The 10 best ways to hack a registry...

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When you consider securing a business against losing data, what do you typically think of...?











Looks complicated to hack...

And to be honest...it is.

What if there was another, much easier way of breaking in...?



Let's become a 'hacker' for the next 10mins

You don't need any technical skills...

1. Walk through the front door









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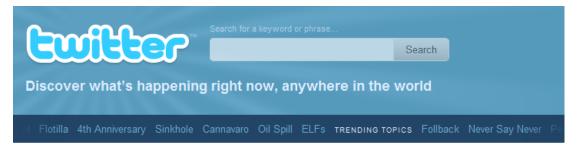
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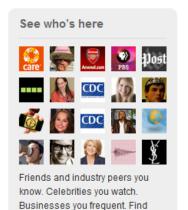
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3. Pick up the telephone

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"...Voice of America was knocked offline temporarily Monday after hackers were able to change the organisation's DNS (Domain Name System) settings, redirecting web traffic hitting Voice of America sites to another site controlled by the hackers...

... After it was hacked, China's top search engine company, Baidu, sued its domain name registrar, Register.com, claiming that hackers got into the account by pretending to be Baidu representatives in an online chat with the registrar's tech support staff. That lawsuit was quietly settled at the end of November."

Source: Techworld - Feb 23 2011

4. Send someone a present



5. Leave some USB sticks lying around

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6. Pretend to be an employee



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7. Get a job as a cleaner



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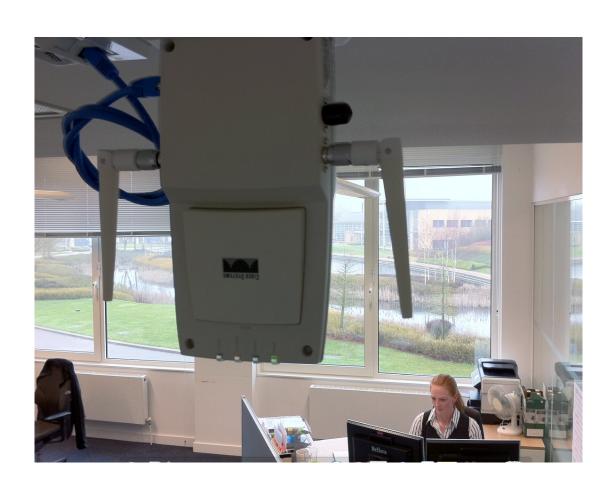
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8. Login to their WiFi



9. Steal their equipment



10.oh ok, now let's try some traditional hacking





What can we do to prevent this from happening?

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- 1. Review and make some commonsense changes to your security arrangements
- 2. Train your staff to recognise and deal with social-engineering attacks
- 3. Test yourselves
- 4. Pay someone to try and hack you using these methods
- 5. Learn from the experience, be prepared to change: don't be proud



What did Nominet learn from doing this?

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- 1. Need to undergo this exercise with sensitivity and care
- 2. Bring your staff along with you: explain everything
- 3. Make the exercises challenging and fun
- 4. Do it repeatedly keep people on their guard

Thank You.