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6 Million Instagram Accounts Hacked: How to Protect Yourself

Several days ago, Instagram announced that it had fixed a vulnerability that had apparently previously allowed unauthorized parties to obtain the email addresses and phone numbers associated with Instagram accounts, even when such information was supposed to be private and inaccessible to parties other than respective account owners.

Before the bug was fixed by Instagram, a hacker, or group of hackers, apparently stole a significant amount of data that he/she/they are now offering for sale online at a price of \$10 per record (payable in Bitcoin, naturally), terming the searchable database of pilfered Instagram information "Doxagram." The Daily Beast claims to have verified some of the data supplied by the hacker/s as authentic.

Doxagram has had periodic outages as various service providers take steps to take it down, but it appears to be accessible at the present time via the Tor network. Earlier today, the person or people behind Doxagram appeared to be tweeting using the Twitter handle @doxagram_insta; Twitter has since suspended that account. Ironically, shortly before the Doxagram account was shut off, its operator tweeted a reminder for anyone using the system to purchase stolen data to "Please keep your login information safe. Use a strong password. We can't do anything if your

credit gets used by someone else." Yes. That would be hackers advising people buying stolen information how not to become victims of hackers.