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"claw". Reflecting the two types of hackers, there are two definitions of the word "hacker": Originally, hacker simply meant advanced computer technology

A hacker is a person skilled in information technology who achieves goals and solves problems by non-standard means. The term has become associated in popular culture with a security hacker – someone with knowledge of bugs or exploits to break into computer systems and access data which would otherwise be inaccessible to them. In a positive connotation, though, hacking can also be utilized by legitimate figures in legal situations. For example, law enforcement agencies sometimes use hacking techniques to collect evidence on criminals and other malicious actors. This could include using anonymity tools (such as a VPN or the dark web) to mask their identities online and pose as criminals.

Hacking can also have a broader sense of any roundabout solution to a problem, or programming and hardware development in general, and hacker culture has spread the term's broader usage to the general public even outside the profession or hobby of electronics (see life hack).

Security hacker

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A security hacker or security researcher is someone who explores methods for breaching or bypassing defenses and exploiting weaknesses in a computer system or network. Hackers may be motivated by a multitude of reasons, such as profit, protest, sabotage, information gathering, challenge, recreation, or evaluation of a system weaknesses to assist in formulating defenses against potential hackers.

Longstanding controversy surrounds the meaning of the term "hacker". In this controversy, computer programmers reclaim the term hacker, arguing that it refers simply to someone with an advanced understanding of computers and computer networks, and that cracker is the more appropriate term for those who break into computers, whether computer criminals (black hats) or computer security experts (white hats). A 2014 article noted that "the black-hat meaning still prevails among the general public". The subculture that has evolved around hackers is often referred to as the "computer underground".

Hacker (disambiguation)

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Hacker may also refer to:

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Political hack, a person who devotes him/herself to party-political machinations Backslash, also known as hack Hacker (disambiguation) Hacking (disambiguation)

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White hat (computer security)

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White-hat hackers may also work in teams called "sneakers and/or hacker clubs", red teams, or tiger teams.

Vinnie Hacker

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Vinnie Hacker (born July 14, 2002) is an American influencer, model, and gamer. He became popular on TikTok starting in 2020, largely for posting thirst trap–style videos, and amassed more than 15 million followers by 2023. He joined the TikTok content house the Hype House in 2021, also starring in a Netflix reality television series of the same name (2022) about the house. Hacker participated in the 2021 exhibition boxing event Battle of the Platforms, where he defeated YouTuber Deji. He began modeling at age 15 and signed with IMG Models in 2023. He also livestreams on Twitch, where, as of 2025, he has more than one million followers.

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Hacker (surname)

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Andrew Hacker (born 1929), American political scientist

Arthur Hacker (1858–1919), British artist

Benjamin Thurman Hacker (1935–2003), U.S. Naval officer

Buddy Hackett (born Leonard Hacker, 1924-2003), American comedian and actor

Dan Hacker (born 1982), American ice hockey center

David Hacker (born 1964), British field hockey player

Eric Hacker (born 1983), American baseball pitcher

Francis Hacker (died 1660), fought for Parliament during the English Civil War

George Hacker, American lawyer and alcohol advocate

George Hacker (bishop) (born 1928), Suffragan Bishop of Penrith

Hanna Hacker (born 1956), German historian and sociologist

Hans Hacker (1910–1994), ceramic decal designer and painter

Hilary Baumann Hacker (1913–1990), American Roman Catholic bishop

Jack Hacker (1914–1984), Australian rules footballer

Jacob Hacker (born 1971), American political scientist

Jeremiah Hacker (1801–1895), American reformer and journalist

Johnathan Hacker, American engineer

Jörg Hacker (born 1952), German microbiologist

Katharina Hacker (born 1967), German author

Marcel Hacker (born 1977), German rower

Marcus Hacker (born 1969), German specialist in nuclear Medicine

Marilyn Hacker (born 1942), American poet, critic, and reviewer

Paul Hacker (Indologist) (1913–1979), Indologist from Germany

Paul Hacker (diplomat) (born 1946), American diplomat

Peter Hacker (born 1939), British philosopher

Peter Hacker (cricketer) (born 1952), English cricketer

Rich Hacker (1947–2020), American baseball player, base coach and scout

Rose Hacker (1906–2008), British socialist, writer, sex educator and campaigner for social justice

Sally Hacker (1936–1988), American feminist sociologist

Severin Hacker (born 1984), Swiss computer scientist, co-founder and CTO of Duolingo

Stamford Hacker (1876–1925), English cricketer

Thomas Hacker (born 1967), German politician

Vinnie Hacker (born 2002), American influencer

Warren Hacker (1924–2002), American baseball pitcher

Victorio Hacker (born 1991), Tiktok jobless influencer

Hacker culture

from the hacker ethics that originated at MIT and at the Homebrew Computer Club. The hacker ethics were chronicled by Steven Levy in Hackers: Heroes of

The hacker culture is a subculture of individuals who enjoy—often in collective effort—the intellectual challenge of creatively overcoming the limitations of software systems or electronic hardware (mostly digital electronics), to achieve novel and clever outcomes. The act of engaging in activities (such as programming or other media) in a spirit of playfulness and exploration is termed hacking. However, the defining characteristic of a hacker is not the activities performed themselves (e.g. programming), but how it is done and whether it is exciting and meaningful. Activities of playful cleverness can be said to have "hack value" and therefore the term "hacks" came about, with early examples including pranks at MIT done by students to demonstrate their technical aptitude and cleverness. The hacker culture originally emerged in academia in the 1960s around the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)'s Tech Model Railroad Club (TMRC) and MIT Artificial Intelligence Laboratory. Hacking originally involved entering restricted areas in a clever way without causing any major damage. Some famous hacks at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology were placing of a campus police cruiser on the roof of the Great Dome and converting the Great Dome into R2-D2.

Richard Stallman explains about hackers who program:

What they had in common was mainly love of excellence and programming. They wanted to make their programs that they used be as good as they could. They also wanted to make them do neat things. They wanted to be able to do something in a more exciting way than anyone believed possible and show "Look how wonderful this is. I bet you didn't believe this could be done."

Hackers from this subculture tend to emphatically differentiate themselves from whom they pejoratively call "crackers"; those who are generally referred to by media and members of the general public using the term "hacker", and whose primary focus?—?be it to malign or for malevolent purposes?—?lies in exploiting weaknesses in computer security.

Reality hacker

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Reality hacking, any phenomenon that emerges from the nonviolent use of illegal or legally ambiguous digital tools in pursuit of politically, socially, or culturally subversive ends.

Reality Hacker, a character class in the game Realmwalkers: Earth Light by Mind's Eye Publishing.

Reality Hackers, an earlier name for Mondo 2000 magazine.

Reality Coders, a faction of the Virtual Adepts, a secret society of mages whose magick revolves around digital technology, in the Mage: The Ascension role-playing game.

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