

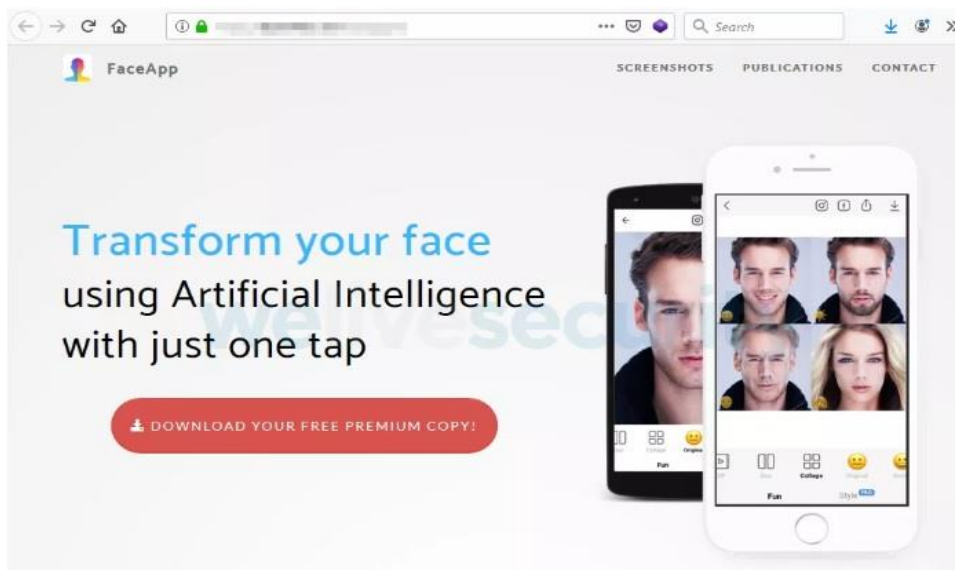


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INFORMATION SECURITY VULNERABILITY ALERT

- Scope:** FaceAPP PRO on Android devices
- Severity:** CERT.UG rates the severity of this vulnerability as **HIGH** due to the potential for compromise.
- Threat:** Popular app “FaceApp” that offers various face-modification features is free for download but offers in-app paid features. Since the app received huge media attention scammers have created a FAKE app called “FaceApp Pro” or FaceApp Premium and are offering it FREE for download on a fake website.



- Impact:** The fake app when installed, asks for permissions to storage, contacts, camera, location and several other parts of the victim’s android device. It is capable of installing adware on android devices which triggers numerous notifications with ads luring the victim to tap on the notifications to

participate in surveys and browsing countless subscription offers. The app may install malware used for spying on the victim.

Source Reference:

<https://cybersguards.com/faceapp-pro-for-free-installing-malware-in-android-beware-of-new-scams/>

Mitigation:

Avoid installing apps from non-official App Stores. Only install apps from the Google Play store and for iOS users from the Apple App Store.

Install a trusted anti-malware app on your mobile device to scan and remove malware and other threats like viruses.

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