

WHY DO HACKERS TARGET YOUR COMPUTER?

Financial Data

- Bank account information
- Credit card accounts
- Tax information and filings
- Investment accounts
- Loan accounts

Reputation

- Pretend to be you on social media and making posts
- Damage your online profile by making posts under your name
- Email your contacts pretending to be you

Hijacked Server

- Use your computer to host stolen software for download
- Phishing site on your device
- Distribute child pornography
- Distribute illegal content

Email Attacks

- Steal your email messages
- Use your account to spam others
- Harvest your contacts
- Attack others pretending to be you
- Spread malware and ransomware

Ransom

- Infect your computer with ransomware
- Ransom to prevent releasing your private pictures
- Taking pictures of you with your webcam
- Threatening to release your surfing history



Account Access

- Social media, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram
- Email accounts
- Amazon, eBay, PayPal, etc.
- Messaging accounts: Skype, WhatsApp, Messenger, etc.

Attack Others

- Use your computer to attack other computers
- Use your computer to conceal attacks on others
- Launching Denial of Service (DOS) on others

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