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# [APPS AND TOOLS USED FOR YAHOO]

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## **Apps and Software used for online scam**

Here I'll make mention of the major applications and different software that these scammers use;

- To make contact with their victims.
- To hide their true identity.
- To redirect their location
- To get the pictures they use to pretend to be other people.
- To impersonate people and how they manage to make it look so real.

### **VPN:**

Most of us know what a VPN is and what it does but for the benefit of those that don't know I'll explain it.

VPN means **Virtual Private Network** and it is basically used to hide a device's IP address from the internet. The IP address discloses the device's location on the internet. Most sites and apps they can come in contact with their clients on don't accept Nigeria as a country of origin, and that usually would limit their participation. Also, they don't want to use Nigeria as their current location because it is seen as a generally bad country to foreigners.

### **Dating apps and Dating sites:**

These days dating apps and sites are the order of the day for hooks up and getting into relationships. These yahoo boys use dating website and apps to find their clients. Most beginner yahoo boys always start from dating then

when they have gotten to a certain level they start directly attacking accounts and engage the credit cards of their clients.

### Dating App Interface

There are several dating apps that are used, and some of them are Okcupid, Dateme, eHarmony, livedatamatch, elitesingles, Tinder, etc there are just so many.

### Social Media:

When they have started talking with the client on dating apps or sites and the chemistry is going on fine, the next step is the move to social media and eventually to private chats like Whatsapp and Google Hangout (I know you might wonder how they can use Whatsapp since Whatsapp shows the number of the country you are based, keep reading and you'll understand). They usually create a social media account months before they start the yahoo.

The reason they create it ahead of time is to avoid suspicion from their client.

They make use of the major Social Media such as Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, and Snapchat.

*(Note: They can also make first time contact with clients via any of these social media platforms (especially Facebook and Instagram) by creating fake accounts with pictures of different people. These guys buy old account from people willing to sell theirs and edit it to suit their fake identity and they look for pictures of unknown white people on instagram that they know their clients can't find on Google and use it as their profile*

*picture and basically pretend to be that person. They save many pictures of that particular person so that they won't run out of pictures to use).*

### **Foreign Phone Number:**

The next step is usually to get a foreign phone number, an American phone number a European phone number, a Canada phone number, basically phone numbers from usually the top countries in the world as they are going to pretend to be from anyone of them.

Now the major reason for the foreign phone number is to further solidify their claim as being genuine, they might need to move over to WhatsApp and start chatting because the general logic is that WhatsApp only works with phone numbers and you can only use a phone number if you are in the country where the phone number belongs to. But in truth there are many ways and apps used to get and use the phone number of a country while in another country. So normally if you can chat on WhatsApp then with someone you meet online then it's only natural that you believe that the person is real, but truth be told, these days that isn't usually the case.

One yahoo-boy told me *"Most times I clone a U.S number, and inform my client I will be moving to Kenya for a business trip. Since I already have a Kenyan friend, I will ask him to help me out with a Kenyan number. That is the logic"* and this is just one example out of the many formats they use to get their clients to believe them.

He also said *"The aim is to look genuine for a while, before you move over to your normal line. The truth is that you can make it look easy, but it depends*

*on you. To become a successful yahoo boy is quite simple but you have to know how to play your game.”*

### Cloning App:

Depending on the gender they wish to take. They may decide to be a female or a male, so they need to solidify their claim. In most cases clients might decide to engage in video chats just for the fun of it or to confirm if the person is real, especially if they've been duped before or they've heard the story of someone that was duped. So in other for these yahoo boys to prove themselves they make use of cloning apps

#### **What the cloning app does:**

- Creates gender (Male/Female)
- Selects a country of origin (US, Italy, UK, etc)
- Uses the present country of stay

Once they download the cloning app, they can take up the face of anybody they wish, and the voice of any gender. All they need is just to specify the settings on the App, and the rest will take care of itself.

### Photoshop:

We all know what Photoshop is and what it does but a lot of people underestimate the power of Photoshop. Photoshop when used very properly in the hand of an expert can turn a picture of mud into the most beautiful piece of art. Photoshop in the case of these yahoo boys is used to create fake pictures for those pretending to be girls or women, it is mainly used by those who claim to run a real estate company or a Car shop online and they

Photoshop the pictures of the person they are impersonating into the cars or into the houses they want to sell just to increase their credibility and to create fake documents and all the necessary things needed to buy a car or a house online and this is just a bit of what they use Photoshop for.

