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Thread: [Binance hacked. 7000 BTC stolen.](#)

Net - May 8, 2019, 3:24 am

Binance team:

We have discovered a large scale security breach today, May 7, 2019 at 17:15:24 (UTC). Hackers were able to obtain a large number of user API keys, 2FA codes, and potentially other info. The hackers used a variety of techniques, including phishing, viruses and other attacks. We are still concluding all possible methods used. There may also be additional affected accounts that have not been identified yet.

The hackers were able to withdraw 7000 BTC in this one transaction:

<https://www.blockchain.com/btc/tx/e8b406091959700dbffcff30a60b190133721e5c39e89bb5fe23c5a554ab05ea>

The above transaction is the only affected transaction. It impacted our BTC hot wallet only (which contained about 2% of our total BTC holdings). All of our other wallets are secure and unharmed.

The hackers had the patience to wait, and execute well-orchestrated actions through multiple seemingly independent accounts at the most opportune time. The transaction is structured in a way that passed our existing security checks. It was unfortunate that we were not able to block this withdrawal before it was executed. Once executed, the withdrawal triggered various alarms in our system. We stopped all withdrawals immediately after that.

Binance will use the #SAFU fund to cover this incident in full. No user funds will be affected.

We must conduct a thorough security review. The security review will include all parts of our systems and data, which is large. We estimate this will take about ONE WEEK. We will post updates frequently as we progress.

Most importantly, deposits and withdrawals will need to REMAIN SUSPENDED during this period of time. We beg for your understanding in this difficult situation.

We will continue to enable trading, so that you may adjust your positions if you wish. Please also understand that the hackers may still control certain user accounts and may use those to influence prices in the meantime. We will monitor the situation closely. But we believe with withdrawals disabled, there isn't much incentive for hackers to influence markets.

In this difficult time, we strive to maintain transparency and would be appreciative of your support.

SOURCE: <https://binance.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360028031711>

BTC - May 8, 2019, 3:26 am

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Bill Gates - May 9, 2019, 2:07 am

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Deal - May 9, 2019, 2:11 am

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Anybody interested in diving in to the conspiracies posted in many subreddits, I suggest researching the SAFU and bitcoin fraud in China over these past 2 years ? There are some interesting reads that is for sure

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Everyone's posts in this thread are suggestive they have not even seen the Periscope AMA
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Quote: were targets of phishing attacks or anything such, which I'd say is your own fault, Now, in my perspective, blaming the users effected is insinuating the fact that this was user-related.

In that context, my reply made perfect sense. I did not talk down to him in any sort of way, I was not attempting to belittle him, I am just curious why he sees this:

Quote:used a variety of techniques, including phishing, viruses and other attacks.

And immediately jumps to the conclusion this is user-related and direct attacks towards the people, or their machines, and sensitive data. This was not the case, in fact if you did your research, yes you would learn this as well. Of course the way it's worded, they left it open for suspicions. I simply asked the user to share with me his opinion, and nothing less. Whether you like to take that as "talking down" or not is completely in your card deck. But stooping down to shit posting just because of your own ignorance? Makes no sense, what you got nothing better to do with your time?

You are just jumping to conclusions, taking everything out of context and attempting to flame me on something you are evidently so uninformed about. Nice job.

@ComputerScience since it needs to be stated for some users to understand, I know your intelligence is not this low. I assume you understood what I meant, and would take no offence from this as those were never my intentions. But I was not trying to talk down to you, in fact I am extremely curious as to what you think of the situation and how you think it is my fault or any other users fault? Yes I suppose I am at fault for trusting such an exchange, but I did not leave a substantial amount in my portfolio to trigger me or cause me to be greatly damaged by this. Rather more of an annoyance because I enjoyed checking up everyday to see the prices of all my investments ?

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He obviously read the link the OP posted and said what he did, he wasn't chatting about anything Blackhat or untoward, yet you bang out the rule book like he's actually discussing the banned topic via thread and entire post when he isn't you sneb.

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Then you begin to belittle him by saying you're dumbfounded to where he got his information from, he got it from the OP's link, you've mistaken me for someone who gives a fuck about you're long winded shit posts. I don't care if he is indeed right or wrong, you just went wading in with slapping links to [Help Docs](#) and trying to back seat admin him via post. You're a sneb. He wasn't breaking rules by typing the word phishing, he wasn't chatting about it, making threads or posts about it, he was referencing the OPS link regarding the topic at hand and one of the possible outcomes to why some members might have lost their account.

Bye, take it easy and join the list.

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I understand you may have some personal views as to why you do not like the term dumbfounded, but in literal terms I was using it properly. I was not using this in a demeaning or belittling manner.

You can use this term in that manner, for example if the user was evidently confident in their decision on a matter, and I insinuated or told the user that they were dumbfounded. That would be insulting, however in this context I was speaking of myself, as to my own astonishment.

I think you need to take your own advice, because you are the only person in this thread who is trying to belittle, or put any other users down.

On a side note: Helping somebody better understand the fine lines and grey area of this topic as outlined in the blackhat activity page, is in no way putting the user down. If I were trying to be an asshole I would just report posts, instead of trying to help. What I did is in fact the complete opposite of what you claim.

God knows my site knowledge can still increase in some areas, look at my own warning level! I am not judging anybody or stating what I think is right or wrong, I am just stating my opinion, and trying to help the user, in case he continued to speak on the topic and possibly brought upon himself to cross that line in to breaking the rules as outlined in the [Help Docs](#).

SecretAchiever101 - May 9, 2019, 11:38 am

Oh ,just layed my eyes upon this post. So thats why my withdrawal got suspended

Dexter Von Glock - May 9, 2019, 5:16 pm

Poor guys luckily I am not using binance

NiktoKan - May 10, 2019, 2:56 am

Binance handle this hacking case well. Those who lose BTC still can get back their money, much better than some exchanges just make a police report and close down.