Cyber Actors: Who's Behind the Attacks?

1. Hacker vs Attacker

Hacker	Attacker
A person with technical skills (not always bad)	Uses skills to harm, steal, or damage

2. Types of Hackers (Hats)

Types of Hats	Descriptions
White Hat	Ethical, protects systems
Black Hat	Criminal, breaks into systems
Grey Hat	In-between, not always legal
Blue Hat	External tester invited by company
Green Hat	Beginner, still learning
Red Hat	Vigilante, fights Black Hats

3. Types of Attackers

Types of Attackers	Descriptions
Cybercriminals	Money-driven
Hacktivists	Political / ideological causes
Script Kiddies	Low skill, use ready-made tools
Insiders	Employees leaking or misusing access
Nation-state actors	Government-backed, strategic missions

4. Common Motivations

Motivations	Descriptions
Financial Gain	Money is the biggest driver of attacks
Ideology	Driven by political or social beliefs
Revenge	Personal grudge or anger
Fame	Recognition and reputation