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## **Malware Lands on the Windows 10 Store Disguised as Google App**

The app, which was called “Album by Google Photos” and published by a company called “Google LLC,” was nothing more than malware that was disguised as a Google app. And which, for some reason, managed to bypass Microsoft’s filters and become available for download. While some users did believe this was the official Google Photos app for Windows 10, some of the reviews posted on the Windows Store signal this is malware that shows ads in the background and clicks them to generate revenue for developers. As AL noted on Twitter, Google LLC isn’t an official publisher on the Microsoft Windows Store, so this was just a trick to make the app look legitimate. However, the more important question certainly raises questions regarding Microsoft’s verification process, which for some reason failed to detect a malicious app. As said, the reviews on the Microsoft Store also warn this is a fake app. “100% fake app, pops up a box about malware and to call Microsoft. Asks for credentials,” one review reads. Microsoft has already removed the app from the Microsoft Store following user reports, so it can no longer be installed. It’s not clear how many users actually downloaded it, but there’s a chance it didn’t have the time to do much damage given the overall popularity of the Store.