

T-Mobile says hackers stole customer data in data breach

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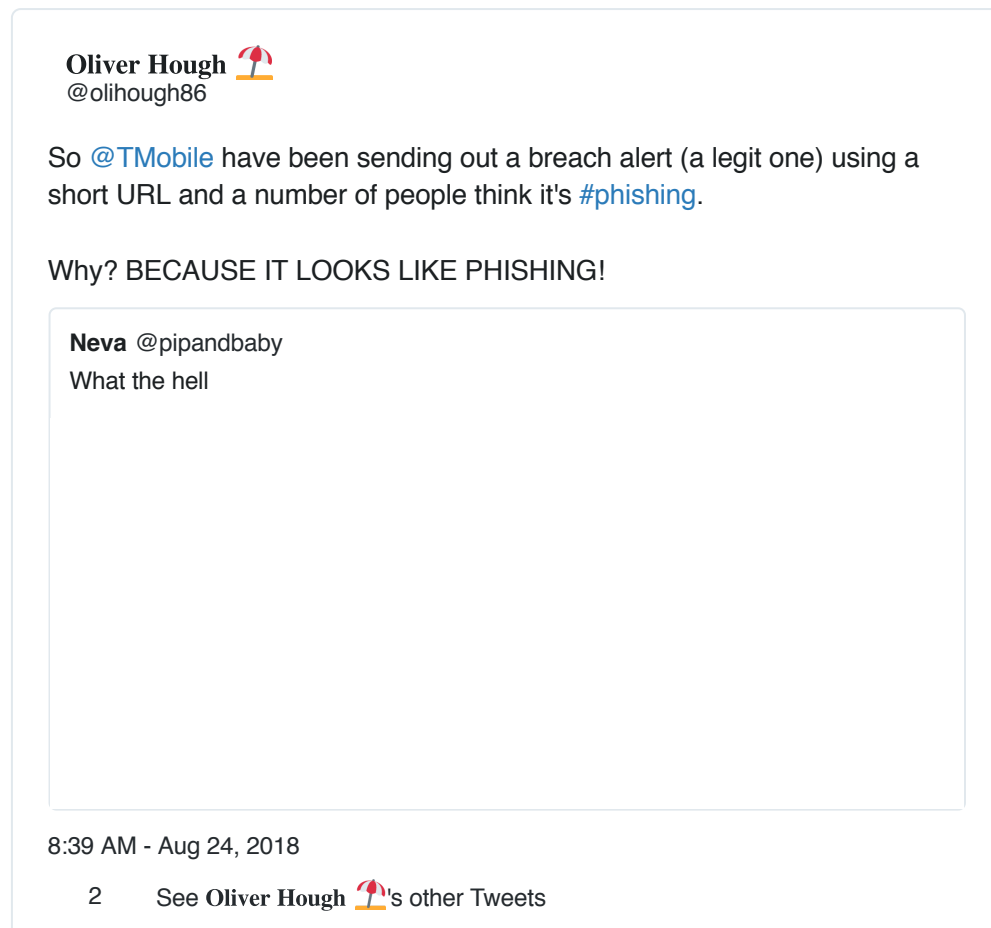
T-Mobile has confirmed hackers breached its systems.

The cell giant, [currently merging with Sprint](#), said [in a statement](#) that hackers stole names, billing zip codes, phone numbers, email addresses, account numbers, and account type — such as if an account was prepaid or postpaid — in what the company described as an “[unauthorized release of data](#).”

was detected and shut down on Monday.

“discovered and stopped very quickly,” and “affected a small number” of customers. But Motherboard reported that a spokesperson said about 3 percent of the company’s 77 million users were affected — some 2 million accounts.

T-Mobile began notifying customers of the breach Friday morning with a text message sent to affected accounts. But that drew ire from some, who said the shortlink in the text message looked like phishing.



This is the latest in a string of security incidents at T-Mobile in the past year.

In May, a security researcher found a security weakness in a T-Mobile subdomain used by staff, which returned customer data without requiring a password. It was similar to a vulnerability found in another T-Mobile by Motherboard some months prior, which

sharing customer location data with third-parties after Democratic

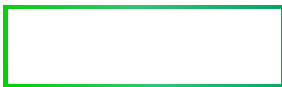


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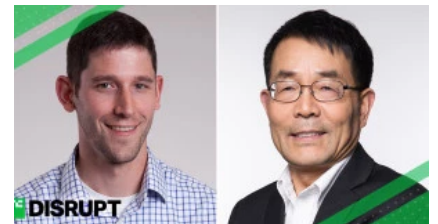
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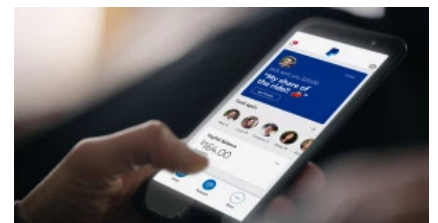
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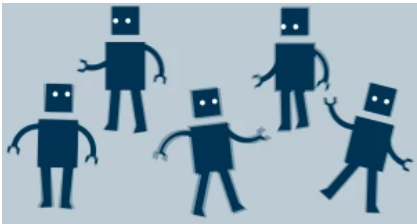
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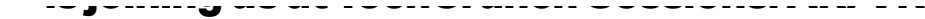


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