

# Hacking: A short introduction

# What is hacking?

- Making something do something that it wasn't meant to do
- Reverse engineering
- It's fun!
- Learning
- Creating a solution to a problem that never ever existed

# What it is hacking not?

- Hackers, not crackers
- Infecting your computer
- Viruses

# Hats!.... hats?

- Black Hat - Bad
- Grey Hat - OK
- White Hat - Good!

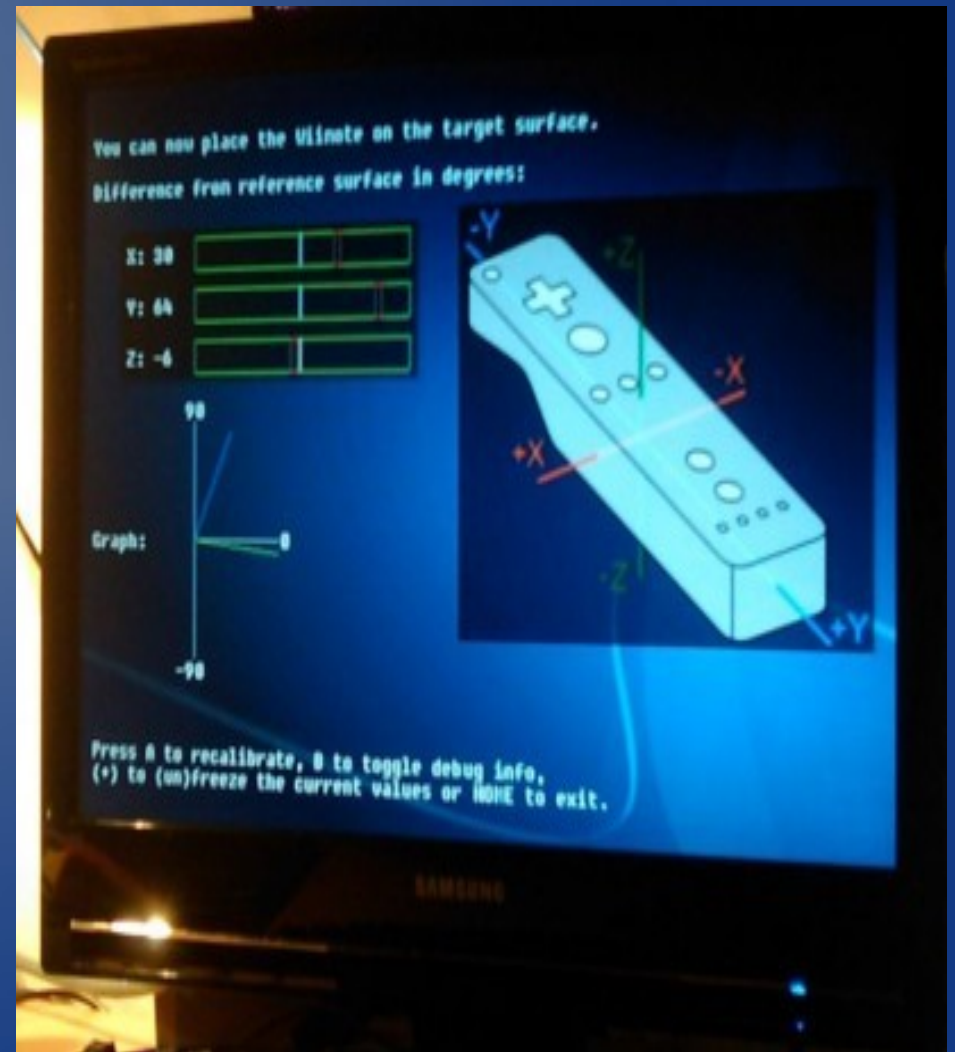


# What Danny said earlier

- A good hacker (cracker) can break into your computer. A great hacker can make your lamp get you a beer

# A good hack

- Wii controller
- Darwiin
- Now used as a 3D game controller, projector, mouse pointer, sword



# Hackerspaces

- A space to allow hacking and other similar activities
- Also known as openlabs, hacklabs, hackspace etc
- Legal!

<http://groups.google.com/birmingham-hack-space>



**Any questions?**