

Hacker Leaks Data of 390 Million Users from VK, a Russian Social Network

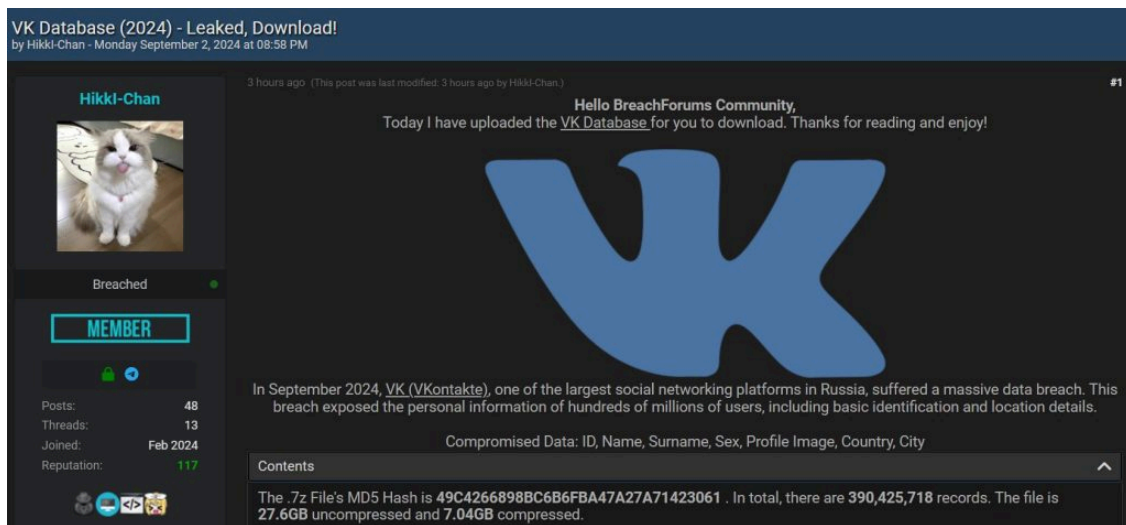
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Hacker ‘Hikki-Chan’ leaks personal data of over 390 million VK users on Breach Forums, including city, country, full names, and profile image URLs. Hackread.com investigates this massive privacy breach.

A hacker using the alias “Hikki-Chan” has leaked the personal details of over 390 million VK users (specifically, 390,425,719) on the notorious cybercrime and hacker platform Breach Forums.

The hacker claims that the breach occurred in September 2024 and that the data is up to date. For your information, VK, or VK.com, is a popular social networking service based in Russia. The site functions similarly to Facebook and is one of the largest social media platforms in Russia and other Eastern European countries.

VK.com was founded by Pavel Durov in 2006. Durov, a Russian entrepreneur, later co-founded the messaging service Telegram and was [arrested in France](#) last week over accusations related to Telegram moderation.



