

## 1. Money

This is the obvious #1 choice for me. Money is something that is a motivating factor for pretty much anything in life, and the opportunity to make large amounts of money in a short time could lure people in.

## 2. Political

Politically driven cybercrimes can be conducted by the government themselves to gain a military advantage over another country. One case of this was the malicious worm, Stuxnet, deployed in 2007, which greatly affected Iran's nuclear program. The United States deployed this worm because of the fear that Iran would obtain nuclear weaponry, which is why I ranked this motive so highly.

## 3. Revenge

With the introduction of deepfakes, users can easily create fake sexual images of anybody they want and post them online. Users might see a decision by a company's executives or by a political figure that they disagree with and create these images as a way to mock or defame them. Even though I don't agree with the path the criminal took to argue the decisions, I can understand why they did it.

## 4. Curiosity

In the article linked, Jonathan had his whole life dedicated to learning about and hacking computers. His actions did not harm anyone besides the reputational damage done to the organizations. His will to learn about these systems drove him to hack into the strongest networks to further advance his skills.

## 5. Entertainment

After reading the article, it seems that Tom's motive featured a combination of the drive to earn money, recognition, and entertainment. He stated that he did it for fun as the leading reason; however, he also flaunted his achievement on a hacking forum and went on to sell the information.

## 6. Recognition

Hackers that use their skills for recognition, I believe, are irrational, but I understand the motive behind it. The hacker may spend months or even years honing a specific computer skill, so it is obvious that they would want to apply it to the real world, even if it has grave consequences.

## 7. Boredom

During the pandemic, I even found myself spending more time online and communicating with strangers. Without much to do outside or people to talk to, it makes sense that they turned to the internet to find entertainment and relationships. Cyberbullying, however, does not seem rational to me as a form of entertainment, as it only causes emotional and potentially physical harm to others.

## 8. Power

A hacker may use their skills to gain a feeling of power or superiority over someone. This crime can be in the form of disruption of a user's system for the simple reason of feeling powerful and in control.