



Hector Monsegur

Director of a Cybersecurity Company, security researcher and former blackhat

Hector “Sabu” Monsegur is the most controversial hacker of this generation and the former defacto head of Anonymous/LulzSec and lastly a high profile federal informant.

Hector's biography

Hector Monsegur's Background

Hector's story is more tangled and complicated than many know. He grew up in the projects on the Lower East Side of New York in a family trapped in a world of poverty and drugs. His mother left him when he was young which led to a close relationship with the rest of his family and the eventual adoption of his two nieces whom he raised from when they were little girls.

Trying to find a better life for himself and his nieces, he found that his computer skills could empower him far above his socioeconomic barriers and his 9th grade education – but also led him into the dark world of hacking. Hector Monsegur ruled the “hactivist” scene breaching targets almost daily – from Nintendo, to News Corp, to PayPal/VISA/Mastercard, to Middle Eastern [governments](#) and to the very security firms supposedly protecting against hackers like him. That is until the FBI closed in...

Hector's talks

- **From High School drop out to Hacker to FBI informant**

- autobiographical lecture
- 6 months of high school, 8 months as informant, 20 years hacking
- Why I was called the defacto head of Anonymous: Hint: Wired/Vice/ARS Technica
- Inditements for PayPal, MasterCard, Visa, Federal contractors, Tunisia, Algeria, Zimbabwe, FBI Non Profits, Bethesda (Gaming Company), Nintendo, US Senate, PBS/Frontline
- Getting caught
- A walk through what a FBI Inditement looks like, and what to do when you get yours.
- Bringing dictatorships to its knees and fueling The Arab Spring
- Dealing with Wikileaks and Julian Assange
- My definition of an 'informant' ain't your definition
- From Black Hat to White Black: My life today

- **The Hackers Manifesto: The A-Z on hacking**

- History of hacking
- What makes hacking appealing to people
- Choosing targets
- Hacktivism: Hacking for a good cause
- Infamy: I'm not a geek, dude
- Snowden
- Wikileaks
- Anonymous
- Spying on those who spy on you: State Sponsored Hacking
- Greatest hacks and how they were done: Sony, Tunisia, Visa/MasterCard, US Government, and the ones you never heard of
- Hack Olympics: The quest to out do your peers
- How hacking tools work: Hackers Hardware and software

- **The history of hacking as told through the top 10 hacks done to date**

- **The State of Security**

Hector lectures on how Solarwinds is still a problem and how to handle it. He also tells personal stories regarding recent Supply chain attacks, the challenges of backup recovery and mitigating potential damage, as well as tips to maintaining a safe online experience that tend to be overlooked.

- **Storage and Recovery: Risks, Reward and Redundancy**

Hector discusses storage and recovery and the challenges that it presents and the solutions that are being widely adopted and their deficiencies.

- **Cybersecurity, a human problem not a systems problem**

Hector discuss his personal experiences on the issue that plagues cybersecurity the most, human error. He examines how we deal with disinformation and social engineering and the human element. He tells different stories on how human error exposed companies to being hacked and what can be done to prevent it.

- **Security best practices**

This lecture is on general security topics and includes specific software and trends in cyberspace that are popular. Hector also give his perspective as a Blackhat, being a Redhat team leader and the direction he see's security and hacking going.

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