

# **Research On World Top Hacking Groups**

## 1) Anonymous Hacker Group

Anonymous is perhaps the most iconic and popular hacking group in this list. They are a decentralized hacking group primarily know for DDoS cyber attacks. These attacks are often launched against political figures, foreign governments, and religious groups. The targets of Anonymous are often groups that they view as corrupt, such as child pornography sites or the Westboro Baptist Church. In some circles, Anonymous is considered a hacktivist group, while detractors refer to them as a terrorist group.

The Craziest Hacks Done By Anonymous

#### Fine Gael Website Attack

Date: February 25, 2011

Victim: Fine Gael Irish political party

Looking at the list of victims hit by the hacker group, the Fine Gael seems like a pretty small fish, but the hack was pretty epic nonetheless. During the 2011 Irish General Elections, Anonymous took over the group's new website and posted the above image with the following text: "Nothing is safe, you put your faith in this political party and they take no measures to protect you. They offer you free speech yet they censor your voice. WAKE UP!"

#### • Operation Didgeridie

Date: September 9, 2009

Victim: Australian government

In 2007, Stephen Michael Conroy, the Minister for Broadband, Communications, and Digital Economy for Australia, went on a crusade to censor the Internet to block malicious content which included child pornography, but wound up encompassing any website that displayed sex, drugs, or violence. In protest,



Anonymous used a denial of service attack to take the Prime Minister's website offline for about an hour.

#### Anonymous Tags SOHH

Date: June 2008 Victim: SOHH.com

There's nothing harsher than a hip hop message board. Anonymous leanned this the hardway when members of the group discovered some members of SOHH's "Just Bugging Out" forum were taking shots at the group. Anonymous's response happened in three waves: First they flooded the site's message boards forcing it to shut down, then they hit 'em with a bunch of DDoS attacks which crippled the site, then it went in for the kill and defaced SOHH's homepage with racist slurs and images.

The site was then taken down and the FBI was contact to investigate the nature of the attack, which SOHH employees saw as a hate crime due to its racist nature.

#### What do I like about Anonymous Hacker Group?

It is a crowd of people, a nebulous crowd of people, working together and doing things together for various purposes." The group's few rules include not disclosing one's identity, not talking about the group, and not attacking media. Members commonly use the tagline "We are Anonymous. We are Legion.



#### 2) Chaos Computer Club

The Chaos Computer club is Europe's largest hacking group. The group advocates for government transparency and computer/information access. The CCC was not a group that often waged war. In contrast, their focus was on performing hacks that would expose security flaws in order to educate people. They strongly believe that humans should have free access to computers.

The Chaos Computer Club e. V. (CCC) is Europe's largest association of hackers. For more than thirty years we are providing information about technical and societal issues, such as surveillance, privacy, freedom of information, hacktivism, data security and many other interesting things around technology and hacking issues. As the most influential hacker collective in Europe we organize campaigns, events, lobbying and publications as well as anonymizing services and communication infrastructure. There are many hackerspaces in and around Germany which belong to or share a common bond to the CCC as stated in our hacker ethics.

#### What do I like about Chaos Computer Club?

In general, the CCC advocates more transparency in government, freedom of information, and the human right to communication. Supporting the principles of the hacker ethic, the club also fights for free universal access to computers and technological infrastructure as well as the use of open-source software.



## 3)Legion of Doom

The Legion of Doom (LOD) was a hacker group founded by the hacker Lex Luthor (Raavan) after a rift with his previous group called the Knights of Shadow. LOD was active from the 1980s to the early 2000s, although was most active from 1984–1991 and at the time was considered to be the most capable hacking group in the world. Today, Legion of Doom ranks as one of the more influential hacking groups in the history of technology, appearing to be a reference to the antagonists of Challenge of the Super Friends.

At different points in the group's history, LOD was split into LOD and LOD/LOH (Legion of Doom/Legion of Hackers) for the members that were more skilled at hacking than pure phreaking.

## What do I like about Legion of Doom?

They Published the technical journals, helped law enforcement by restraining malicious hackers



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