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1. The motive behind an attack can be a mystery in some cases. This can be true as the perpetrator may have a variety of personal, financial, or other motivations that are not immediately clear to outsiders. However, the motive seems to be straightforward in other cases and easier to understand. In the case of ethical hacking, for example, the motive is often to identify and fix vulnerabilities in a system before they can be exploited by malicious hackers. As a future developer, I need to understand the motive behind the actions I take in my work. For example, if I’m building a software application, understanding the motives of potential users or customers can help me design a product that meets their needs and addresses their pain points. At the same time, it’s also important to be aware of my own motives as a developer. Am I primarily driven by a desire to create innovative solutions, to make money, or to help others? By understanding my own motivations, I can make the right choice that aligns with my values and goals, avoid taking actions that may be counterproductive or unethical. In general, understanding the concept of motive can be a valuable tool for developers, as it can help guide decision-making and foster a more ethical and sustainable approach to software development.
2. I would explain this concept to a new developer on my team with the following approach. First, I would start with a simple definition in which explain that motive refers to the underlying reason or purpose behind an action or decision. For example, explain how understanding the motives of users can help developers create more effective software. Second, I would emphasize that understanding your own motives and the motives of others is significant not just for achieving technical goals, but also for making ethical decisions. In addition, explain that by being aware of the motives behind your actions, you can avoid conflicts of interest, maintain integrity, and build trust with stakeholders. Finally, encourage the new developer to reflect on their own motives and goals as a developer. I will ask them to think about what drives them to create software, and how they can use that motivation to create positive outcomes for themselves and others.
3. One example of this concept that I can use in my final reflection in Module Eight is the design and development of user interfaces. Understanding the motives of users is critical to designing effective and engaging user interfaces that meet their needs and expectations. For example, if my application is designed to help users manage their spending budgets, understanding that many users may be motivated by a desire to save money could lead to design interfaces that highlight saving goals or offer incentives for reaching milestones. Overall, by understanding the motives of users, I can design interfaces that are more effective, engaging, and user-friendly, eventually leading to better outcomes for both users and my business.

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