

OurMine

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OurMine logo

Formation	September 14, 2014; 11 years ago ^[1]
Type	Hacker group
Website	ourmine.org ^[<i>dead link</i>]

OurMine is a [hacker group](#)^[2] that is known for [hacking](#) popular accounts^[2] and websites, such as [Jack Dorsey](#) and [Mark Zuckerberg's Twitter](#) accounts. The group often causes [cybervandalism](#) to advertise their commercial services,^{[3][4][5]} which is among the reasons why they are not widely considered to be a "[white hat](#)" group.^{[3][4]} As of 2016, their commercial services included security scans and audits.^[3] Payments were collected through PayPal.^[3] The group states they do not change passwords of hacked accounts.^[3]

In 2016, OurMine hacked the [Twitter](#) accounts of [Wikipedia](#) co-founder [Jimmy Wales](#),^[6] [Pokémon GO](#) creator [John Hanke](#),^{[7][8]} Twitter co-founder [Jack Dorsey](#),^[9] [Google](#) CEO [Sundar Pichai](#),^[10] and [Facebook](#) co-founder [Mark Zuckerberg](#), whose [Pinterest](#) was also hacked.^[11] In addition to social media accounts, the group has hacked the website [TechCrunch](#).^{[12][13][14]}

In October, [BuzzFeed News](#) published an article linking the OurMine group to a [Saudi Arabian](#) teenager using the name Ahmad Makki on social media. OurMine denied the allegations, claiming that Makki was only a "fan" of the group.^[15] One day after the article's publication, OurMine infiltrated [BuzzFeed](#)'s website and altered the content of several posts to read "Hacked By OurMine".^{[16][17]}

Other 2016 hacks include the [Twitter](#) accounts of [Sony](#) President [Shuhei Yoshida](#);^[18] the [Wikimedia](#) global account of [Jimmy Wales](#);^[19] the Twitter accounts of [Netflix](#) and [Marvel](#);^[20] the Twitter accounts of [Sony](#) Music Global;^[21] the Instagram accounts of [National Geographic](#);^[22] and the Twitter accounts of [National Geographic](#) Photography.^[23]

In 2017, OurMine hacked into a [Medium website](#) employee account. The account was part of a strategic partnerships team, allowing OurMine to hijack blogs belonging to [Fortune](#) and [Backchannel](#).^[24]

Twitter accounts hacked in 2017 included that of [David Guetta](#),^[25] the [New York Times](#),^[26] the [WWE](#),^[27] and [Game of Thrones](#) (along with some other [HBO](#) TV shows, and HBO's own official account).^[28] They also hacked the Twitter and Facebook accounts of [PlayStation](#) (including a claimed leak of the [PlayStation Network](#) databases),^[29] [FC Barcelona](#),^[30] and [Real Madrid](#) (including their YouTube channel);^[31] several Facebook accounts of [CNN](#) were also hacked.^[32]

Some [YouTube](#) accounts were hacked by OurMine in 2017 included that of the Omnia Media network, gaining access to numerous channels;^{[33][34][35]} and various YouTube channels from the [Studio71](#) network were also hacked.^[36]

On August 31, OurMine left a message on the homepage of [WikiLeaks](#). "Hi, it's OurMine (Security Group), don't worry we are just testing your.... blablalab, oh wait, this is not a security test! Wikileaks, remember when you challenged us to hack you?" The messages went on to accuse Anonymous of trying to dox them with false information and included an exhortation to spread the #WikileaksHack tag on Twitter. The message was visible when the site was accessed from certain locations. At the time of publication, some visitors to the site were greeted with a message saying that WikiLeaks' account has been suspended.^[37]

In September 2017, OurMine claimed responsibility for hacking [Vevo](#) and publishing more than 3TB of their internal documents.^[38]

In January, OurMine compromised the Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts of the [NFL](#) and 15 NFL teams.^[39]

In February, OurMine compromised Facebook's Twitter account.^[40] Later that month, they also compromised the Twitter account of South Korean boy band, [NCT 127](#).^[41]

In May, the group OurMine invaded the Brazilian streaming platform [Globoplay](#) and sent a notification to all users of the Globoplay app.^[42]

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