Forum:Hack Forums

Thread: 4chan Hacked due to 2016 non-updated PHP

MadScientist - *April 28, 2025, 3:43 pm*

4chan, an infamous online forum, was taken offline earlier today after what appears to be a significant hack and has since been loading intermittently.

Members of the Soyjak.party imageboard (also known as The Party) have since claimed to be behind the attack. They also leaked screenshots of admin panels and a list of emails allegedly belonging to 4chan admins, moderators, and janitors (less privileged mods who help moderate the forums)."

"Tonight has been a very special night for many of us at the soyjak party. Today, April 14, 2025, a hacker, who has been in 4cuck's system for over a year, executed the true operation soyclipse, reopening /qa/, exposing personal information of various 4cuck staff, and leaking code from the site," one of them (using the handle Chud) said in a thread posted after 4chan was taken down.

"In an attempt to control the damage, 4cuck admins have taken all servers offline, but there are unconfirmed reports that the servers have already been completely compromised and may not be up for some time."

In the same thread, Chud shared multiple screenshots to prove that hacker had access to 4chan's staff administration panels and maintenance tools.

These tools could provide access to any user's location and IP address, rebuild or restart any 4chan boards, access board logs, view site statistics, and manage databases using 4chan's phpMyAdmin panel.

While those who claimed the attack didn't share how they gained access to 4chan's systems, some said the forum was likely breached because it used a severely outdated PHP version from 2016, unpatched against many security vulnerabilities that could've been exploited in the attack.

https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/infamous-message-board-4chan-taken-down-following-major-hack/

Astonished - *April 29, 2025, 7:23 am*

Probably best to search around before posting 2 week old news.

https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=6296311

MadScientist - *April 29, 2025, 7:56 am*

(Apr 29, 2025 07:23 AM)Astonished Wrote: *[CITE]* Probably best to search around before posting 2 week old news.

https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=6296311

I posted it before I noticed the other one and just left it since the titles more to the point for people scrolling by, crazy they havent updated PHP in almost a decade ?