

Ethical Hackers: Protectors of the Cyber World

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Introduction

Vexcode(init);

//Initializing hack into the VEX IQ STEM Career Project start(blowing the judges away with our interesting STEM career);

stop(mistaking us for those dirty black hat hackers);

//We are true and ethical whenever we do anything within the realms of hacking

guess(Have you guessed what stem career we're talking about?);

//The infamous, interesting, and amazing STEM career called...Ethical Hackers.

start(Ethical Hacking STEM Career Project);







Ethical Hackers

Ethical Hackers are people who are paid and trained to hack into online databases and online systems. The purpose of their complicated job is to find loopholes and cracks inside of companies and government data websites before real hackers do. This helps notify and alert the owner of the data so they can reinforce and fix their issue. Water slide testers have a similar job except for the fact that they test physical machines or attractions whereas ethical hackers test digital work.

Who are Ethical Hackers

Some of the primary responsibilities for an ethical hacker are:

- Learn from hacking systems to make protection stronger for devices
- Protect vulnerable digital devices
- Protect against black hat hackers (hackers who hack for personal gain)
- Detects flaws in the system by sealing up loopholes
- Finds entranceways in the system









Why did we choose this Unique STEM Career?

Why Ethical Hackers are important and unique

Ethical Hackers Are Extremely Important and Unique.

1-Their Importance:

Without Ethical Hackers, our world would be full of weak systems and millions of hackers.

2- Extremely Unique:

The job of hacking ethically is extremely distinctive and different jobs compared to other stem careers making it a fun job to learn about.

3- Spreading the word:

Our team realized that even though, hacking for a good cause, isn't a popular occupancy with its importance and distinctiveness it is an extremely amazing job and should be spread around to more tech-related people.





A Day in the Life of an Ethical Hacker

A small story to teach you about the life of an Ethical Hacker



"9:30am: I boot up my laptop to access my virtual machines (apps that act like full, separate computers) to run tests on them throughout the day. I can create, copy or delete a virtual machine in a few minutes."

"10:00am: Team meeting to determine which tests to run. The kinds of tests I do change depending on the system I'm working on, but I mostly deal with web applications that access internal systems used by bank employees."

"11:00am: I will poke around the site to see what it does and if I can 'break' anything. My work also involves capturing traffic, analysing HTML and other web code and writing reports about what I find."

"12:30pm: I need a brain break from all the critical and creative thinking! Most days I'll have lunch and play cards or board games with my colleagues."

"1:30pm: More system testing. We try to use the same tools as real-world attackers, which means my work computer is full of hacker tools!"

"3:00pm: I take a small break; it's very flexible. It's good to be up and about as much as possible to counteract all the sitting I do!"

"3:30pm: I research and read about the work other testers have done - it gives me ideas for my next tests."

"5:30pm: I finish work. I might exercise and fulfil some of my hobbies."

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One large part of competitive robotics is the ability to code, otherwise known as, programming. With our experience in the coding field (which we gained from coding robots) we would be able to use our prior knowledge and apply it to ethical hacking. Ethical Hackers use the skill of coding and programming when doing their job and breaking into systems. In other words, coding robots in robotics helps us prepare and grow as ethical hackers.







Evolving

We think that ethical hacking will evolve positively in the next few years for many reasons. For one, every year technology and robotics become a bigger part of our daily lives. As more and more databases and programs are developed, more dirty unethical hackers will keep causing destruction and corruption in our everyday lives. This will make it so that ethical hackers and their duties will become more important to the world and more people will populate the occupancy.

Another one of the main reasons it will evolve is because when cybersecurity gets more advanced hackers will also find new ways to hack into programs, and these programs can range from small things to government covert operations. Ethical hackers will be used to test out cybersecurity to see if it is protected.



The Other Side

What exactly are Ethical Hackers fighting against?

The Evil We Fight Against

Everyday millions of devices are hacked. Black hat hackers steal digital information for their own benefit. They steal personal information and go waltzing around the internet in your skin. Ethical hackers like Kevin Mitnick spend hours of their life working against black hat hackers. He and other Ethical Hackers are dedicated to preventing your information from being altered, or even. stolen. Being a former black hat hacker, Kevin knows how dangerous it can be to have large pieces of data open to the wrong hands, and everyday tries to help keep that from happening.







The Skills Required to Become an Ethical Hacker



Some of the amazing and interesting skills that many ethical hackers have include:

<u>Patience</u>- An Ethical Hacker must have the patience to sit at a desk or computer for most of their everyday routine.

<u>Determination</u>- An Ethical Hacker looks for cracks in the system and must stayed determined to try to crack the system.

<u>Liability</u>-An Ethical Hacker must not share any information he or she finds when hacking(except to the people they are working with). They must keep it all to themselves and not be pressured into sharing anything.

<u>Trustworthiness</u>- Similar to liability an Ethical Hacker must never continue to look through a system or data center once they hack into it. They must immediately tell an operator where the breach in the system is so they can fix it.

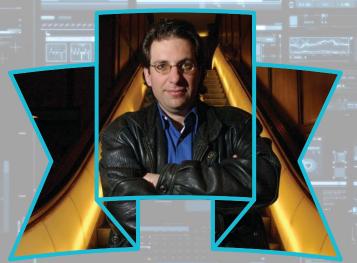




Kevin Mitnick

A compelling biography on one of the most famous Ethical Hackers

A Quick Biography About one of the Most Famous Ethical Hackers



Kevin Mitnick

Former black hat hacker Kevin Mitnick used to be a hacker who stole information from various iPhones and sold them on the black market. He started engaging in illegal activities at the age of 12. He made counterfeit bus tickets so he could ride any bus in LA for free whenever he wanted. After he was caught and 5 years of imprisonment, he looked in another direction. He now runs the security firm Mitnick Security Consulting, LLC. He is also the Chief Hacking Officer and part owner of the security awareness training company KnowBe4, as well as an active advisory board member at Zimperium, a firm that develops a mobile intrusion prevention system. So in short, he is now a white hat hacker, and now working on preventing the loss of private information.



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