This is not the first time facebook has been hacked. Anonymous is at it again, with another facebook hack using a 0 day exploit. This time the attack vector was through Facebook's mobile application - which allowed hackers access to phones' contact lists and other data on iPhones, iPads, and Androids. The app would ask for permission to access your list of friends. If you granted permission, the app could also take photos from your camera roll without you ever knowing it. The issue was first spotted by @NicoAgius who tweeted about his suspicions that something was up with the Facebook mobile app for iOS devices. After looking at the app's privacy policy, he noticed something fishy: it says "This app will: Access your list of friends and photos and data stored on your device," and "Upload information about your contacts." The next day he fired off a tweet to Facebook explaining his discovery. After receiving no response from Facebook, Nico posted another tweet asking for confirmation that what he saw was true. He then posted a screengrab of his iPhone's access to privacy settings along with the caption: "Perhaps @facebook should take a look at the #dataprivacy page on their iOS app... #fb #fbprivacy". After this point, facebook responded by removing the offending app from iTunes and also revising its privacy policy appropriately. Facebook's initial response to Nico was that the app in question was not in violation of their privacy policy. However, when looking at the privacy policy for iOS apps, it does say "this app will" by accessing your friends list. There is no mention of Facebook's iOS app taking photos from your photo library without your knowledge or permission. Facebook has since updated their privacy policy to reflect these new capabilities. A few days later, developers at Sophos security discovered the facebook hack vulnerability in the source code for facebook's mobile apps for iOS and Android devices. The issue lies in how the facebook mobile app treats permissions you grant to it when accessing your contacts. When signing into the app, your contacts are automatically shown in a table at the bottom of your facebook page. If you select a contact, their information becomes visible to you. This includes photos. If a hacker was able to get into your iPhone or Android phone by getting access to your contact list through facebook's mobile app, they could take pictures from your photo library without ever being prompted to do so. This would allow the hacker to access private photos on your phone. In fact, if they had physical access to your phone, they could do this at any time without notifying you about it. The problem is that we're prompted for permission every time we want to use certain features of our phones. For example, you're prompted for permission when selecting a contact to add to your phone's address book, and when sending an email or text message. However, no such prompt is given to permissions requests like the one for facebook's mobile app. This vulnerability can be used by hackers to steal your private photos and other personal data from your iPhone or Android phone. It appears that this may be an issue with how facebook handles contacts on iOS devices. (Update (Feb 2017))

On February 10th, 2012, Facebook issued a statement on their website stating that they had learned about "an issue" involving the Facebook mobile app for iOS devices and would take steps to fix it immediately.

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