# The History of Hacking

**1960**
Hacking first conducted at MIT; this **early form of hacking** was simply a way to improve tech system operations.

**1981**
Captain Zap, is the **first hacker to be convicted** as a criminal after he breaks into AT&T's computer systems.

**1990**
The UK government passes the **Computer Misuse Act**, making this the first time that unauthorized access to computer systems is criminalized in the UK.

**1991**
The **World Wide Web** is created.

**1994**
Citibank's wire transfer service is hacked by **Russian hackers**.

**2001**
Microsoft is hit by first DoS attack. **Denial of Service (DoS) hacks** will become one of the most common types of hacking incidents.

**2003**
**Hacktivist Group Anonymous** is formed.

**2004**
Mark Zuckerberg hacks into Harvard University newspaper reporter's email accounts to aid in **establishing TheFacebook.com**.

**2013**
According to Sophos Labs, there are an estimated **30,000 websites hacked** every single day.

**2015**
In one of the **most catastrophic individual hacks** in history, 145,000,000 accounts are stolen from eBay's database.

**2020**
It is estimated that **global Cyber Security spending** will reach or exceed $170 billion.