to achieve a desirable outcome for another person. Often times, the outcome is achieved at the expense of the targeted person. In most cases, the person that is a victim of social engineering is not aware that they are being manipulated. The person whose behavior is altered can be understood to be 'hypnotized' or 'controlled by a puppeteer'. The infographic below explains what social engineering is and how social engineering is used.

Social Engineering

The Art of Human Manipulation

Definition

Social engineering is the act of manipulating people into divulging sensitive information or performing acts that compromise security.

Techniques

Phishing, pretexting, baiting, and tailgating

Targets

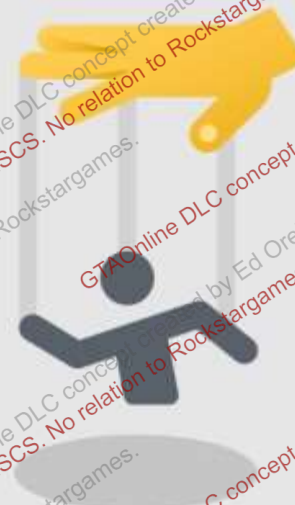
Employees, customers, and vendors

Goals

Obtain sensitive information, gain unauthorised access, or commit fraud

Prevention

Awareness, training, and robust security measures



Expanding on Vision Statement – New Addition to GTA Online – Social Engineering – What is Social Engineering (a Trojan Horse Virus for the Human Mind)?

