



Inside the Mind of Hackers: A BBC Reporter's Insight

Description

Every day, my phone reverberates with communications from a myriad of hackers, each one distinct in motive and disposition. Having devoted over a decade to the field of cyber security journalism, I have encountered countless individuals keen to divulge their exploits—some laudable, others dubious, and many shrouded in ambiguity.

While a substantial portion of these dialogues remains confined to my archives, an intriguing missive recently surged to the forefront of my attention. The hackers, via Telegram, initiated contact with a tantalizing overture: "Greetings. This is Joe Tidy from the BBC, reporting on the Co-op incident, am I correct? We possess pertinent information."

With cautious enthusiasm, I inquired further, only to discover that these interlocutors, despite their anonymity, exhibited an alarming command of English. Their revelations, articulated over the span of several hours, suggested an intimate association—if not outright involvement—in the cyber incursions at M&S and the Co-op, which had precipitated widespread operational disruption.

Proffered was evidence indicating their appropriation of extensive consumer and employee data. Upon scrutinizing a sample, I opted for its secure deletion, aware of the gravity that accompanied such knowledge.

These hackers expressed exasperation regarding the Co-op's reluctance to capitulate to their ransom demands, though they refrained from disclosing the specific sum desired in Bitcoin. Following deliberations with the BBC's Editorial Policy team, we deemed it imperative to unveil the hackers' claims, aligning with the public interest amidst an escalating wave of cyber crime.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Reverberates** /rɪˈvɜːrbəˌreɪts/ (verb): To echo or resound especially in a series of vibrations.
2. **Myriad** /ˈmɪriəd/ (noun): A countless or extremely great number.
3. **Dubious** /ˈduːbiəs/ (adjective): Hesitating or doubting; not to be relied upon.
4. **Pertinent** /ˈpɜːrtɪnənt/ (adjective): Relevant or applicable to a particular matter.
5. **Exasperation** /ɪɡˌzæspəˈreɪʃən/ (noun): A feeling of intense irritation or annoyance.
6. **Capitulate** /kəˈpɪtʃəleɪt/ (verb): To cease to resist an opponent or an unwelcome demand; surrender.

Vocabulary quizzes



Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What type of engine boosts power using a turbine?
Option: Turbocharged
Option: Intercooler
Option: Differential
Option: Suspension

2. What component is responsible for transferring power from the engine to the wheels?
Option: Auditory
Option: Transmission
Option: Negotiating
Option: Capitulate

3. Which part of a vehicle allows the wheels to rotate at different speeds?
Option: Ramifications
Option: Differential
Option: Persistent
Option: Myriad

4. What system in a vehicle absorbs shocks from the road?
Option: Escalating
Option: Indicate
Option: Suspension
Option: Retaliatory

5. Which term means significant or considerable?
Option: Auditory
Option: Substantial
Option: Negotiating
Option: Cooperative

6. Which term refers to reaching an agreement through discussion?
Option: Consequence
Option: Surpassed
Option: Negotiating
Option: Disrupt

7. What word means to point out or show?
Option: Allure
Option: Caution
Option: Indicate



Option: Tensions

8. Which term refers to the result or outcome of an action?

- Option: Interventions
- Option: Consequence
- Option: Pertinent
- Option: Exasperation

9. What term means to surrender or give in?

- Option: Capitulate
- Option: Retaliatory
- Option: Cooperative
- Option: Dubious

10. Which word describes a situation that is increasing in intensity or severity?

- Option: Persistent
- Option: Escalating
- Option: Surpassed
- Option: Controversial

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

- 11. The _____ system is responsible for processing sound.
- 12. Success in any field requires hard work and a _____ effort.
- 13. The new fashion line has an _____ that attracts many customers.
- 14. The country warned of _____ action if attacked.
- 15. There are a _____ of options to choose from when selecting a new car.
- 16. His explanation for being late seemed _____ to his boss.
- 17. It is important to focus on the most _____ information in your report.
- 18. The new policy sparked _____ debates among the employees.
- 19. Political _____ are rising between the two neighboring countries.
- 20. He was known for being a very _____ team player.



Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The engine's ability to rotate an object around an axis is known as .
22. Accessing the system without permission is considered .
23. The decision had significant for the company's future.
24. The team all expectations by winning the championship.
25. The school implemented various to help struggling students.
26. Drivers should proceed with in slippery road conditions.
27. The success of the campaign throughout the industry.
28. The conflict showed signs of tension between the two groups.
29. The protest aimed to the normal flow of operations.
30. The team members were praised for their efforts to achieve the common goal.

Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Turbocharged 2. Transmission 3. Differential 4. Suspension 5. Substantial 6. Negotiating
7. Indicate 8. Consequence 9. Capitulate 10. Escalating
Gap-Fill: 11. Auditory 12. Persistent 13. Allure 14. Retaliatory 15. Myriad 16. Dubious 17. Pertinent
18. Controversial 19. Tensions 20. Cooperative
Matching sentence: 1. Torque 2. Unauthorised 3. Ramifications 4. Surpassed 5. Interventions 6. Caution
7. Reverberates 8. Escalating 9. Disrupt 10. Cooperative

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