rime Doesn't Pay... Yeah, whatever

Crime doesn't pay, politicians don't tell lies, and the world is a safe, healthy place to live. Its all the same, political propaganda for and by The Man.

I got a large response from volume one, in regard to my remarks about hacking, and why most people do it. So, I asked 100 of the people who requested volume 2, and had not read volume one, why they hack. Since they had not read volume one, they were not influenced by what I said. Below are some of, what I believe are, the best answers. The answers below have modified slightly, I spell checked them, capitalized proper nouns, and the first word of every sentence. (I didn't change the meaning or intent of any of the quotations).

I asked them "Why do you hack?" These are some of the better responses.

Personally, I get a kick out of breaking into stuff. I've always liked doing things I shouldn't...and it's kind of a power rush.

-Morphine

First is the "Quest" .. the challenge of man (or woman) against machine. Next, for me, would have to be .. "For the access to information"   I certainly don't want the "Government" to be the only ones in control of "Our Information!" And finally .. It's an addiction!!!!! We are all information junkies .. after
all .. it is a "Rush" to go where no man has gone before .. or to enter doors that have not been opened to many .. and the fact that some of these doors are deemed "Forbidden", only adds to the lure.

-Accessor50

I want to know more in the system. Also, its unfair for network administrator people to know all the users while all users not know him. For the telephone company, they can sell our information. (address, name, district etc.) to earn money but we can't get more information from it. So I *HACK*.

-CyberBoy

One of the main reasons why I hack is that I want to learn about what's in front of me, and what makes it tick. Unfortunately, due to some idiots in Congress and other upper-echelon areas, they've created laws about stuff they know nothing about, and probably will never use the things, deep down the way we all do. [sigh]

-Mr. Smith

The Internet is complete anarchy in the true sense of the word. I am not an anarchist, but in this anarchistic environment, one needs to be able to defend for himself and his immediate community.   I learn to hack for defensive purposes, so that I can learn of the weak link in my chain.
....And of course, we all need to satisfy the voyeuristic need.

-Paganini

I enjoy getting around things other people have in-place to protect things.

-Laser Avenger

Ever since I was little, I was intrigued by everything I could touch. If was in my hands, I had to take it apart to see how it worked and put it back together again (many times not possible). Sometimes while in process, I discovered a better or faster way to do it. Thus the bug of engineering bit hard.

For me, hacking something is more the discovery of process. What makes it function? How is it constructed? Is there a better/faster/easier way to do the very same thing? Call it curiosity, call it a restless mind.

-Furballs

I like free stuff. Anything that I can get for free that I am not supposed to is great.

-rf4fun

And, last but not least, this is the absolute best answer I received. I received it from ksmith8690@aol.com, here it is:

"I am not the right person, who you talked to, hacked my account and was using my name."

That puts a nice twist in the question, doesn't it...

If you want to send feedback, see the chapter on contacting the CSP.