

[Help] My phone got hacked?!

idroid25 #1 August 17, 2021, 2:14am

Hi everyone! New here

I was using FOSS browser to read facebook posts (not logged in) then all of a sudden its address bar was automatically typed in space for like 10 times. I thought my phone screen may be a bit dirty but when I pressed the screen it didn't stop. Then my screen got turned into to the app switcher. The app switcher was scrolled up and my instagram was swiped to right and removed. (I didn't touch my screen at that time.) I pressed the power button and put it in standby mode. After a few seconds, I turned on my phone and the strange thing didn't happen again. Yet. This is the first time something like this happened to me and I'm a bit freaked out...

Before that, I was testing Bridgefy and Briar to see if they work. Then I used TrackerControl to shut down the internet access of a few apps. There were 4 apps in the app switcher: FOSS browser, Instagram, TrackerControl and Ecosia.

Here are a few apps I installed lately from FDroid: (I turned off most of their permissions before it happened)

Openboard

FOSS browser

TrackerControl

Briar

RethinkDNS

Hypatia

Net Monitor (SECUSO)

I've uninstalled all except Openboard, Briar and Net Monitor. I used LibreAV and Google Play Protection to scan my phone multiple times. Both said no malware.

Do you think my phone was hacked? Why did it happen? Which apps are more likely to be responsible for this? What should I do?

Thanks in advance

Tryder #2 August 17, 2021, 3:05am

What version of Android are you running? It may not have been an app install, my old Android 8 device was hacked just by visiting a website. Apparently it's called a watering hole attack.

The vulnerability that allowed this to happen was patched, but my device was no longer receiving security updates. I don't use that device anymore.

I tend not to browse the internet much these days.

idroid25 #3 August 17, 2021, 3:59am

I'm running Android 9
Wow that's sneaky

I suddenly remember when I was browsing facebook page on FOSS browser just before the "hack", FOSS browser said it blocked something.
Could be the type of attack you mentioned.

Tryder #4 August 17, 2021, 4:54am

Mine didn't do any of what you describe. Battery life decreased dramatically, Android OS and Android System became the top battery usurpers, by a longshot, and my Developer Options disabled themselves and could not be re-enabled. The Developer Options menu was still accessible, but all the options were greyed out including the option at the top that enables/disables the other options. Happened last year.

Happened to me on PC once too. Followed a link sent to me over PM to someone's webpage, next thing I knew half the contents of my virtual drive up and vanished. Luckily I was browsing through a virtual system at the time.

I couldn't tell you what to do about it other than get a new device, but if your device is supported by something like LineageOS maybe installing a new OS would help. Mine wasn't supported.

vdbhb59 #5 August 17, 2021, 6:31am

None of the FOSS apps thag you mentioned would have caused that. It is mostly what you surfed. 3 days ago my laptop got infected by visiting a regular website and started installing 40+ tencent items automatically. My whole system panicked and kept rebooting. Even after force shut down and start it kept booting. Had to delete everything via hiren's os.

As for the issue you have it would be probably something from FB/IG sites. Suggest use TrackerControl to stop internet access and keep ads up to date. Use hblock ad blocker, it is the best till date I have found. I have one of my own but I do not keep it updated as I do not get time to do it, elae would have suggested it. In TrackerControl > Advanced > Hosts URL put as hblock (hblock.molinerio.dev).

Ping me on XMPP if you have any issues. My ID is same as here.

ecxod #6 August 17, 2021, 12:04pm

You must begin to develop some kind of data discipline. But you must first understand the word discipline. Discipline is when you can resist temptations. I assume that you are not interested in a conversation in this direction, so I'll stop now.

idroid25 #7 August 17, 2021, 12:51pm

Mine could deteriorate faster in the future too. Older version
That's horrible... Unsafe internet

Yeah I'll give LineageOS a shot if possible. May have to try virtual machine to run some Android apps
Thanks for sharing!

idroid25 #8 August 17, 2021, 1:03pm

Seems like it's more dangerous to simply browse website nowadays. I'll be as careful as I could in the future.

I still feel a bit unsafe but would retry TrackerControl later. Probably a bit safer to use FB and IG apps than their websites (as for privacy...)

Thanks for the advice

Sure. Cheers!

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idroid25 #9 August 17, 2021, 1:05pm

I definitely would if you'd like to share some tips 😊

I think I lack some knowledge in this topic than discipline

justsomeguy #10 August 17, 2021, 1:16pm

idroid25:

Here are a few apps I installed lately from FDroid: (I turned off most of their permissions before it happened)

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Hypatia

Turn hypatia's permissions back on and try it again. It should catch and stop a lot of bad things. Or maybe @SkewedZeppelin is yet another front for the F!31?! 😞

SkewedZeppelin #11 August 17, 2021, 1:40pm

My completely honest opinion:
Your phone has not been hacked at all, your touchscreen is just failing.

5 Likes

idroid25 #12 August 17, 2021, 2:16pm

I've just tried and my phone seems to be fine.
Thanks!

idroid25 #13 August 17, 2021, 2:28pm

Haha could be. Seems a bit similar to ghost touch.
((but my phone never reacted like that before.))
Hope it's just ghost touch~

justsomeguy #14 August 17, 2021, 2:33pm

Wet screen can cause weird behavior too.

Tryder #15 August 17, 2021, 8:26pm

Really could use one of those Pine Phones. Just too bad the battery life is supposedly not so great.

