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Hactivism

What is it?

Hactivism is the act of hacking, or breaking into a computer system, for a politically or socially motivated purpose. The individual who performs an act of hactivism is said to be a hactivist.

A hactivist uses the same tools and techniques as a hacker, but does so in order to disrupt services and bring attention to a political or social cause. For example, one might leave a highly visible message on the home page of a Web site that gets a lot of traffic or which embodies a point-of-view that is being opposed. Or one might launch a denial-of-service attack to disrupt traffic to a particular site.

Hactivist groups may deface websites, redirect traffic, launch denial-of-service attacks and steal information to make their point.

Forms of Hactivism

Defacing Web Pages:



Email Bombing:






Anonymous Blogging:



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