

London police seize bitcoin worth \$667,000 from hacker

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London police have seized half a million pounds (\$667,000) worth of

bitcoin from a prolific computer hacker in a case described as the first of its kind for the 188-year-old department.

Cybercrime detectives seized the bitcoin from Grant West, 26, who was sentenced to 10 years and 8 months in prison Friday for attacking some 100 companies worldwide, largely using 'phishing' email scams to obtain the [financial data](#).

Once he obtained the data, West would then sell the material to market places on the [dark web](#) and convert his profits into bitcoin.

The London Metropolitan police discovered evidence of cyberattacks on 17 major firms including Sainsbury's, Asda, the British Cardiovascular Society and the Finnish [bitcoin](#) exchange.

Officers also recovered a memory card containing approximately 78 million individual usernames and passwords.

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