

# 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. The central assumption in creating the *GTA Online Spy Satellite DLC*, and the Social Engineering component, is that the Shadow Hacker Group can use the spy satellite and spying technology, to track what the player does because the player has a cellular telephone.

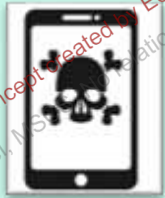
Some components might already be in GTA Online, but they do not use the player's cell phone in their operations. Enabling a spy satellite in GTA Online, and creating a direct link to the player's in-game cell phone, would allow the Shadow Hacker Group, through the spy satellite, to perform new operations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

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## Cell Phone Hacking



## Shadow Hacker Group



# 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



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.

## 'Hypnotized'



## Puppeteer



## 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 – Standard Social Engineering – How it Could Work

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## Social Engineering

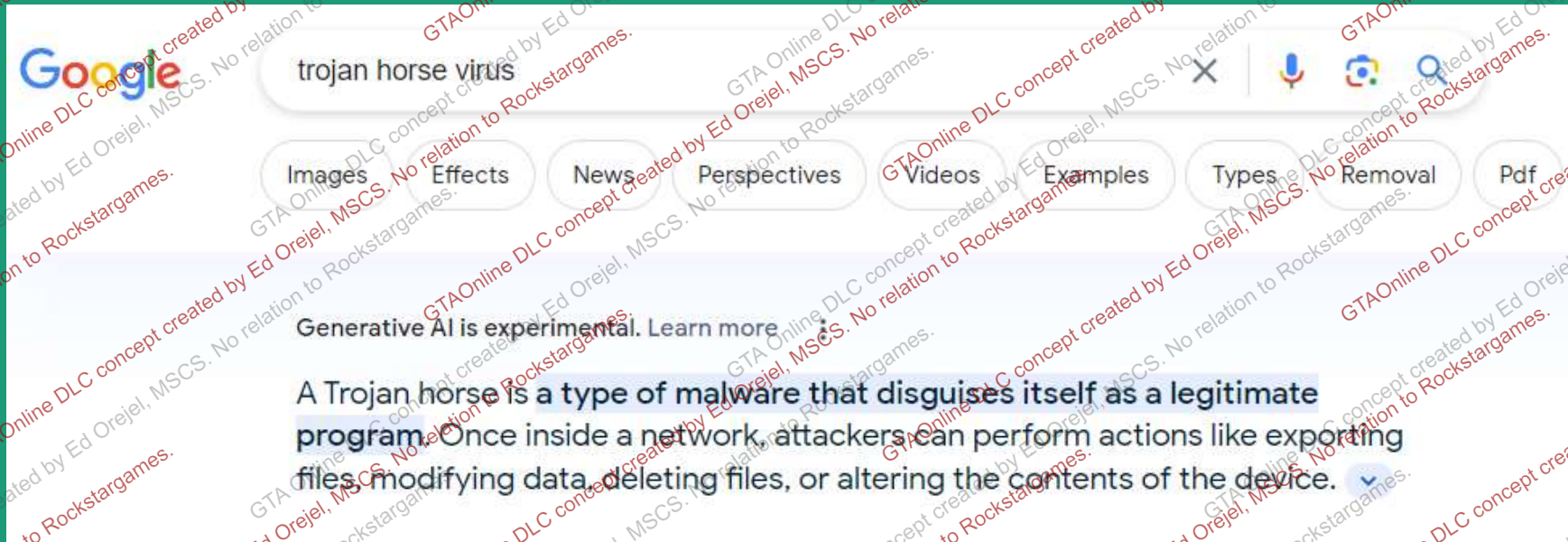


Social Engineering can also be understood as a Trojan Horse Virus for the human mind. The reason for this is that a person is secretly implanting an idea, disguised as a different idea, into the mind of a person. The idea that is secretly implanted is more than likely a negative idea that could have 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 – Standard Social Engineering – How it Could Work

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## Social Engineering



## Shadow Hacker Group



## LSPD



## Vanilla Unicorn



The Social Engineering Component is subdivided into the following sub-subcomponents:

