**Kevin Mitnick:**

Kevin Mitnick started his hacking career as a **black hat hacker**, engaging in illegal activities like hacking into computer networks and stealing software. He gained notoriety for these actions. However, he later turned into a grey hat hacker because, during his hacking career, he never exploited the access and data he obtained for personal gain. Instead, he often hacked systems to demonstrate their vulnerabilities and did not use the information for malicious purposes. Nevertheless, his later involvement in selling unpatched software exploits in "Mitnick's Absolute Zero Day Exploit Exchange" in 2014 suggests some unethical activities, making him somewhat ambiguous in the white/grey hat spectrum.

**Anonymous:**

Anonymous is a loosely organized collective that doesn't fit neatly into the traditional white, black, or grey hat categories. Their actions have varied, often motivated by social justice causes. Some members have engaged in hacking activities to expose corruption, but others have carried out malicious actions. The lack of a centralized structure makes it **difficult to categorize** Anonymous as a whole. Some participants may lean more towards white hat activities when focused on exposing wrongdoing, while others may engage in more black hat-like actions when seeking to disrupt or cause harm.

**Adrian Lamo:**

Adrian Lamo began as a **grey hat hacker**, hacking into systems and then notifying the press and his victims. In some cases, he helped improve security after exposing vulnerabilities. However, his actions took a darker turn when he hacked The New York Times' intranet and conducted research on high-profile individuals, moving closer to the black hat category. Overall, his classification as white or grey hat depends on the specific actions and motivations behind each hack.

**Albert Gonzalez:**

Albert Gonzalez initially started as a black hat hacker, engaging in debit card fraud and leading criminal activities on the Shadowcrew.com criminal commerce site. He later became an informant for the Secret Service, which might be seen as a **grey hat turn**. Still, he continued criminal activities while working as an informant, which keeps him primarily in the black hat category.

**Matthew Bevan and Richard Pryce:**

Bevan and Pryce, British hackers who hacked into military networks, might be classified as **grey hat** hackers, as their motivations were not necessarily malicious, but rather driven by curiosity and potentially a desire to expose vulnerabilities. Their actions, however, had serious consequences.

**Jeanson James Ancheta:**

Jeanson James Ancheta falls into the **black hat** category, as his primary motivation was financial gain. He used botnets to compromise and control computers for profit, which is clearly a malicious activity.

**Michael Calce (Mafia boy):**

Michael Calce started as a **black hat hacker** when he launched large-scale DDoS attacks against major websites, causing significant disruption. His actions were malicious and led to increased awareness of cybercrime vulnerabilities.

**Kevin Poulsen:**

Kevin Poulsen initially engaged in **black hat** hacking by breaking into ARPANET and other systems, often for personal gain or mischief. However, he **transitioned to white hat** hacking and journalism, contributing to security and freedom of information causes, making him a white hat hacker in later years.

**Jonathan James:**

Jonathan James began as a **black hat hacker**, hacking into government systems, which had serious legal consequences. He later faced legal issues, including probation violations, but it's **difficult to classify** him as strictly white or black hat due to his complex circumstances. His suicide in 2008 further complicates the classification.

**ASTRA:**

ASTRA, the Greek mathematician who targeted the Dassault Group, primarily engaged in **black hat activities**, stealing sensitive technology and selling it for personal gain. The lack of public identification and the magnitude of the damages caused align with black hat behavior.