

Unauthorized Access

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Abstract

Unauthorized Access is a documentary produced by Annaliza Savage in 1994. Shot in 15 cities and 4 countries, this documentary offers an impressive array of topics dealing with hacking culture.

The documentary begins with an interview with Phiber Optik, Mark Abene, talking about his bust and eventual sentencing process. In this segment we can see Phiber participating in his last Off the Hook radio show before serving his 10 month prison sentence.

Next, the documentary covers the story of Agent Steal, especially his assistance in arrests of Kevin Poulsen, Ron Austin, and Kevin Mitnick.

After that, we move to Portland, Oregon and a story of a 14 year old hacker Noah narrowly avoiding prosecution for his exploits in Westinghouse.

Following a brief coverage of Information America and the wealth of information that you can obtain in their databases, we can observe a demo hacking session with Dan Farmer hacking Sun machines.

Next, we move to a phreaking section with live demonstrations of Red and Blue boxes.

After a small segment on trashing and a group of hackers breaking into government computer systems in search of UFOs, we are taken on a tour around L0pht apartment by Count Zero.

Flying to east coast, we attend Los Angeles 2600 meeting which includes a live demo of cellular phone hacking using OKI-900 cellphone.

For the last segment in the United States, we go to HoHoCon '93 where we observe a number of security personnel and police pile up in a single hotel room of a hacker who was accused of hacking the hotel phone system. There is an interview with Drunkfux describing the need for security professionals and hackers to meet face to face.

We are led to a bomb shelter located in Netherland's subway system by Rop Gonggrijp from Hacktic. Next Rop talks about a history of XS4ALL, first Dutch Internet service provider for common people. Felipe Rodriquez and Haneke Vermeulen covers Hackers at the End of the Universe camp.

Next we learn about efforts of German hackers to bring Internet connectivity to Yugoslavia as a way to promote peace.

PHIBER OPTIK (1975-Present)- Handle of Mark Abene. Also known as Il Duce, also known as the Artist Formerly Known as Phiber. Former member of LOD and MOD. He was arrested in 1993 and sentenced to prison for a year and a day. When he got out, there was a huge party, and he is currently a technician for Echo and writer for _2600_.

EMMANUEL GOLDSTEIN (1961-Present)- Handle of Eric Corley. Also known as Howard Tripod, Sidney Schreiber, Bob Hardy, Gary Wilson, Clint Eastwood and 110. The editor-in-chief of and writer for _2600: The Hacker Quarterly_, host of the New York phreaking radio show "Off the Hook," and relentless advocate of the computer underground. Often shows up at meetings of computer companies just to unnerve people. In his honor, the film _Hackers_ had the character Cereal Killer's real name be "Emmanuel Goldstein." [Handle came from the name of the hated, possibly non-existent rebel in Orwell's _1984_.]

AGENT STEAL (1961-Present)- Handle of Justin Tanner Peterson, alias Samuel Grossman, alias Eric Heinz. Hacker and Los Angeles club promotor who apparently worked for the FBI after being jailed for credit card fraud; gathered info on big guns like Mitnick and Poulsen for the Bureau. Went on the run for 10 months before being apprehended in 1994.

Dan Farmer (born April 5, 1962) is an American computer security researcher. In a summer course in 1989, in order to graduate from Purdue University he started the development of the

COPS program for identifying security issues on Unix systems under Gene Spafford, first releasing it after leaving Purdue in late 1989. In 1995, he and Wietse Venema created Security Administrator Tool for Analyzing Networks (SATAN), one of the earliest network based vulnerability scanners.

Lopht Heavy Industries (pronounced "loft") was a hacker collective active between 1992 and 2000 and located in the Boston, Massachusetts area.

COUNT ZERO- The handle of several hackers. I know of several; one who wrote an article for Phrack about a lecture by John Markoff; one who said "Information yearns to be free" (quoted at Space Rogue's Whacked Mac Archives a while back, before he changed the quotes); the guy who defined k-rad as "a thousand points of rad" (quoted in The Cyberpunk Handbook (The Real Cyberpunk Fakebook)); the member of cDc; the member of Phalcon/Skism mentioned in some issues of 40Hex; and the writer for 2600. (Some of which may be the same person.) [All handles come from the name of the protagonist of William Gibson's second novel, also titled Count Zero, who also appeared in Mona Lisa Overdrive. The character is a cyberspace hacker with the handle Count Zero Interrupt, whose birth name is Bobby Newmark. According to the book, this comes from an old programmer term (probably related to the opening line about returning the marker to zero); however, I am not blessed with this knowledge. Wow, that's scary. Gibson knows something about computers that I don't.]

DRUNKFUX- Major Con organizer and hacker. Don't know much about him other than that.

HACK-TIC - The Dutch equivalent of 2600. Published by Rop Gonggrijp. (I want a Dutch name really bad, just so people would go crazy trying to spell it.) You can reach Hack-tic (or rather the editor) at rop@hacktic.nl.

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