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The Essence of Hactivism

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Abstract

The Anonymous Franchise really hit its stride between the years of 2010 and 2011. Hactivism began earlier than that of course (1994 was the first documented case that I could find [12]), but it did not strike fear into the hearts of CEOs, CSOs and government officials until that two year run. It was the perfect storm of technology, disenfranchised youngish people, "Internet Pranks as an Art Form," empowerment and the hacking culture that came together into a gigantic hairball of activity and energy that caused governments from around the world to double-clutch on some of their more severe policies and caused business leaders to actually fear the impact to their bottom line. This talk will cover that evolution and discuss what is next.

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