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"Whoever ...
intentionally accesses
a computer without
authorization or
exceeds authorized
access, and thereby
obtains ...
information from any
protected computer
... shall be punished""

18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(2)(C)



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"[T]he term 'exceeds authorized access' means to access a computer with authorization and to use such access to obtain or alter information in the computer that the accesser is not entitled so to obtain or alter."

18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(2)(C)

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Van Buren (2021)

"Van Buren's account of subsection (a)(2) makes sense of the statutory structure because it treats the 'without authorization' and 'exceeds authorized access' clauses consistently....
[L]iability under both clauses stems from a gates-up-or-down inquiry—one either can or cannot access a computer system, and one either can or cannot access certain areas within the system."

Van Buren v. US, 141 S.Ct. 1648 (2021)



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