Education System Hacks

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Cybersecurity at schools is a growing problem. We'll be focusing on a pretty unusual case of a kid who went poking around in some of the computers used by his school. He did this as part of an experiment. This kid wanted to see what kind of information he could access without being caught. In this case, he found out that the school system was using old technology and wasn't very secure.He was trying to hack into the school's computer system. He wanted to steal the students' grade reports and personal data. He also wanted to access the Blackboard website. He thought it would be cool to be a hacker like in the movies. He even has his own motto, posted on his blog about security, that says he wants "to break anything and everything.

"Students were able to hack into the system built by Blackboard and other companies. They were able to view millions of records including test scores, what students ate for lunch, and more. Many of them were surprised by what they saw.Bill Demirkapi: I felt like my email wasn't being answered by the company. When I emailed them again, I got a response saying that they couldn't comment on an ongoing investigation. Then I found out that someone else had contacted them about this issue. I also found out that the person who reported me to them was fired because she violated confidentiality rules. She posted information online about me. EdSurge: I reported the security holes to the company and they did nothing about it. I was told that I was too young to be a whistleblower. I'm not sure if that means that I am too young or that they don't want to deal with people who are under 18 years old.Schools should make sure students aren't using unauthorized software. Students shouldn't be adding their own group resources. They should also check if any other groups exist before creating new ones.