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Social Engineering

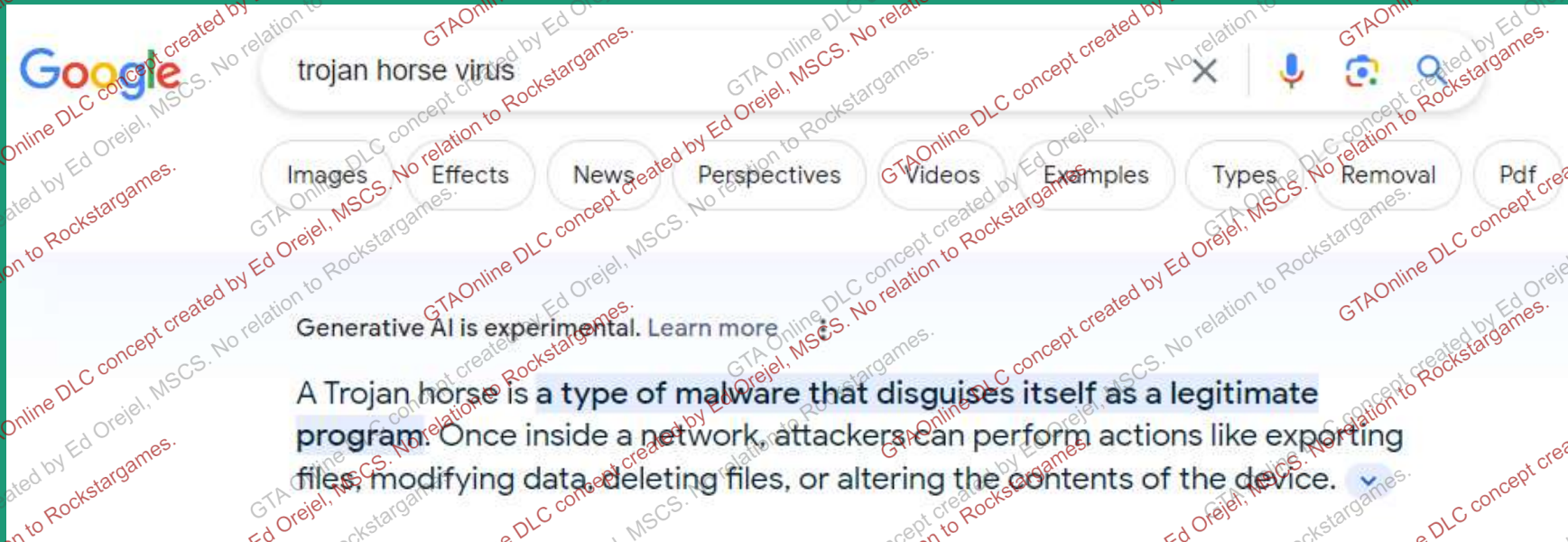


Social Engineering can also be understood as a Trojan Horse Virus for the human mind. The reason for this is that a person is secretly implanting an idea, disguised as a different idea, into the mind of a person. The idea that is secretly implanted is more than likely a negative idea that could have serious negative consequences, if the targeted person performs it. A Trojan Horse Virus is malware that is uploaded into a computer system disguised as legitimate or virus-free software. Once uploaded into an operating system, the Trojan Horse Virus will alter the behavior of the system without the user or the system being aware that it has been infected. Thus, Social Engineering is akin to malware for the human mind.

Hypnotized



Trojan Horse Virus



Expanding on Vision Statement – New Addition to GTA Online – Social Engineering: How it Could Work

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Social Engineering



A system to carry out social engineering attacks would have to be created. The key function of the social engineering attacks is to simulate a sense of hypnosis, dizziness, or loss of situational awareness. Upon a social engineering target being ‘hypnotized’, they are vulnerable to an attack by other players in the free roam lobby. In a sense, the social engineering attacks are to influence the behavior of the other player, so that they are at a disadvantage.

The social engineering attacks would happen through a player’s in-game cell phone. Upon the target of a social engineering attack receiving a targeted cell phone call, they freeze in place, become “hypnotized” and lose situational awareness.

When they lose situational awareness, the other players can move in for an easy kill over the “hypnotized” player.

The following entities in GTA Online can be used by the Shadow Hacker Group to conduct social engineering attacks through the spy satellite:

- The Vanilla Unicorn
- The Diamond Casino & Resort
- The Los Santos Police Department (LSPD)
- “Other Activities”



Expanding on Vision Statement – New Addition to GTA Online – Los Santos Police Department – Swatting

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Social Engineering



Los Santos Police Department (LSPD)



Los Santos Police Department SWAT



Social Engineering enabled in GTA Online is an interesting concept. It opens the door for other DLCs to be released to GTA Online. The concept could also be implemented in GTA 6, if the concept cannot make it into GTA Online. I assume that GTA 6 will also use a cell phone as a key component of the gameplay.

Social Engineering will be subdivided into three subcategories:

1. Swatting
2. Snitching
3. Standard Social Engineering.

Briefly explained, the players would need access to the cell phone numbers belonging to various police officers in Los Santos. Once the cell phone numbers are acquired, research/reconnaissance would have to be performed to figure out which police officers are susceptible to social engineering. This aspect could be provided to the players by the Shadow Hacker Group or the players can conduct the reconnaissance.

The players would need to communicate with the Shadow Hacker Group, to use the Social Engineering service, on unsuspecting LSPD officers. The mechanisms to social engineer the police officers would be similar to the mechanisms used to social engineer the players.

The systems to perform social engineering attacks would have to be created in GTA Online. The systems do not currently exist. All social engineering attacks would use the player's cell phone or the police officer's cell phone or the cell phone of another target.

If a prisoner is the target of a social engineering attack, it is assumed they have been given access to a jailhouse cell phone.

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Expanding on Vision Statement – New Addition to GTA Online – Los Santos Police Department Swatting

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Expanding on Vision Statement – Mechanisms to Use in Social Engineering Attacks – The Vanilla Unicorn – Note 8 Explanation

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Vanilla Unicorn



“Cheetah”



Social Engineering



“Hypnotized”



The Vanilla Unicorn is a potential system to carry out social engineering operations. Presumably, the Shadow Hacker Group would have GPS cell phone data on which police officers and players use the services provided by the Vanilla Unicorn.

The Shadow Hacker Group would have GSP cell phone data and other behavioral metrics on the players and the police officers in San Andreas. The players would use these data packages to conduct social engineering operations against the players and police officers.

A mechanism would have to be created in GTA Online to enable this proposed gameplay feature.

