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Hackers Could Break into Tinder Accounts with Just a Phone Number

A computer programmer has revealed how he was able to hack into Tinder accounts using just a phone number. Anand Prakash exposed a vulnerability in software which allows users of the dating app to conveniently log in to their accounts without entering a password. The 24-year-old said hackers could gain access to a Tinder account “within seconds” if they knew the mobile phone number the victim used to log in to the app via Facebook’s Account Kit. He said the hacker would have “full control over the victim’s account”, gaining access to their private chats, personal information and allow them to interact with other users. “If the hacker knew the victim’s phone number used to sign in they could have used this trick to hack into Tinder accounts,” he told The Telegraph. Mr Prakash, from Bangalore, India, added it was “very easy” to exploit the security flaw which he immediately reported to Facebook and Tinder. Facebook has not commented on the security flaw.