

Hacker Culture

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What is Hacking?

The term *hack* has lots of meanings depending on who you ask.

- To reuse a system in a way other than its original intent in a way that relies heavily on manipulating its internal state.
- To make a simple change to a complex system in a jury-rigged manner.
- To attempt to access an electronic system without its owner's permission.



What is a Hacker?

The Hacker Attitude (courtesy of Eric Raymond's How to Be a Hacker)

- The world is full of fascinating problems waiting to be solved.
- No problem should ever have to be solved twice.
- Boredom and drudgery are evil.
- Freedom is good.
- Attitude is no substitute for competence.



Going Meta Basically, taking a step back from a situation, going to a higher level of abstraction. For example, having a discussion about how often you have discussions about going meta, is going meta (a meta-discussion).



Penny-Arcade <http://penny-arcade.com/>

XKCD <http://xkcd.com/>

- <http://xkcd.com/249/>
- <http://xkcd.com/208/>



Hacker-Friendly Games

- Tabletop RPGS
- Card Games
- Nethack
- Text Adventure



Hacker Wordplay

- Using coding idioms in speech/writing
- Nesting parentheses
- Making lots of computer metaphors
- Parodying songs with {code,math}-related lyrics
 - http://www.monzy.com/intro/drama_lyrics.html
 - http://youtube.com/watch?v=UTby_e4-Rhg