Expanding on Vision Statement – Mechanisms to Use in Social Engineering Attacks – The Diamond Casino & Resort – Note 8 Explanation

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Diamond Casino & Resort



The Diamond Casino & Resort is another potential system to carry out social engineering operations. The logic is the same as the Vanilla Unicorn: the Shadow Hacker Group would have GPS-cell phone data on which police officers and players use the services provided by the Diamond Casino & Resort.

The data would be weaponized to be used for social engineering attacks against police officers and players.

A mechanism would have to be created in GTA Online to enable this proposed gameplay feature.

Social Engineering



“Hypnotized”



Expanding on Vision Statement – Mechanisms to Use in Swatting – Bolingbroke Penitentiary – Note 8 Explanation

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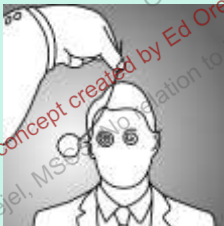
Bolingbroke Penitentiary Inmates



Los Santos Police Department (LSPD)



“Hypnotized”



Bolingbroke Penitentiary is another potential system to carry out social engineering operations. The logic is the same as the Vanilla Unicorn: the Shadow Hacker Group would have GPS cell phone data on which **police officers and prisoners have a relationship through arrest**. The logic involved in this system is slightly different, but similar to the Vanilla Unicorn system.

Presumably, this relationship and all data associated with it, will be weaponized by the Shadow Hacker Group, and be used for social engineering attacks against police officers and players.

A brief description of the social engineering attacks through the prison are as follows: If a prisoner has been arrested by an officer, the prison can call the police officer's cell phone, and deliver a weird or menacing phone call. The social engineering attacks from the prison system will be distinct from the other systems, in that they will be threatening and menacing.

The prisoner will call the police officer that is the target and distract him/her with the telephone call. Alternatively, a prisoner can call a player, and give them a threatening phone call during gameplay. The ultimate goal is to distract both the police officer and the player, by making them lose situational awareness and setting them up for an attack. The target is “hypnotized” to achieve this outcome.

A mechanism would have to be created in GTA Online to enable this proposed gameplay feature. Moreover, Bolingbroke Penitentiary and the LSPD were used as part of the social engineering attacks because this gameplay could open the way for a GTA Online Prison Life DLC and a GTA Online Police DLC.

The police officer would also be able to call the player, to then engage in a social engineering attacks, against select prisoners. These services would be offered through the spy satellite, thereby paving the way for a Police DLC of some type.

Expanding on Vision Statement – Mechanisms to Use in Swatting – Bolingbroke Penitentiary – Note 8 Explanation

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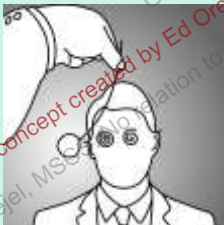
Bolingbroke Penitentiary Inmates



Los Santos Police Department (LSPD)



“Hypnotized”



For the prisoners, it is established within society that prisoners sell and buy contraband inside of prisons. In GTA Online, we do not know anything about how the prisoners procure their contraband. As players, we assume the prison holds prisoners and they do prisoner related activities, but we do not know what the prisoners actually do.

The players can sell items to the prisoners by delivery or another method. The players would deliver various items to the prisoners in some way that would have to be programmed into the game.

The prison would become another avenue for the players to generate income in GTA Online. This could then open up GTA Online for a Prison Life DLC. Afterwards, a Police DLC for GTA Online could follow because the two concepts are closely related.

Expanding on Vision Statement – Mechanisms to Use in Social Engineering Attacks – The Snitch – Note 8 Explanation

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Diamond Casino & Resort



The Diamond Casino & Resort is another potential system to carry out social engineering operations. The logic is the same as the Vanilla Unicorn: the Shadow Hacker Group would have GPS-cell phone data on which police officers and players use the services provided by the Diamond Casino & Resort.

The data would be weaponized to be used for social engineering attacks against police officers and players.

A mechanism would have to be created in GTA Online to enable this proposed gameplay feature.