1. Snitching – a player will be the victim of a snitch.
  1. Performed using a police, jailhouse, or prison informant.
2. Swatting – a player will be targeted for swatting.
  1. Performed using the LSPD SWAT team.
3. Standard Social Engineering – a player will be targeted for social engineering.
  1. The targeted player will be ‘hypnotized’ with a sense of ‘confusion’ or a ‘sense of being madly in love’.
  2. Hypnosis will be performed using Vanilla Unicorn employees, random NPCs, or other related personal cellular phone contacts of the player.
4. All Social Engineering attacks are performed by the Shadow Hacker Group through the spy satellite.

### Snitching



### Swatting



### Standard Social Engineering





# Expanding on Vision Statement – New Addition to GTA Online – Standard Social Engineering – Hypnotized – Confusion – How it Could Work

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## Social Engineering



## 'Hypnotized'



## 'Confused'



## Bounty Symbol



The Social Engineering subcomponent of 'Confusion' can be performed by NPCs in the following manner:

1. Confused – a confused NPC carries out an action against the targeted player.
  1. 'Confused' NPCs randomly approach the player and speak to the player about random topics. As the NPCs speak to the targeted player, the NPCs will block the path and field-of-view of the player. The player would not be able to shoot their weapon accurately because their field-of-view is blocked. The confused NPC will 'talk' to the player for a period of time.
  2. The player will have no choice, but to 'listen' to the NPC speak, thereby, becoming distracted. The targeted player will be unable to fire their weapon accurately because the NPC will be in front of them.
    1. If the player shoots the NPC that is blocking their field of view, the NPC defends itself by drawing a weapon to attack the player.
    2. The NPC continues attacking the player until the player dies.
  3. The player will be left vulnerable to attack because they are being distracted by an NPC.
  4. The player can be given an in-game notice indicating that they have become targeted for hypnosis. Other players will be alerted to the in-game notice.
    1. The 'Confused' in-game effects would have to be created.
    2. The effects could be similar to when a player has a bounty placed on them by the system or the players in GTA Online.
      1. This way other players are signaled that another player has been 'hypnotized' and is now in a vulnerable state.
      2. Financial Incentive – small financial reward can be given to the player that kills the player that was targeted for social engineering. A system-wide alert can be sent to the players in the free roam lobby, indicating that they will be financially rewarded for freeing the hypnotized player.

# Expanding on Vision Statement – New Addition to GTA Online – Standard Social Engineering – Hypnotized – Lost in Love – How it Could Work

