Minecraft Hackers Publish Hundreds Of Non-public Login Particulars Online

Microsoft was in the news during the Christmas season when its Xbox One service was infiltrated by hackers, and is now facing the same problem.

According to reports, a German website published an inventory of 1,800 Microsoft Minecraft usernames and passwords online.

If they have access to these information, a security expert warns that hackers could gain access to accounts, change settings and purchase virtual items.

The hack was reported by Heise Online, and many of the verified accounts (selection shown) are believed to be belonging to German gamers. It is not known how the hackers got their hands on the credentials, however security analyst Graham Cluely wrote : 'Possibilities range from malware, phishing attacks or even a security breach'

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Although it is not clear how the hackers obtained the credentials the security analyst Graham Cluely posted on the Hot for Security blog: "Possibilities vary from simple attacks on phishing, keylogging malware that steals players' personal information when the game logs in, or even a security breach at Minecraft.

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'Let's hope it's not the last time - as the game has more than 100 million registered players.'

However, an Microsoft spokesman said to MailOnline"We are able to confirm that no Mojang.net service was compromised.

'Normal industry procedures for handling situations like this were put in place to reset passwords for the tiny amount of affected accounts.'

Minecraft was created in 2009.

A character is placed into the "virtually infinite" game world at the start of the game.

To build cities and towns, players are given blocks and tools.

While the original game was originally designed for the PC There are now mobile versions and Xbox 360.

The hack isn't huge due to the huge number of registered users.

However, as Mr. Cluely pointed out: 'If unauthorised users exploited the passwords and email addresses, they would not be able to only log into other people's gameworlds and download the full version of the game, which is usually sold for EUR19.95 Euros (\$26.95 or PS17.95).'

Plus when a cybercriminal gains access to a person's email address, they can make use of it to hack other accounts, send spam or spread malware.

Mr. Cluely also said that there's no guarantee the hacker who published this current list also doesn't have more 'in their back pocket.'

In September, Microsoft purchased Mojang for \$2.5 billion (PS1.5 Billion). Pubgqa.shop

The game is available on PCs, Android, iOS and Windows Phone, as well as gaming consoles, including the Xbox One and PlayStation 4.

However there is a Microsoft spokesperson confirmed to MailOnline that no Mojang.net service was compromised. Although the amount of released details is not a large portion of the game's 100 million user base, Mr. Cluely said there is no guarantee that the hacker who published this list has more in their pockets'

At the beginning of the game, a player is put into a 'virtually infinite game world.' They then have the option of exploring different terrains, including mountains, forests and caves.

More than 16,645,000 players have bought the game so far and it's becoming an online phenomenon.

YouTube channels are available that provide tutorials on how to play the game. In some instances the owners may quit their jobs by advertising.