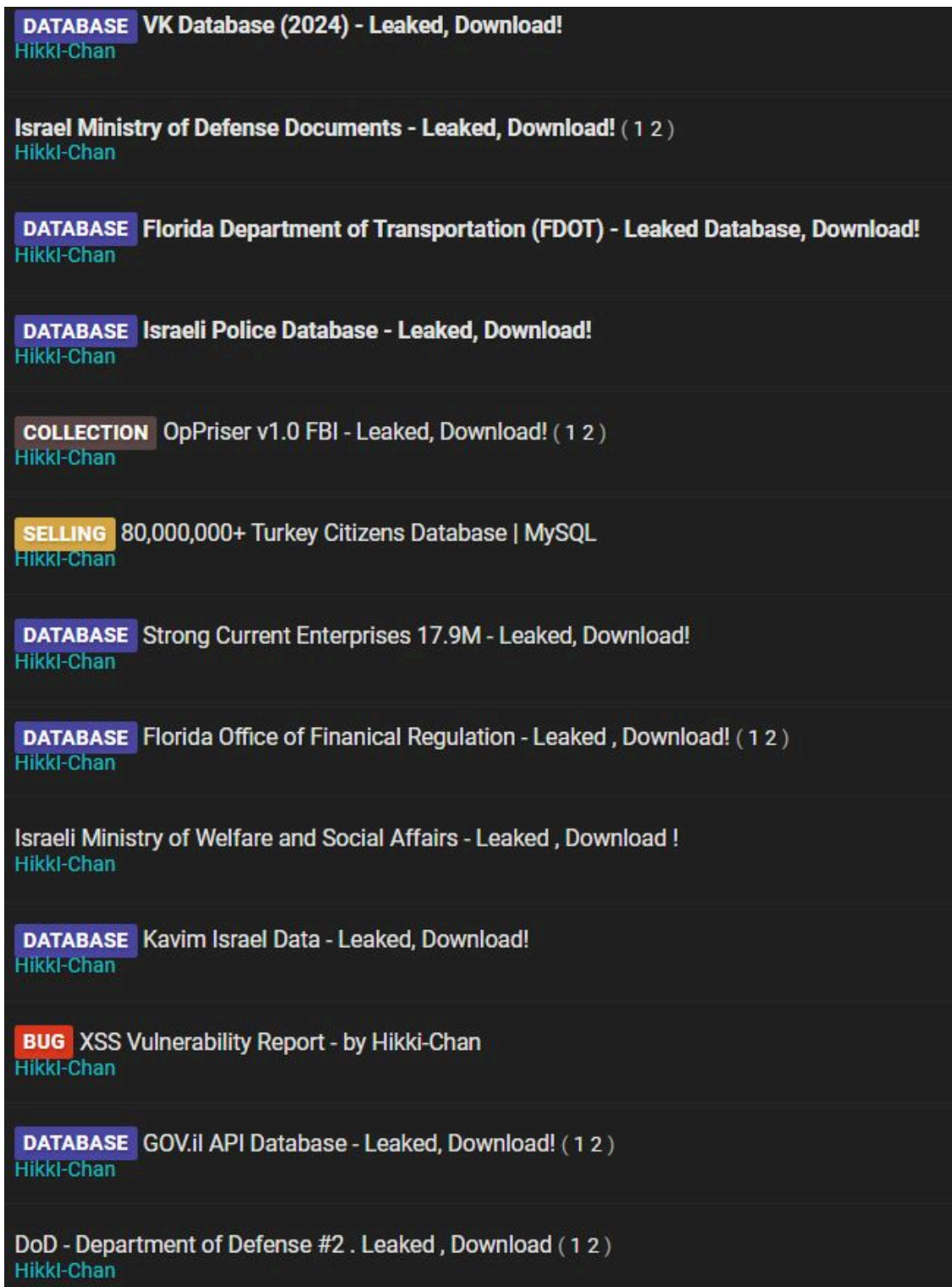
VK data leak on Breach Forums (Screenshot: Hackread.com)

The Breach!

The Hackread.com research team can confirm that the data is huge, amounting to over 27 GB in size. An in-depth analysis of the database reveals that the leaked information does not contain phone numbers or passwords. However, it does include the following details:

- **City**
- **Country**
- **Full names**
- **URL links to user profile images**
- **Email addresses (total number unknown)**

Listing, FBI Employees' Images, and much more.”



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Hackread.com has reached out to VK for comment.

UPDATE – 18:21 Tuesday, 3 September 2024 (GMT)

VK has responded to Hackread.com and, after investigating the matter, the company maintains that there was no data breach at VK. They state that the data in question was collected from publicly available sources.

“We can confirm that there have been no security breaches of any kind, including those involving personal information. VK user data is securely protected, and the content in question was collected solely from publicly available sources. This information does not contain any confidential data but consists of details that our users have voluntarily shared on their profiles.”

VK Spokesperson

Nevertheless, the data leak still poses a privacy threat to unsuspecting users across Russia and Eastern Europe, as cybercriminals can use profile images and names to create fake profiles. Meanwhile, state-backed hackers are always seeking such data for malicious purposes.

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