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API Data Breaches



LinkedIn (2021)
700m users
impacted

LinkedIn's API was exploited to scrape user data such as email addresses, phone numbers, and professional details which were sold on the dark web.

An API vulnerability exposed phone numbers linked to user accounts. Hackers used this flaw to scrape user data leading to leakage and investigations.

Facebook (2019)
533m users
affected



Dell (2024)
49m records
impacted

Exposed a significant amount of customer information, including names, addresses, order details, and service tags, due to a vulnerability in Dell's partner portal.

A misconfigured API allowed hackers to access personal data, Social Security numbers and driver's license information, costing the company huge compensation costs.

T-Mobile (2023)
40m users
affected



Panera Bread (2018)
37m customers
impacted

An unauthenticated API endpoint exposed sensitive customer information, including ID numbers and addresses leading to further extortion attempts.

An API vulnerability exposed customer records, including email addresses and partial credit card information.

Optus (2022)
10m accounts
affected



Twitter (2022)
5.4m accounts
impacted

API security weaknesses allowed hackers to expose user data like phone numbers and usernames. This data was later leaked online.

A vulnerability in Twitter's API allowed hackers to link email addresses and phone numbers to Twitter profiles. User data was sold on the dark web.

Snapchat (2014)
4.6m accounts
impacted



GitHub (2020)
50k+ API keys and
secrets leaked

Sensitive credentials were exposed, allowing potential access to private databases and systems.

A vulnerable API allowed data scraping, exposing user information like email addresses and usernames. User data was then sold on hacking forums.

Duolingo (2023)
2.6m users
impacted

