

These 23 malicious applications are silently subtracting user money, uninstalling is still not exiting

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In September last year, Sophos security researchers discovered a new form of fraud on Google Play. Specifically, some applications will allow users to try it out, then in the subsequent months will silently deduct their money. Many users were deducted from USD 100-240 per year.

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According to Sophos statistics, more than 600 million users have been tricked into installing these malicious applications on Google Play, after which they were charged without their knowledge.



Many malicious applications charge users silently after they try it out. Photo: Internet.

In the list of applications that are silently subtracting money from users, there are many basic and simple applications such as computers, barcode scanners, etc. GO Keyboard Lite, which has been detected collecting user data type it on your phone and send it to a server in China is also on this list.

Jagadeesh Chandraiah, mobile malware analyst, said the apps paid to increase the number of installs and buy fake five-star reviews to boost the Play Store's rankings. Below is a list of malicious apps silently subtracting user money on Google Play.

Package Name	Short name (app list)	Install Count	Subscription (weekly, US)	Subscription (monthly, US)	Subscriber (annual, US)
com.astrofun.android	Astrofun	500,000+		\$14.99	
com.banuba.beauty	Easysnap	100,000+		\$24.99	\$89.99
com.bestvideostudio.movieeditor	VCUT	5,000,000+	\$6.99		
com.faceditor.facex	Face X Play	100,000+		\$25.99	\$83.99
com.fortunemirror	Fortunemirror	5,000,000+	\$69.99		
com.funccamerastudio.videomaker	Filmigo	50,000,000+	\$9.99		
com.jb.emoji.gokeyboard	GO Keyboard	100,000,000+		\$9.99	\$59.98
com.jb.gokeyboard	GO Keyboard Lite	100,000,000+		\$9.99	\$59.99
com.jb.gosms	GO SMS Pro	100,000,000+		\$9.99	\$59.99
com.jb.screenrecorder.screen.record.video	GO Recorder	5,000,000+		\$11.99	\$95.88
com.jb.security	GO Security	10,000,000+		\$4.98	\$39.98
com.jb.zcamera	Z Camera	100,000,000+		\$9.99	\$59.88
com.screenrecorder.recorder.editor	Master Recorder	1,000,000+		\$9.99	\$59.98
com.steam.photoeditor	S Photo Editor	100,000,000+		\$9.99	\$59.98
com.video.master	Wonder Video	10,000,000+		\$12.99	\$79.99
com.videoeditor.videomaker.photos.music.pictures	Clipvue	5,000,000+		\$9.99	\$49.99
com.videomaker.editor.slideshow.songs.record.album	Filmix	5,000,000+	\$6.99		
nft.recoverfree	Photo Recovery & Video Recovery	100,000+			\$199.99
screen.recorder	ScreenRecorder	5,000,000+		\$9.99	\$69.99
screenrecorder.recorder.editor	V Recorder	10,000,000+		\$9.99	\$79.99
screenrecorder.recorder.editor.lite	V Recorder	10,000+		\$11.99	\$89.99

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