

## **WANT TO BE A GENIUS...BE A HACKER, THIS IS HOW ANKIT FADIA PROVED HIMSELF AND NOW MAY BE AN ARRAY OF XISS-ians WILL THRIVE FOR THE SAME**

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The celebrities of XISS are a bit different from the celebrities of the rest. A tremendous effort given by the students of Information Management (IM) Department of XISS managed to bring somebody who is internationally acclaimed for his genius mind. On January 7, it was a cold winter afternoon and the auditorium was flooded with the presence of students for attending a seminar, but after a while there was no colder when he came on the stage, of course a smart and cool guy, Ankit Fadia. The faculty members also grabbed the opportunity to share that afternoon with this guy by letting themselves present in the great event. Sponsored by Reliance World, Ranchi Ankit Fadia was invited at XISS to give a seminar on "Ethical Hacking".

Ankit Fadia who is renowned as one of the best hackers in the world, has been so not out of a sudden but a stubborn perspiration of this young mind chose a path of shaking the best human technology whenever he finds a gap in the execution. Well you may very well call him as a Norton in your system warning you before your system got truly hacked by some other unethical beings, like terrorists. So the Defense organizations like to call him as the ethical hacker and even claimed by FBI, Ankit's own website is the second best hacking site in the world. You may very well say that this guy might have taken birth and start crying in the binary language and has found his father's computer as his favorite toy to play with. Ankit was the youngest author to publish a book on "Ethical Hacking" published by McMillan, India in his age of only 15. Now this young man in the age of 24 can hardly sit over a chunk of 14 best hacking books written by him and trying to give more to the world for its best. He is an independent computer security consultant. He runs a program on computer security for corporate in alliance with Reliance World.

The managers of today are living in an age where internet is the basic medium of all the activities, but a very few may be aware of the possible threats of the internet which may turn their companies vulnerable to these threats like important data loss which is very common. The purpose of the seminar was to make these young IT professionals and managers aware about the threats of their systems being hacked and the possible measures that can be taken to counter these threats.

Further he delineated the fine line between ethical hacking and cracking. While ethical hacking deals with using hacking tools to get into computer security systems and highlight the possible loopholes of the system, cracking on the other side, uses similar backdoor access to intrude into a system with questionable intentions. He even shared the mystery of 9/11 attack which was preceded by a secret message hidden inside a bitmap image. When the FBI was fumbling through the clues, Ankit Fadia was also called and he was the one who managed to reveal the encryption.

It was the innocent sense of humor of Ankit which made the two hour seminar an interesting experience to both the students as well as the faculty members. Throughout the whole time, he kept giving live demos of hacking using different techniques. Students found the most interesting among them were the techniques which would help them to get into blocked sites like Orkut or Facebook even from the institute's restricted environment.

There is a nice proverb saying, "*Genius is just 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration*". Ankit Fadia's presence at XISS planted the inspiration among the students and the rest is up to these young professionals choices which will lead them in the future. Who knows there might have any plan of God to turn one of them into a diamond with the touch of another.