Use ANY dating site and get your whole sex life published online! Match.com and Tinder in crisis mode.

If internet dating discussion sites have not already thrown a splash of cold water on your dating life, the newest revelations may be heart-stopping.

Are you one of the Match.com or Tinder users who has sex with a different date every other night after telling each one "they are the only one"? Are you using Match.com to get people to buy you free dinners and lunches every day? The jig is up!

A new breed of internet cowboys are practicing the hobby of "Date Doxing". They have broken into all of the online dating sites, or intercepted marketing data that dating services sell to advertisers. They use this access to destroy the lives of those who use online dating services. They think it is fun.

You may be aware of the famous Ashley Madison break-in and "doxing" but did you know that hackers are bragging on the Darknet that EVERY single dating site has been penetrated?

Now that everyone knows that Cisco, Juniper Networks, Lynksys, Intel and other network hardware has "Back-Doors" for law enforcement to hop in any network and chase bad guys, the more horrific reality has been exposed. The bad guys, and even bored teenagers, have been trading all of the keys to those back-doors for years. Match.com, Tinder, OKCupid, E-Harmony, and the rest, decided it was "not financially warranted" to replace their hardware. They pinned their hopes on crossed fingers. That didn't work out so well for them.

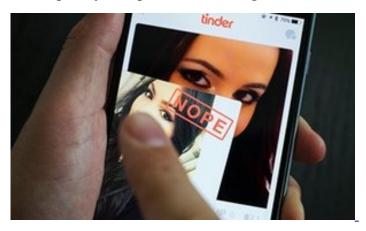
So if you date and are not monogamous, you are, literally: Screwed!

If you use dating sites to get free food and drinks without committing to a person: You are Screwed!

The new reality is that online dating is delivering STD's and life-shattering embarrassment in ways you never dreamed of. Welcome to your new social nightmare:

New website lets anyone spy on Tinder users

Developer says Swipebuster is making a comment about privacy, but users of dating app are worried



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<u>Tinder</u> isn't as private as many of its users think, and a new website which aims to exploit that is causing concern among users of the dating app.

Swipebuster promises to let Tinder users find out whether people they know have an account on the dating app, and even stalk them down to their last known location.



The website charges \$4.99 (£3.50) to let someone see whether the target is using Tinder, and can narrow down results by first name, age, gender and location.

But it doesn't do so by hacking into Tinder, or even by "scraping" the app manually. Instead, it searches the database using Tinder's official API, which is intended for use by third-party developers who want to write software that plugs in with the site. All the information that it can reveal is considered public by the company, and revealed through the API with few safeguards.

Although the site seems targeted at those who want to catch cheating partners on the app, its developer says he had a different motivation in mind, <u>telling Vanity Fair</u> that he wanted to highlight oversharing online.



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"There is too much data about people that people themselves don't know is available," the anonymous developer said. "Not only are people oversharing and putting out a lot of information about themselves, but companies are also not doing enough to let people know they're doing it."

But the argument that Swipebuster is made to highlight privacy breaches on Tinder's part seems questionable when one looks at the website itself. Under a headline reading "Find out if they're using Tinder for only \$4.99", the site says nothing about privacy or expectations thereof, instead offering only a walkthrough for users who want to pay for its services. An animated gif showing the process ends with an image of the supposed target superimposed with the word "Busted".

Here's an example:



Tinder argued there were no privacy issues raised, and told Vanity Fair "searchable information on the Web site is public information that Tinder users have on their profiles. If you want to see who's on Tinder we recommend saving your money and downloading the app for free."

But others warned that, regardless of motivations, the site was dangerous. <u>Sam Escobar tweeted:</u>

Now a newly launched Web site may provide Tinder with its latest existential crisis. A new site, Swipe Buster, allows people to see for themselves whether their significant other (or boss, or friend, or ex-flame, or parent) is active on the app. For a \$5 fee, users can input into a search field the first name, age, and location of anyone whom they want to check up on. Swipe Buster subsequently retrieves the data from Tinder's application programming interface, or A.P.I., which holds all of this information about its users. (Tinder's A.P.I. and database are public, making it easily accessible and sortable for anyone with a certain understanding of computer code. It is common among technology companies to have open A.P.I.s, so other companies can build ancillary products around their core experience.) Then the site displays the users who fit those criteria, allowing users to see their photos, when they logged on, and whether they are seeking out men or women.

— Sam Escobar (@myhairisblue) <u>April 4, 2016</u>

Did anyone think about the potential danger of an obsessive/abusive ex utilizing this? <u>https://t.co/P7tVRcFb6I pic.twitter.com/IQvnsgU1J2</u>

Even if the information is freely accessible through Tinder's API, the reaction to Swipebuster confirms

many users thought they were more anonymous than they really were.

Even if it might seem obvious that Tinder, a site which works by showing name, gender, age and location to strangers, doesn't consider that information secret, it's a very different matter to be confronted with a searchable database of that information. Your home is not secret, for example – people see you come and go all the time – but that doesn't mean posting your address online is advisable.

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