

Hackers threaten to reset iCloud accounts, wipe devices



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NEWSWATCH: It seems Apple is under a hacking attack... [Not only by the CIA](#) but, most recently, by a hacker group called Turkish Crime Family. Motherboard's Joseph Cox recently reported that come 7 April 2017, the hacker group will reset a number of iCloud accounts and remotely wipe iPhones unless Apple pays a ransom.

“ Hackers threaten to remotely wipe iPhones unless Apple pays a ransom <https://t.co/QVZ9kewaKR>
[pic.twitter.com/morFyLcMT](https://twitter.com/morFyLcMT)— Motherboard (@motherboard) [March 21, 2017](#) ”

The group claimed that it can access 250 million iCloud accounts and will do so on 7 April 2017 to reset the password, locking people out of their accounts.

“ 200 Million iCloud accounts will be factory reset on April 7 2017— Turkish Crime Family (@turkcrimfamily) [March 21, 2017](#) ”

According to [the report on Motherboard](#), "Turkish Crime Family demanded \$75,000 in Bitcoin or Ethereum (another increasingly popular crypto-currency) or \$100,000 worth of iTunes gift cards in exchange for deleting the alleged cache of data."

Over the weekend, however, Apple reportedly "denied any such compromise in the company's infrastructure or a direct connection with its servers and hacked credentials."

“ Apple Denies Turkish Crime Family Hack, NewRansom Details Emerge - NEWSBTC <https://t.co/mvRnyZavww>
[#Apple #ransom #cyberattack](#)— Ken Feltman (@KenFeltman) [March 27, 2017](#) ”

In reply to an [enquiry made by Fortune](#), an Apple spokesperson said: "There have not been any breaches in any of Apple's systems including iCloud and Apple ID. The alleged list of email addresses and passwords appears to have been obtained from previously compromised third-party services."

The company said to has taken steps to prevent unauthorised access to customer accounts, while working alongside the law enforcement authorities at the same time.

“ Howto protect your Apple account from getting hacked by the Turkish Crime Family <https://t.co/4l9G7mjpSj>
[pic.twitter.com/N2XiXhsxpQ](https://twitter.com/N2XiXhsxpQ)— Business Insider (@businessinsider) [March 23, 2017](#) ”

Even if these threats are just threats, it wouldn't hurt to change a password or two before next week...

For more

- [How to protect your iCloud account, juuust in case the hackers aren't joking](#) via Wired
- [Hackers are reportedly trying to ransom Apple](#) via The Next Web
- [Apple Denies Turkish Crime Family Hack, New Ransom Details Emerge](#) via NewsBTC
- [Apple Responds to Hacker's Threat to Wipe Hundreds of Millions of iPhones](#) via Fortune
- [Protecting yourself from the Turkish Crime Family through 2FA](#) via LinkedIn

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