

Top 10 Hackers:

1. **Kevin Metnick:** He was a black hat hacker famous for his high profile 1995 arrest regarding the communications related crimes. He has hacked many companies like Motorola IBM etc and for this he has served jail many times but following his release he became a white hat hacker.
2. **Anonymous:** They are a group of grey hat hackers that started in 2003 on 4chan message board. They are now famously known for the Guy Fawkes mask. But it was in March 2008, a group of "Anons" marched past Scientology center wearing the same mask for the first time.
3. **Adrian Lamo:** He was 20 years old when he used an unprotected content management tool at Yahoo to modify a Reuters article and add a fake quote and after that he used to hack into many systems letting his victims know that they were hacked and then fixing all the security issues in their system then in 2002 he hacked New York Times. He then earned the title of "the Homeless Hacker" as he wandered the streets with just a backpack and no fixed address. He is a grey hat hacker.
4. **Albert Gonzalez:** He got his start in a Miami High School but he eventually became one of the biggest criminals in the website of ShadowCrew.com after being caught to prevent his jail sentence he started working with the secret services but he did not stop his black hat actions he still continued working with his group and stole millions of dollars over the time he worked with them. He may have worked with secret services to catch different hackers but he was a black hat hacker at heart.
5. **Matthew Bevan and Richard Pryce:** They were a team of British hackers who hacked into multiple military networks in 1996 including Griffiss Air Force Base and Korean Atomic Research Institute (KARI). They were mainly trying to prove the UFO conspiracy theory. They were accused for almost starting of world war 3. They are a group of grey hat hackers.
6. **Jeanson James Ancheta:** He was a black hat hacker who used botnet technology to infect and take control of the computers and according to the reports he took control of more than 400,000 computers and rented it to advertising companies making him the first hacker to be sent to jail for using botnet technology.
7. **Michael Calce:** He was a black hat hacker who was only at the age of 15 responsible for the shutting down of the biggest companies of the time Yahoo, Dell, eBay, CNN and Amazon. And it was because of him that cyber crime legislation became a top priority for the government.
8. **Kevin Poulsen:** He was very talented and at a very young age of 17 he hacked into ARPANET, the Pentagon's computer network. He was caught quickly but due to being a minor he was excused by the government with just a warning. He still continued hacking and soon hacked into the confidential files of the American government and leaked many files. But once he was caught and prosecuted he changed. He moved from being a black hat hacker to a white hat hacker. He worked with different hackers around the world like Adam Swartz and Jim Dolan to develop SecureDrop. Now he is a Journalist.
9. **Jonathan James:** He was a black hat hacker who was responsible for gaining the access of the computers of the United States Department of Defense and that too at the

age of 15 he was the youngest person to be convicted for the violation of the cyber crimes laws. He ended his life by committing a suicide by gunshot.

10. **ASTRA:** This is a black hat hacker whose identity is yet to be revealed but when he was hacking into Dassault and this cost Dassault Group \$360 million.