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Two hackers, Richard Zhu and Amat Cama, successfully demonstrated the hacked iPhone X running iOS 12.1 at the Pwn2Own hacking contest that took place in Tokyo.

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The two hackers took advantage of the flaw in the just-in-time (JIT) compiler to recover recently deleted images remotely. According to Forbes, in theory if a hacker can interfere with the compiler, he can access any recently deleted file.



With the discovery of the security hole, the two hackers were awarded \$ 50,000 (about 1.2 billion VND). After receiving a report of the bug, Apple said it will release iOS 12.1.1 patch in the near future.

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