

## Cyber Security News Bulletin

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## Microsoft fixes two-year-old MSDT vulnerability in August update

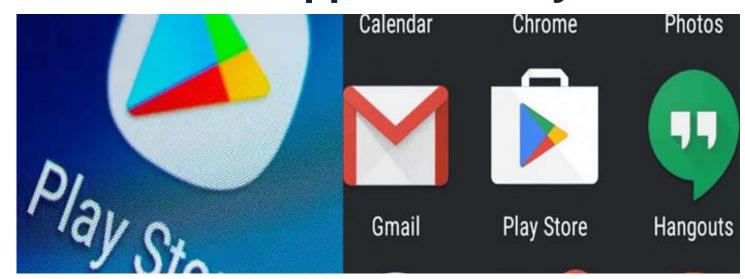


Two-and-a-half years after a security researcher publicly disclosed the existence of a remote code execution (RCE) zero-day vulnerability in the Microsoft Windows Support Diagnostic Tool (MSDT), dubbed DogWalk, Microsoft has finally issued a fix for the problem after a new variant emerged, having previously not done so on the basis that it did not meet the right criteria.

This is the second major MSDT vulnerability to have been fixed by Microsoft in the past few months, following the disclosure of the dangerous Follina zero-day at the end of May, which was patched in June.

<u>https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252523657/Microsoft-fixes-two-year-old-MSDT-vulnerability-in-August-update</u>

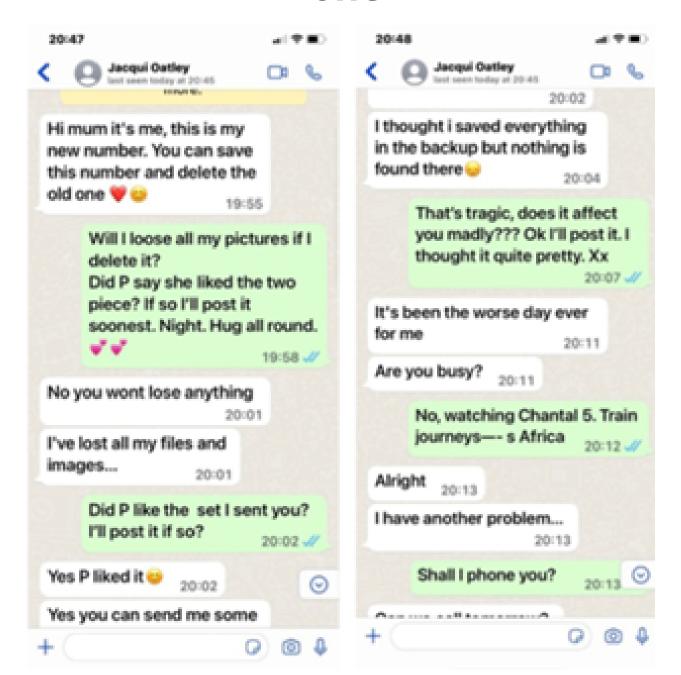
## Google removes malwareinfected apps from Play Store



Google has been busy removing apps infected with malware from its Play Store. It has been reported over the past month that malware such as Joker, Facestealer and Autolycos were found in around 60 apps downloaded by more than 3.3 million users.

Zscaler has produced analysis on how some of these strains of malware work. Malware can include viruses, trojans, worms or any code or content that can damage computer systems, networks, or devices.

## WhatsApp scam asks victims for money to supposedly help a loved one



A new cybercriminal trick has been reported, in which an attacker sends a simple message such as 'Hi Mum' with a reason for using a different phone number, followed by a string of messages explaining a supposedly difficult situation which requires financial assistance.

The objective is to trick the victim into sending money to the criminal behind the attack.

This type of scam reaffirms the need to verify who you're communicating with, even if they're claiming to be a loved one. If something doesn't feel right, authenticate who you're talking with. This might be asking a question that only your loved one would know, or calling to confirm it's really them (a scammer may claim the phone speaker is broken to avoid a conversation).

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