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Thread: [My friend claimed his Facebook was hacked just by him accepting a friend request...?](#)

**The Pact** - December 27, 2021, 11:06 pm

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**335i** - December 27, 2021, 11:13 pm

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It's not that they're tagging all your friends, but surely you've seen the "Jason Bourne was tagged in a photo" notification. They take advantage of these notifs to spam phishing or other types of schemes to the profile's friends.

You likely haven't encountered them on your own profile because you don't add random, fake

accounts ha.

And yes making fake profiles and adding the same friends from a targeted profile is common as well.

Again I would wager that his account was probably not compromised, instead it's one of these methods being used. FB has decent security when it comes to logging into a verified personal account

**guardian** - December 27, 2021, 11:54 pm

Did he receive some kind of an email notification with the friend request? Maybe that's what he meant and he clicked a link in there. How does he know it was the friend request that got his account hacked? Was he logged out afterwards or something? Maybe some kind of CSRF? I mean I think that a company such as Facebook has some good protection in place for attacks like that, but you never know.

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I don't think that 2FA is the reason that this is not happening to you man. This is called mentioning and is a popular technique to generate traffic. They probably just scrape friend lists, lots of people have their friend lists publicly accessible.