
Re: HACKER.TXT. Area 51 Computer addresses (nein!)

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Subject: Re: HACKER.TXT. Area 51 Computer addresses (nein!)

At 03:37 PM 1/13/97 -0800, "A.J. Craddock" <craddock@ix.netcom.com> wrote:
>I have been asked to elaborate on the supposed Area 51 computer IP
>addresses listed in HACKER.TXT

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>Here is a list of the IP 141 addresses which were supposedly those for Area
>51. They are not classified. You will note that they are mostly all in
>Germany. Interrogating each address will give more specific information
>for each address.

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>Interestingly, some of the other Military addresses are indeed correct,
>which indicates that someone was pulling someone's chain.

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>Unless these IP addresses were indeed correct at the time, and have since
>been de-classified, which will be reflected in when they were registered.
>Somehow I don't think they were ever classified. Although some of the
>higher numbers such as 188 and 192 listed at the end of the text are not
>supposed to be assigned IP numbers, so could indeed be classified.

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>This is a time-consuming process, so it is time to pass the baton on this one.

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>Tony Craddock
>IP block 141

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According to my references, (O'Reilly TCP/IP Network Administration) IP addresses beginning with a number between 128 and 191 are considered "Class B" network addresses. The list of IP Block 141 addresses presented is a very good example of such a Class B network. The first two numbers represent the individual network, say a college campus or a company LAN, while the last two designate a particular host on that network. However, just because block 141 is assigned to Class B networks in Germany, does not mean that the list of IP addresses in Hacker.txt are incorrect. A LAN network not connected to any other LAN can have any set of IP addresses it chooses. Indeed, the 128.X.X.X series is set aside for just such purposes. If the Area51 computers are networked, it would be, IMHO a very private network, with no outside connections. On a different note, military networks are connected together by a different backbone system known as milnet. It sorta parallels the Internet and is even connected to it in places, hence hostnames such as eglin.af.mil can be pinged from the Internet. All traffic in and out of milnet is passed through gateways, and most nets employ a firewall to keep out prying eyes. What do ya want to bet all traffic through a gateway is logged? Anyway, the gateways and firewalls are capable of translating IP addresses from in to out and vice versa. This makes it practically impossible for a person on the Internet outside the gateway to determine the actual physical address of the host on the other side. Hope this clears up a few points..... >

The Lurker - "I Watch, I Listen"

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