

Twitter: 5.4 Million User Accounts Stolen From a Social Engineering Attack

On August 5, 2022, Twitter revealed that a hacker going by the alias “devil” exploited a zero-day bug to link personal identifiers such as phone numbers and emails to user accounts on the social media platform.

The hacker took advantage of the flaw and released a significantly large dataset for \$30,000 on online forums. The bug became known in June 2021 and affected over 5 million users.

As a result, Twitter quickly contacted account owners impacted by the problem directly and advised users to use two-factor authentication to protect against unauthorized logins.