

# **Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form**

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Title: Testing the applicability of hacker typologies and models: A comparative case study of Fancy Bear and The Shadow Brokers

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Criteria	Definition	Maximu m	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	8
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	30
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	34
Total		80	72
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
Total		20	20
TOTAL		100	92



# **Evaluation**

#### Major criteria:

The thesis examines the applicability of some of the existing hacker typologies to two selected empirical case studies. The literature review is exceptionally robust and comprehensive. Despite a rather intuitive conclusion that the existing typologies are insufficient to cover some actors, the survey of the literature combined with a meticulous empirical testing of the existing typologies and models makes the thesis a welcome contribution to the debate on the topic. The rigorous testing more than enough compensates the fact that the conclusions are a bit intuitive and, perhaps, would not justify pursuing the analysis.

### Minor criteria:

All minor criteria are observed in full.

## Assessment of plagiarism:

Based on the anti-plagiarism software checks, it is formally confirmed that the submitted thesis is original and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, does not, in an ethically unacceptable manner, draw from the works of other authors.



#### Overall evaluation:

All in all, despite some level of intuitiveness in the findings, the thesis features a superb literature review and successfully combines it with a rigorously done empirical testing of the existing hacker typologies and models. This is a well above-average work.

Suggested grade: A (92)

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