The Perils of Hacking Back

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Session Abstract

A lot more in the news lately about the potential for companies and/or individuals to consider "Hacking Back" to recover their data, whatever it is. I have to say, it's an interesting notion and one that I know is not lost on the American spirit when you consider the long lost days of the Wild West where everyone in one form or another had to take matters into their own hands because law enforcement either wasn't available or non-existent. Now fast forward to today and the internet. I've always maintained that the internet is pretty much the Wild West in electronic form where you have good law abiding folks and folks that tend to teeter one way or the other and then folks that are out to do whatever they want even to the wanton destruction of others. So what do we do in today's world where law enforcement and government haven't quite caught up to the bad guys in an effective way to protect individuals or companies for that matter and your attacker is half way around the world? This presentation will review the different considerations regarding the issues around "Hacking Back"!

Target Audience

Business and IT professionals with responsibility for Information Security Strategy and Management, Incident Response Planning and Execution or Compliance.

COBIT Objectives or Processes

Speaker Bio

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