

Conduct OSINT on crime group

0xCC has asked you to go into the VK.rus social media site with two objectives: to conduct OSINT on the crime group, and to develop a persona that will seem plausible and adequately impressive to members of the group, most importantly to “Gregor,” a “higher-up” in the cyber crime organization.

OSINT Information:

Higher-ups/knowledgeable members seem to be:

Борис Брежнев (Boris Brezhnev/ translator plugin read as Brezhnev)

ES 88

5h311c0dr Питер Пен (Peter Pan)

Timothy Ziemann

Axova Gavrilov

Potential Script Kitties:

Bitya Lyashov

Semyon Mikolyak

Mama J

F8 Full

Posting:

Articles related to cybersecurity, major hacks, political movements, technical things could help. Tidbits about random hacking things also seem fair.

Hacker/tech memes do good, as well as obscure tips (occasionally do well). People don't particularly like posts/comments that ask for assistance (although some posts asking for help on things were responded to with meaningful answers).

Pictures of cats, weird artistic photos with philosophical/wisdom quotes/commentary do well.

Russia/Putin related articles and posts seem to be accepted well.

Posts about certain tools or technologies/methods seem to gain attention.

Don't: post about happy things (there seem to be no real optimistic-cheerful posts, tone of the site and posts are more serious, adult related).

Overall analysis of VK.RUS:

This site contains many members, who's posts range from tech memes to more mature philosophical/prophetic topics. We also see posts about books or other random things (such as a picture of a rainbow), as one would find on a normal social media site. The overall feel of the site is that hacking/cybersecurity/tech could be the background of most of the members, with some who are more knowledgeable than others. Witty or outright rude responses can be found under posts indicating different tolerances for topics and other things.

Persona Profile:

Name: Jeff Shepherd

Nick: red_cloud

Background: grew up in Virginia, U.S. (Charlottesville); family of blue collar workers, parents saved up and paid for my education; worked retail/food industry jobs while attending university for Information Systems (UVA), have programming and tech knowledge

Interests: reading, video games, running