### **Grammarly:**

Grammarly is an app that corrects grammatical errors in sentences and because they claim to be from either USA or UK or any foreign country that isn't Nigeria or depending on the format that will be used, take that of a teacher for example you can't be caught using grammatical blunders as a teacher so generally they don't want to be caught making unnecessary mistakes in their grammar so they use grammarly. That is for those who care enough to use grammarly anyway, a lot of them do not and would just lie that the wrong grammar is as a result of faulty keep pad or autocorrect.

### **Fake Bank Alert Apps:**

After a yahoo boy makes a fake transfer or does a fake transaction they use these fake bank transfer apps to create fake receipts and fake debit alerts to send to their clients to show as proof of a concluded transfer.

Never allow a person you do business with that you do not personally know to go just because they showed you debit receipt, always wait and confirm your credit alert.



## The 2 Key things that make up Online Scam

1. Format
2. Online Phishing

### Format

I explained what format is earlier, but that was just the tip of the iceberg. Truth is this is where the main scam lies. There are several formats they use to charm their clients into believing they are real and get their clients to send money or give out private information to them.

You see being an online scammer happens to be quite the work that's why over here they say *"the client I've been working"*.

They have to select a format, prepare it, and make sure they stick to the plan.

*"Never fall in love with your client it will disrupt your plans and moves"*

There are many formats they employ, and I will list out just a few of them.

1. A very pretty and sexy girl (used to get sex starved and deprived men on social media).
2. A soldier in a foreign country.
3. A pilot or an Engineer.
4. An expatriate in a foreign country
5. A rich man in a foreign country and kidnapped.
6. A real lover that is sick and needs money to survive.

Basically they can pretend to be anybody at all and have different formats to use and approach you.

Depending on situations, they can coin out their own format as long as they have a bunch of pictures of a particular person that fits the profile.

The aim of all these is get either of or all of the following;

- Client's account details
- Credit card details
- Make the client send money to them.
- Make the client send them gift cards.
- To collect At&t login details.
- Paypal Account login details.
- Online banking details.
- Verizon login detail.
- Verified Cashapp Login details or get their cashsapp verified for them.
- To give a monetary loan.
- To buy or purchase goods from them, etc.

It all depends on the format they choose to use on their clients.

There are still many other ways people can be scammed and lose tons of money on the internet as a result of falling victim to a yahoo boy's scheme.

If they don't want to engage in the dating game, there are several other patterns they adopt like:

- Phishing
- Email Blasting.

- Online Real Estate sites.
- Online Auto Mobile Shops.

**Note:** They are all duplicates of the real company websites and I'll teach you to detect the real from the fake.

## **Finding Clients:**

Now to break down how they find clients on social media, Instagram to be specific, after getting their fake profile ready they go to verified instagram pages, that of CNN, BBC, ALJAZEERA, Donald Trump, Barrack Obama, country music artists, rap artist, movie stars and basically instagram pages that they know are verified and has thousands and millions of followers, they go to the comment section of their posts and look for people who commented, like their comments and then send then follow and message them and wait for a reply, ones they get a follow back and a reply, business is on.

For Facebook they join Facebook groups containing potential clients and make themselves noticed and with a charming and impressive profile set up, they don't even have to send a message first.

With dating sites they set up impressive profiles and message people they feel are rich or just random people or they wait to get a text first then its gotime.

These are all under getting clients for the dating format. I should tell you that the dating format is the most dominant format of all, most of the formats I will be explaining here are going to be subsidiaries of the dating format.

## **Online Phishing**

I wouldn't call phishing a format although phishing can be used in a format. Online phishing means trying to get financial or other confidential information from internet users by recreating the webpage of a financial institution or any online platform that would normally ask for those kind of information to prove a person's identity, it is also sending an email that looks as if it is from a genuine organization usually a financial institution or an online store. That email or webpage is set up for people to fill in login detail and other confidential information that the real organization will require on the real site or email and it contains a link to a fake website that replicates the real one. After the form is filled, the person behind this scheme will have access to information that is supposed to be confidential and personal, they will be able to login to the real sites as the person whose information they have phished, perform transactions as that person and usually empty the account of the person or do whatever it is they have in mind to do when they created the phishing webpage.

For yahoo boys they phish their client by sending direct phishing links and the ultimate goal is to collect bank details, that is why I said phishing can be used in a format although not as a format.

Yahoo boys that are into hacking and carding also visit the dark web or forums that search engines can't index.

### **Conclusion:**

In this article, I exposed all the basic and major steps that most yahoo boys use. In the following articles I'll explain in details more ways that they use to scam people and how you can detect and avoid them on the internet and save yourself from getting into trouble and lose a lot of money, believe

me, these scammer can and will put you into a lot of trouble and can even wreck and ruin your life as a whole.

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