

Criminal minds?

The 12 most infamous hackers of our time



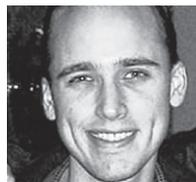
Guccifer

Also known as Marcel Lehel Lazar, came to fame when he exposed Hillary Clinton's private email server. Extradited from Romania in March 2016, pleaded guilty to identity theft and hacking charges.



Ryan Collins

Phished celebrities, hacked into their iCloud accounts. Famous for leaking nude photos of Jennifer Lawrence. Sentenced in 2016 to 18 months in US prison.



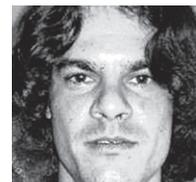
Adrian Lamo

Hacked into The New York Times' database in 2002, sentenced to two years' probation. Recently turned in Chelsea Manning for leaking classified US Army documents.



Anonymus

"Hacktivist" group that campaigns for political and social events. Known for its tagline, "We are Anonymous. We are Legion. We do not forgive. We do not forget. Expect us."



Albert Gonzalez

Accused of stealing as many as 170 million credit card numbers in one of the largest-known identity thefts. Sentenced in 2010 to 20 years in prison.



Gary McKinnon

Accessed 97 American military networks between 2001 and 2002, in a quest to prove the existence of UFOs. Lives in the UK under asylum protection despite the US attempting to extradite him.



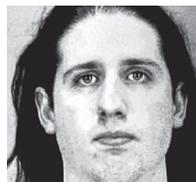
Kevin Poulsen

AKA Dark Dante. Hacked into Los Angeles phone networks to ensure he won a prize from a radio show, and several other mischief-making hacks. Went to prison in the early '90s and is now a contributing editor at Wired.



The Syrian Electronic Army

Unleashes distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks and spams social media like Twitter and Facebook. Targets Western-leaning Syria-opposing organisations. Currently active.



Max Ray "Iceman" Butler

Stole two million credit card numbers and ran up over US\$86 million in fraudulent charges. Arrested in 2007, now serving 13-year sentence.



Astra

Infiltrated the computers of the French aviation company Dassault Group, stole weapons technology data which he sold to numerous countries over five years. Caught in 2008.



Vladimir Levin

Broke into Citibank's computers in 1995, allegedly stole nearly US\$10 million by re-wiring it to various global accounts. Sentenced to three years in prison and ordered to pay back US\$240,000 to Citibank.



Kevin Mitnick

Stole code from companies including Sun Microsystems and Novell, admitted to hacking into US National Security Agency phone calls. Pleaded guilty in 1995 to fraud, served five years. Now works as a professional security consultant.