## Cybersecurity

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- Gaining information as a preliminary survey
  - Common for militaries before sending troops into battle
- Reconnaissance with social engineering
  - Gather intelligence about a person
  - Gather intelligence about a system
- Makes executing an attack much easier



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- Ways to execute reconnaissance
  - Go through someone's garbage
  - Interview a person to obtain PII
  - "Google" a person to gain information
  - Create a fake account to see what's needed
  - Pentest a system to see what type of system they're using
  - Research certain vulnerabilities for a system



## Defend Against Reconnaissance

- Guard all PII
  - Protect personally identifiable information
  - Do not give information to untrustworthy websites
  - If you are unsure, the safest option is to not give out information



