

Imo introduces 'Flash Call' for quicker and safer login

Instant messaging platform Imo has recently introduced a new feature, 'Flash Call' to make users' login much quicker, safer and convenient. This new automatic verification feature will enable Imo users to log in through a phone-call verification, preventing virtual trespassing and data breach.

The method eliminates the current hassles of manually incorporating the traditional text-based

To enable the latest feature, the SIM card of the entered phone number must be active and consistent in the same device. If the condition for the flash call verification is met, there will be a pop-up window asking for the user's permission to proceed with the flash call verification and complete the process for safe and successful login.

Based on this, the account will be automatically logged in on the arrival of a flash call for verification on the phone. If the user declines the request, the app will then enter the SMS verification mode for verification.

Users in Bangladesh and across the world can now subscribe to this feature by updating the Imo app on their devices.

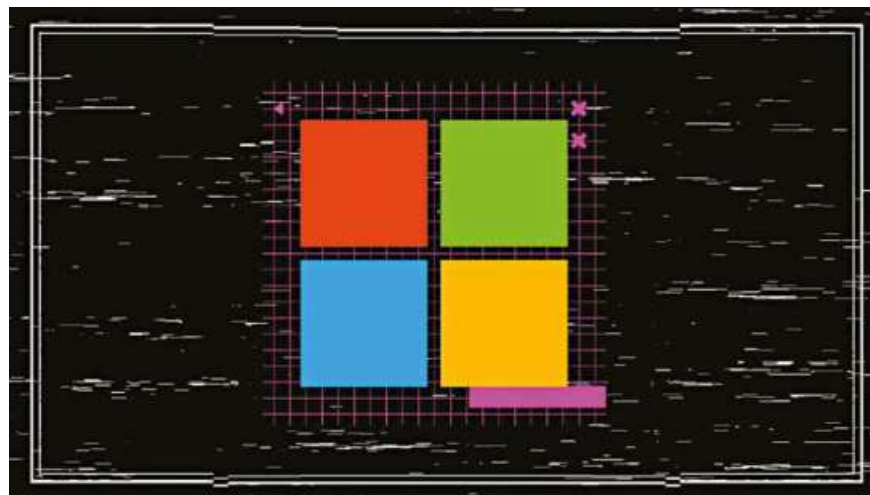


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Microsoft warns thousands of cloud customers of data vulnerability

Microsoft says it has warned thousands of its cloud computing clients of a recently discovered flaw that left their data vulnerable for an extended period.

The problem involved keys used to access Microsoft Azure's flagship database service Cosmos DB, and was discovered two weeks ago by cybersecurity company Wiz.

"Imagine our surprise when we were able to gain complete unrestricted access to the accounts and databases of several thousand Microsoft Azure customers, including many Fortune 500 companies," Wiz said on its blog Thursday.

Companies including Coca-Cola and Exxon-Mobil use Cosmos DB "to manage massive volumes of data around the world in real time," Wiz added.

The cloud service is used to store data, as well as to analyze and process everything from orders from suppliers to transactions with consumers. According to Microsoft, customers who may have been impacted were notified, but there was no evidence the flaw had been exploited by malicious actors.

"We fixed this issue immediately to keep our customers safe and protected," a Microsoft spokesperson told AFP. Microsoft told more than 30 percent of Cosmos DB customers that they needed to change their access keys, according to Wiz. But the cybersecurity firm warned others could be at risk.

"Microsoft only emailed customers that were affected during our short (approximately weeklong) research period," Wiz said. "However, the vulnerability has been exploitable for at least several months, possibly years."

Microsoft is one of the world's biggest cloud service providers, behind Amazon. Demand has skyrocketed during the Covid-19 pandemic with the growth of working from home and reliance on digital services for things like entertainment and shopping.

The US tech company has recently suffered a series of security issues. Earlier this year, Microsoft disclosed that a state-sponsored hacking group operating out of China was exploiting security flaws in its Exchange email services, a potentially devastating hack believed to have affected at least 30,000 Microsoft email servers in government and private networks.

The company was then also attacked by the suspected Russian group behind the 2020 hack of the SolarWinds software company.

This week, tech bosses including from Microsoft, met with US President Joe Biden to discuss ways to fight ransomware attacks and defend cloud computing systems from hackers.

EDITOR'S NOTE

All about living the good life

In the constantly shifting digital world, it gets tough to keep track of what's new on the market every now and then. But as brands race each other to grab your attention, we are here to streamline that process for you.

Your quintessential weekend living companion is back again with yet another comprehensive guide to choosing the best consumer electronics and lifestyle products and services. Throughout this issue, we list out options for you to choose the best gears for ears, provide a guide to buying a second hand smartphone and getting a credit card, try to convince you to get an ebook reader and lastly, of course, September is here and so is our Netflix viewing guide.

We hope you have a great weekend. After all, it's all about living the good life, isn't it?

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Realme launches Narzo 30, Realme Book Slim and two AIoT products

Smartphone brand Realme has launched the 'Narzo 30' and its first laptop 'Realme Book Slim' through an online launch event held at 12 PM on August 28, 2021.

Apart from these, Realme has also launched two new AIoT products - Buds Wireless 2 Neo & Pocket Bluetooth Speaker.

Powered by MediaTek Helio G95 processor, 90Hz Full-HD display, 6GB RAM and 128GB internal storage, Narzo 30 is available in two colours - Racing Silver and Racing Blue, for the price of BDT 19,990. Users can also buy the phone from Daraz at 5 PM on August 31 at a special price of

BDT 18,490.

Equipped with a 2K resolution display, Intel Core i5 Processor, 8GB RAM and 512GB storage capacity, 'Realme Book Slim' is available in two colours - blue and grey. The laptop is available in another version with an Intel Core i3 processor, 8GB RAM and 256GB storage. Users can purchase the i5 version for BDT 65,999 and the i3 version for BDT 55,999.

Realme's other two new AIoT products, Buds Wireless 2 Neo & Pocket Bluetooth Speaker, are available at BDT 1,999 and BDT 1,499 respectively.

