

Kevin Mitnick

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There is no patch for stupidity.

~Kevin Mitnick

Social engineering bypasses all technologies, including firewalls.

~Kevin Mitnick

You can never protect yourself 100%. What you do is protect your self as much as possible and mitigate risk to an acceptable degree. You can never remove all risk.

~Kevin Mitnick

I got so passionate about technology. Hacking to me was like a video game. It was about getting trophies. I just kept going on and on, despite all the trouble I was getting into, because I was hooked.

~Kevin Mitnick

Should we fear hackers? Intention is at the heart of this discussion.

~Kevin Mitnick

Are hackers a threat? The degree of threat presented by any conduct, whether legal or illegal, depends on the actions and intent of the individual and the harm they cause.

~Kevin Mitnick

Hackers are breaking the systems for profit. Before, it was about intellectual curiosity and pursuit of knowledge and thrill, and now hacking is big business.

~Kevin Mitnick

Social engineering is using deception, manipulation and influence to convince a human who has access to a computer system to do something, like click on an attachment in an e-mail.

~Kevin Mitnick

As a young boy, I was taught in high school that hacking was cool.

~Kevin Mitnick

The key to social engineering is influencing a person to do something that allows the hacker to gain access to information or your network.

~Kevin Mitnick

Social engineers veil themselves in a cloak of believability.

~Kevin Mitnick

Choosing a hard-to-guess, but easy-to-remember password is important!

~Kevin Mitnick

I get hired to hack into computers now and sometimes it's actually easier than it was years ago.

~Kevin Mitnick

So what I was essentially doing was, I compromised the confidentiality of their proprietary software to advance my agenda of becoming the best at breaking through the lock.

~Kevin Mitnick

Oracle, for example, has even hired people to dumpster dive for information about its competitor, Microsoft. It's not even illegal, because trash isn't covered by data secrecy laws.

~Kevin Mitnick

When I was in prison, a Colombian drug lord, offered me \$5 million in cash to manipulate a computer system so that he would be released. I turned him down.

~Kevin Mitnick

I made stupid decisions as a kid, or as a young adult, but I'm trying to

be now, I'm trying to take this lemon and make lemonade.

~Kevin Mitnick

The intent of the individuals who created the DDoS attacks has nothing to do with hacking, and they are vandals, not hackers.

~Kevin Mitnick

I was addicted to hacking, more for the intellectual challenge, the curiosity, the seduction of adventure; not for stealing, or causing damage or writing computer viruses.

~Kevin Mitnick

I believe in having each device secured and monitoring each device, rather than just monitoring holistically on the network, and then responding in short enough time for damage control.

~Kevin Mitnick

The hacker mindset doesn't actually see what happens on the other side, to the victim.

~Kevin Mitnick

A hacker doesn't deliberately destroy data or profit from his activities.

~Kevin Mitnick

I saw myself as an electronic joy rider.

~Kevin Mitnick

Garbage can provide important details for hackers: names, telephone numbers, a company's internal jargon.

~Kevin Mitnick

New security loopholes are constantly popping up because of wireless networking. The cat-and-mouse game between hackers and system administrators is still in full swing.

~Kevin Mitnick

My actions constituted pure hacking that resulted in relatively trivial expenses for the companies involved, despite the government's false claims.

~Kevin Mitnick

My primary goal of hacking was the intellectual curiosity, the seduction of adventure.

~Kevin Mitnick

Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs founded Apple Inc, which set the computing world on its ear with the Macintosh in 1984.

~Kevin Mitnick

Some people think technology has the answers.

~Kevin Mitnick

I characterize myself as a retired hacker. I'm applying what I know to improve security at companies.

~Kevin Mitnick

So the ethic I was taught in school resulted in the path I chose in my life following school.

~Kevin Mitnick

The human. Now you know all about your target

~Kevin Mitnick

I get hired by companies to hack into their systems and break into their physical facilities to find security holes. Our success rate is 100%; we've always found a hole.

~Kevin Mitnick

I was pretty much the government's poster boy for what I had done.

~Kevin Mitnick

Of course I'm sure half the people there hate me and half the people like me

~Kevin Mitnick

I could have evaded the FBI a lot longer if I had been able to control my passion for hacking.

~Kevin Mitnick

For the average home-user, anti-virus software is a must.

~Kevin Mitnick

My argument is not that I shouldn't have been punished, but that the punishment didn't fit the crime.

~Kevin Mitnick

I trust online banking. You know why? Because if somebody hacks into my account and defrauds my credit card company, or my online bank account, guess who takes the loss? The bank, not me.

~Kevin Mitnick

I did get a huge endorphin rush when I was able to crack a system because it was like a video game.

~Kevin Mitnick

The perfect PIN is not four digits and not associated with your life, like an old telephone number. It's something easy for you to remember and hard for other people to guess.

~Kevin Mitnick

Back in my day, I would probe by hand. Now you can get commercial software that does the job for you.

~Kevin Mitnick

No way, no how did I break into NORAD. That's a complete myth. And I never attempted to access anything considered to be classified government systems.

~Kevin Mitnick

We have problems with our physical security, operational security through to management.

~Kevin Mitnick

No company that I ever hacked into reported any damages, which they were required to do for significant losses. Sun didn't stop using Solaris and DEC didn't stop using VMS.

~Kevin Mitnick

You can't go to Windows Update and get a patch for stupidity.

~Kevin Mitnick

The Americans are the most gullible, because they don't like to deny co-workers' requests.

~Kevin Mitnick

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