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## Snap leaks nudes

Thousands of Snapchat users may have fallen victim to massive private photo leak after hackers stole 13GB of images from third-party websites, where users had stored their snaps using apps like SnapSave. The hack was facilitated by users who allowed third-party apps to send and receive Snaps, despite being explicitly prohibited by Snapchat's terms of use. A massive data breach, known as "The Snappingen", has affected hundreds of thousands of Snapchat users, with hackers gaining access to a 13GB library of photos and videos, including nude images and videos of teenagers. The breach occurred when hackers accessed SnapSaved.com, a third-party service that allowed users to store photos and videos sent via Snapchat, which are normally deleted seconds after receipt. Snapchat has distanced itself from the incident, stating that users were victimized by their use of third-party apps, which compromise security. SnapSaved has attempted to downplay the breach, claiming it has always tried to fight child pornography and had reported some users to authorities. However, the hack has resulted in the posting of pictures of up to 200,000 teenagers on the online picture-sharing service 4chan, with many of the images being explicit. The incident has raised concerns about user security and the use of third-party apps, with Snapchat strongly recommending against their use and working to remove them from app stores. A significant number of leaked images from Snapchat feature nudity, with some reports suggesting a link to the recent celebrity nude photo leak involving stars like Kim Kardashian and Jennifer Lawrence. Discussions about both leaks originated on 4chan's forums, where users claim that the photos include a substantial amount of child pornography. Notably, approximately half of Snapchat's user base is between 13 and 17 years old. In response to the leak, Snapchat asserted that its servers were not breached, instead blaming third-party apps for compromising user security. This incident follows "The Fappingen," where hackers accessed iCloud and leaked private photos of female celebrities. The recent Snapchat leak, dubbed "The Snappingen," involves around 90,000 photos and 9,000 videos, mostly from European users, with a fairly even split between male and female victims, and a significant amount of explicit content. The leak was initially shared on a bogus website before being disseminated on 4chan and Reddit. Snapchat's spokesperson emphasized that the app's servers were not compromised, attributing the leak to users' use of prohibited third-party apps like SnapSaved.com, which allowed users to store Snapchat photos and videos online, thereby compromising security. Snapchat Data Leak Raises Concerns Over App's Security and Ephemeral Nature The removal of SnapSaved.com has highlighted concerns over Snapchat's security measures. Given its reputation for self-destructing content, the app is often used to share explicit material among young users. Several venture capitalists value Snapchat highly, with a \$2 billion valuation last year and a reported \$10 billion valuation this year. However, the company's security features have been questioned since its launch in 2011. In 2013, Gibson Security discovered a vulnerability in Snapchat's friend-finder feature, which allowed hackers to easily find users' phone numbers behind their handles. Although Snapchat initially dismissed the findings, four days later, a hacker leaked 4.6 million usernames and phone numbers online. Snapchat has since released updates improving its Find Friends functionality and allowing users to opt-out of linking their phone number with their username. However, concerns remain over the app's screenshot detection feature, which can be evaded using workarounds. Additionally, third-party apps have enabled users to save photos and videos indefinitely, undermining Snapchat's ephemeral nature. The company was forced to settle a privacy complaint with the Federal Trade Commission in May due to its handling of user data. ### The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has criticized Snapchat for deceiving consumers about the privacy and security of its service. According to FTC Chairwoman Edith Ramirez, companies that market themselves as secure and private must keep those promises. The complaint against Snapchat alleges that it failed to deliver on several key promises, including the disappearing nature of messages sent through the service. Despite claims that messages would vanish after being viewed, consumers can use third-party apps to access and save photos and videos. Furthermore, the FTC found that Snapchat stored video snaps unencrypted on recipients' devices, allowing them to be accessed through the device's file directory. The company also misled users about screenshot notifications and collected geolocation information from Android users without their consent. Additionally, Snapchat's "Find Friends" feature collected iOS users' contacts information without notice or consent, which was then compromised in a breach. The Electronic Frontier Foundation has rated Snapchat as the lowest in terms of privacy, giving it only one star in its annual report. Meanwhile, hackers have threatened to release intercepted Snapchat images, including naked underage photos, in an attack dubbed "The Snappingen." The leak has raised concerns about the security of user data and the need for companies like Snapchat to prioritize transparency and protection. Snapchat Leak Exposes 200,000 Users' Images, Potentially Including Minors The Snapchat leak is believed to have affected approximately 200,000 users, with half of the platform's 4.6 million active users falling within the 13-17 age range. The leaked images were obtained by members of an underground chat room on 4chan and are being stored in a searchable database linked to Snapchat usernames. Snapchat's user base was breached by hackers who accessed and downloaded swiped messages from the app. Users with anonymity-focused online forums like 4chan created an archive of these stolen images. This incident followed the hacking of celebrity photos, which is now under investigation by the FBI. There's a worrying possibility that hackers have got their hands on your snaps, and even worse, the images might be linked to specific usernames, making it a double whammy of embarrassment! Imagine if those intimate photos taken by minors were shared without consent - it could potentially qualify as child pornography. A post on 4Chan raises this alarming point. SnapSaved.com, a website that's usually keen on fighting child porn, got hacked and had to shut down immediately after discovering the breach. They claim that 500MB of images were compromised, but no personal info was stolen. Snapchat, however, is washing its hands off the situation, saying their servers weren't breached, but users who used third-party apps to send snaps are to blame. While this might be partially true, it's still essential for Snapchat to remind its young users about the dangers of sharing intimate images that could lead to humiliation or embarrassment if shared without permission. Many users seem to have a false sense of security, thinking their snaps will vanish forever within ten seconds. With SnapSaved.com down, perhaps it's time for Snapchat itself to reevaluate its security measures and take more responsibility towards its users' safety.