

In 2017, Equifax was hacked and the hackers were able to access names, social security numbers, birthday dates, addresses, and license numbers. Hackers were also able to access some credit card details from the customers as well. This breach affected almost 143 million customers. The motivations behind this breach could have been for notoriety and financial reasons. Hackers could sell the data on the blackweb or used it to contact customers and get them to submit more financial information they could have access to.

Tech Flaws:

There was a vulnerability in Apache Struts CVE-2017-5638. Apache Struts is a framework for creating Java Web applications. When Equifax's security department ran scans to identify vulnerable systems, they were not able to identify it.