* Name

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* What you want to get out of this class

A deeper understanding of hacking, why people do it and security methods.

* What happens when a hacker gets caught?
  + Read an article online and give me a short summary (100 words max)

What is hacking? The article I chose defines hacking as “the unauthorized access or entry into computers, computer files, online storage mechanisms, and other computer-related technologies”. These types of hacking usually result in data breaches but can include identity theft or other types of computer fraud. People that engage in this activity are generally labeled as “hackers”.

Hacking is considered a serious violation and lead to severe legal consequences. The severity of the consequences is determined by the damages incurred or amounts stolen but can be anywhere from a misdemeanor or felony. However, if the target is or is affiliated with the US government the crimes could fall under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act or Espionage Act.

<https://www.legalmatch.com/law-library/article/hacking-laws.html>