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Resetting your Facebook security settings

Facebook discovered a security flaw that affected approximately 50 million user accounts. The flaw stemmed from a feature called "View As" where you could see what your profile looked like from other people's screens. The vulnerability could have been in place since July 2017 but has been fixed according to Facebook. It also affected any other apps that you connect to via Facebook. If a hacker was able to expose the flaw, they could have been able to take over your Facebook account and view any of the information saved within it.

While this flaw affected less than 3% of all their users, it is still a good idea to take some action to limit the potential impact and make your account secure.

Here are a few steps we advise you to take and some simple video instructions on how to do it.

1 Check to see who and where has logged into your account recently

a from a Computer

- i Log into Facebook and go to settings.
- ii Select "Security and Login" from the left side
- iii Look for the section titled "Where You're Logged In" and make sure to press "See More."
- iv Review the list for any unknown devices or locations that have logged into your account.

b from a Mobile App

- i Open the Facebook app and look for three small bars on top of each other. [On Apple devices it should be in the lower right and on Android it will be on the top] If you press those three lines and scroll to the bottom, you will see "Settings and Privacy" Select that
- ii Then choose "Settings" and then "Security and Login" and then follow the same instructions from a computer.

2 Change your password

- i In the same "Security and Login" section. Select Change Password.
- ii You will need to enter your existing password and a new one twice.
- iii Please select a strong password that has both uppercase and lowercase letter along with numbers and special characters. Instead of something like "ilovemy piano" use "!Lov3MyPian0"
- iv Better yet use a password manager like LastPass, 1Password [Mac only] or Dashlane, and have the software generate a secure password for you.

3 Use Two-Factor Authentication

- i In the same "Security and Login" section. Select "Use two-factor authentication."
- ii Follow the steps it provides, and you can select to get the second factor though a text message or an authenticator app.

4 Alternatively, you can always delete your account if you wish

a from a Computer

- i Go to settings again but select "Your Facebook Information" from the side panel this time.
- ii The last option will be to "Delete Your Account and Information" select that
- iii You will be given the option to save the existing data and photos stored [which we recommend].
- iv Select Delete Account.

b We recommend deleting your account from a computer instead of a mobile device so that you can easily download and store your account data.

We hope this information has been helpful to you and we have heard loud and clear that you would like to see more of this type of information from the Abacus team, so we will continue to provide updates on cybersecurity and privacy concerns going forward.