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## Social Engineering



## 'Hypnotized'



## Vanilla Unicorn



## 'Lost in Love'



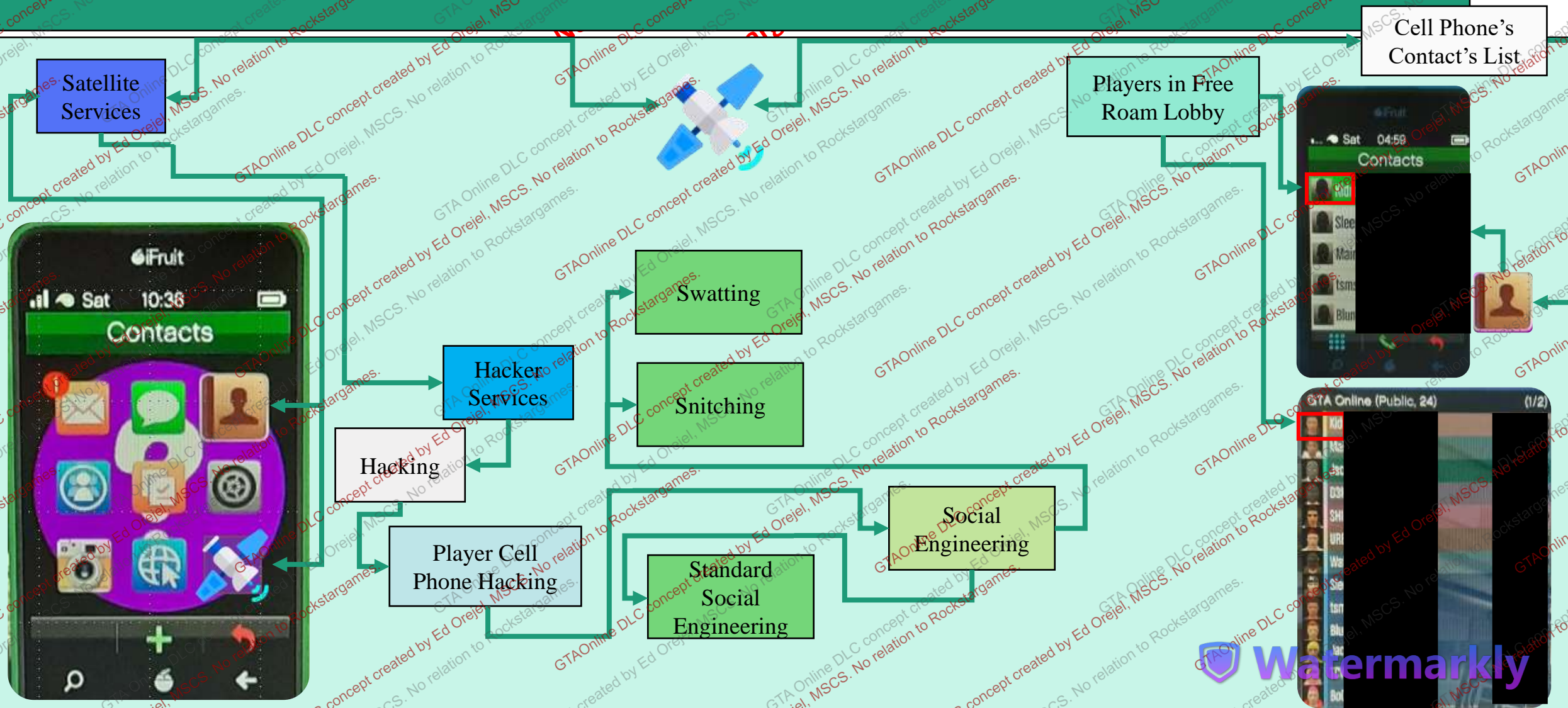
The Social Engineering subcomponent of 'Lost in Love' can be performed by NPCs in the following manner:

1. Lost in Love – a player will be 'hypnotized' by a Vanilla Unicorn employee (or other personal contact).
  1. 'Lost in Love' will be a stronger form of social engineering. The player will be immobilized and unable to use their weapons. The player will experience the effects of being 'madly in love'.
2. A player that is targeted with 'Lost in Love' social engineering, will be distracted by a phone call, email, selfie, or text message on their cellular phone. The various messages would be from the player's contacts whom work at the Vanilla Unicorn.
3. The 'Lost in Love' social engineering can also be performed by other player contacts whom the player has interacted with while playing GTA Online and performing certain in-game activities.
  1. The "certain in-game" activities referred to are those activities that a player in GTA Online tries to perform on various street corners throughout San Andreas. The "certain in-game" activities require picking up a stranger in the player's own personal vehicle. However, if the player uses the wrong vehicle to pick up the stranger, the player receives an in-game message indicating that the activity cannot be performed with the current vehicle that is being driven.
4. The 'madly in love effects' would be simulated by Rockstar Developers similar to how they simulate the in-game effects of being drunk or high.
  1. The ideal in-game effects 'immobilize' the player, making the player 'lose situational awareness'.
  2. Other visual effects of being 'madly in love' would be created so that other players can see that another player has been targeted with 'Lost in Love' social engineering, by the Shadow Hacker Group.
  3. A system-wide in-game alert could also be sent to the free roam lobby players, indicating that a player has been targeted with a Social Engineering attack, by the Shadow Hacker Group.



# Hacking Services – Cell Phone Hacking Services – Social Engineering

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