Social Engineering



“Hypnotized”



Expanding on Vision Statement – Mechanisms to Use in Social Engineering Attacks – “Other Activities” – Notes 8 Explanation

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“Other Activities”



There are other activities in GTA Online that can be used in social engineering attacks against players and the police. The other activities will remain “top secret” for now. The image with the neon pink piggybank and money sign is being used to represent the “other activities”.

The Shadow Hacker Group would have data on the players and police officers that engage in this particular activity. The data would then be weaponized and used by the players, through the spy satellite, in social engineering attacks.

A mechanism would have to be created in GTA Online to enable this proposed gameplay feature.

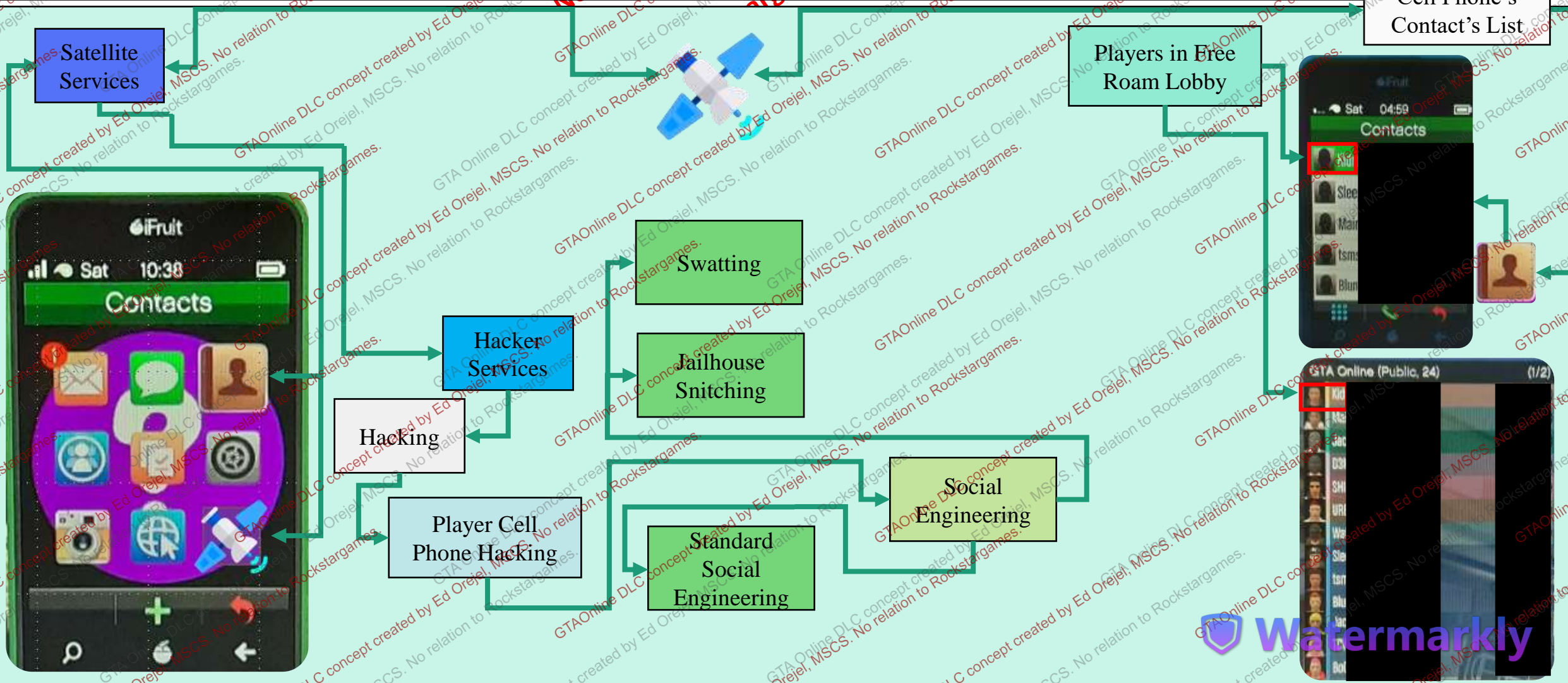


“Hypnotized”



Hacking Services – Cell Phone Hacking Services – Social Engineering

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