

Subj: don't make any crap, or you'll be kicked out!

From: ITTGPX::SYSTEM 29-MAY-1989 16:46  
To: TUEBINGEN::SYSTEM  
Subj: System-breaking-in 01-May-1989

To the system manager of the Computer TUEBINGEN,

On May 1st 1989 we had a System-breaking-in in our DECNET-account, which started from your machine. By help of our accounting we ascertained your user FRAMSTAG to have emulated an interactive log-on on our backbone-node and on every machine of our VAX-cluster with the "trojan horse" NETDCL.COM. Give us this user's name and address and dear up the occurrence completely. We point out that the user is punishable. In case of repetition we would be forced to take corresponding measures. We will check whether our system got injured. If not, this time we will disregard any measure. Inform us via DECnet about your investigation results -- we are attainable by the nodenumber 1084::system

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My system manager threatened me with the deleting of my account, if I would not immediately enlighten the affair. \*Gulp\*! I was conscious about my innocence, but how to tell it to the others? I explained, step by step, everything to my system manager. He then understood after a while, but the criminal procedure still hovered over me... so, I took quickly to my keyboard, to compose file of explanations and to send it to that angry system manager in Stuttgart (node 1084 is an institute there). But no way out: He had run out of disk quota and my explanation-mail sailed into the nirwana:

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\$ mail explanation  
To: 1084::system  
%MAIL-E, error sending to user SYSTEM at 1084  
%MAIL-E-OPENOUT, error opening  
SYS\$SYSROOT:[SYSMGR]MAIL\$00040092594FD194.MAI;  
as output  
-RMS-E-CRE, ACP file create failed  
-SYSTEM-F-EXDISKQUOTA, disk quota exceeded  
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Also the attempt of a connection with the PHONE-facility failed: In his borderless hacker-paranoia, he cut off his PHONE... and nowhere is a list with the REAL-addresses of the virtual DECnet-addresses available (to prevent hacking). Now I stood there with the brand "DANGEROUS HACKER!" and I had no chance to vindicate myself. I poured out my troubles to an acquaintance of mine, who is a sysop in the computer-center in Freiburg. He asked other sysops and managers thru the whole BELWUE-network until someone gave him a telephone number after a few days -- and that was the right one!

I phoned to this Hager and told him what I had done with his DECnet-account and also what NOT. I wanted to know which crime I had committed. He promptly canceled all of his reproaches, but he did not excuse his defames incriminations. I entreated him to inform my system manager in Tuebingen that I have done nothing illegal and to stop him from erasing my account. This happens already to a fellow student of mine (in this case, Hager was also guilty). He promised me that he would officially cancel his reproaches.

After over a week this doesn't happen (I'm allowed to use my account further on). In return for it, I received a new mail from Hager on another account of mine:

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From: 1084::HAGER 1-JUN-1989 12:51  
To: 50180::STUD\_11  
Subj: System-breaking-in

On June 1st 1989 you have committed a system-breaking-in on at least one of our VAX's. We were able to register this occurrence. We would be forced to take further measure if you did not dear up the occurrence completely until June 6th.

Of course the expenses involved would be imposed on you. Hence enlightenment must be in your own interest.

We are attainable via DECnet-mail with the address 1084::HAGER or via following address:

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