Hacker Ethics

Guiding Principles in IT Security

What is Hacker Ethics?

A framework for:

- Ethical hacking
- Decision-making in IT security

Emphasizes integrity, information sharing, and non-malicious intent.

Key Principles

1. **Free Information:** Knowledge as a universal good.

2. **Open Access:** Encourage exploration.

3. **Decentralization:** Avoid single points of failure.

4. **Meritocracy:** Skills over titles.

Creativity and Impact

- **Artistic Expression:** Creativity through technology.
- **Positive Change:** Technology as a catalyst for improvement.

Ethical Dilemmas

1. **Vulnerability Disclosure:** Immediate, notify, or private?

2. **Privacy vs. Security:** Balancing individual rights.

3. **Gray Hat Activities:** Navigating ethical boundaries.

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