Android does seem like it's the most insecure platform ever conceived. You'd be safer parking your car in a dark New York City alley, leaving the keys in the ignition and the door wide open.

SkewedZeppelin #16 August 17, 2021, 10:30pm

[@Tryder](#)

Excluding vendors and hardware, Android is far beyond more secure than Linux is on mobiles.

- read-only /
- verified boot
- all services confined with SELinux
- all apps strictly sandboxed
- all files signed and updates verified
- extremely extensive compile-time hardening
- seccomp applied to all apps
- etc.

3 Likes

[TheLastProject](#) #17 August 17, 2021, 9:28pm

I'm with [@SkewedZeppelin](#) on this one. While I have seen some malware that will open webpages and click specific things and close it quickly to commit ad click fraud, the behavior you're describing (typing spaces, swiping an app away, etc.) makes no sense from a malware standpoint. There is nothing to gain by just annoying the user. It seems much more likely that you are just experiencing ghost touches, which can happen when something is wrong with your touchscreen (loose connector, water damage, touchscreen itself broken, etc.). You probably just need a screen repair, nothing more 😊

3 Likes

[Tryder](#) #18 August 17, 2021, 10:10pm

I'm not thinking in terms of preventing intrusion, but mitigating the effects after the fact. It doesn't matter how hard you try, vulnerabilities are going to be found and exploited.

The Pine Phone has hardware switches to turn off the microphone, camera, wifi, and mobile connections. While, unlike Librem's offering, these only toggle software bios level switches they're still a lot more than what any current Android device has to offer.

Moreover the Pine Phone can boot an OS off of microSD. If your OS is compromised you can simply wipe the sd card and install a new OS likely split or swap out to a brand new \$20 sd card.

I don't know how secure mainline Linux is on mobile devices when compared to Android, but it would be hard for me to call an operating system secure when a hacker can hijack the device just by sending specially formatted images to it.

P.S. This one is Android 9 from 2019:



Android vulnerability allows hackers to hijack a device using a PNG image file...

Android vulnerability allows hackers to hijack a device using a PNG image file
- SiliconANGLE

Then again this past may in Android 10 and 11. This one was in Qualcomm Adreno GPUs and allowed hackers to run code with unfettered root privileges.



May 2021 Security Bulletin | Qualcomm

Qualcomm's May 2021 product security bulletin, with updates and disclosures for fixes released by Qualcomm and its subsidiary companies.

A similar vulnerability was discovered in ARM Mali GPUs at the same time. The vulnerabilities were under active exploit by the time they were patched. Google didn't mention that they were under active exploit until two weeks after releasing the security patch for Pixel devices.

SkewedZeppelin #19 August 17, 2021, 10:16pm

@Tryder

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You can do the same exact thing on traditional Linux and the impact is far worse as most if not all programs are not sandboxed and very few distros confine system services via SELinux or AppArmor.

Proper AOSP on a PinePhone today would be more secure than any of the current mobile Linux offerings on a PinePhone is my point.

To be clear I believe that Linux on a PinePhone like device is the future of FOSS mobiles. But as it stands today AOSP is an amazingly good FOSS mobile OS and many thousands of FOSS mobile-optimized apps are conveniently available via F-Droid.

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Tryder #20 August 17, 2021, 10:19pm

Understood, but you can recover more easily on Pine Phone. I don't know if I agree that hacking mainline Linux could be more damaging. Seems like there are fewer discovered vulnerabilities that grant root privileges on mainline Linux than on Android, but that's probably just due to the popularity of Android compared to Linux. A lot more people looking to hack your Android or iOS devices than your Linux devices.

SkewedZeppelin #21 August 17, 2021, 10:24pm

@Tryder

I agree that it is easier to reset a Linux device, compared to an Android device.

root privileges on mainline Linux

Why does an attacker need root **when they can** keylog you, send off your passwords, your personal documents, and your SSH/GPG keys?

Non-shameless plug: I recommend you sandbox your programs on Linux using **Firejail**. You can also sandbox your system services using **systemd**. If you are already using Flatpaks, please further confine them using **Flatseal**.

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This is not reason to neglect security of your Linux devices.

Tryder #22 August 17, 2021, 10:38pm

I didn't say it was a reason to neglect security, just that it was likely the reason root exploits are less common. Nonetheless some pretty serious exploits pop up for mainline linux from time to time. The frequency of severe vulnerabilities is significantly less than that of Android, but again that's probably just because fewer people are working to exploit them.

Most of the people looking to exploit vulnerabilities are probably using mainline Linux in the first place.



No need to even mention Windows here. I have a Windows partition just for playing old PC games. It never goes online... Never.

P.S. Also, as far as keylogging is concerned; you don't need a keylogger, you just need line of sight.

Tryder #23 August 17, 2021, 10:59pm

For completeness I should mention the Librem 5 here. The Librem 5, running Purism's own Linux distribution, is the ultimate in mobile security. It goes a step beyond the Pine Phone by offering hardware switches that *physically* disconnect the camera, microphone, modem, bluetooth and wifi chips.

No level of exploit can bypass these switches. Although, like the Pine Phone, I hear battery life kinda sucks. You could also buy 3 or 4 Pine Phones for the price of a Librem 5.

SkewedZeppelin #24 August 17, 2021, 11:07pm

The Librem 5, running Purism's own Linux distribution, is the ultimate in mobile security.

Strong disagree.

No level of exploit can bypass these switches.

Missing the forest for the trees.

Tryder #25 August 17, 2021, 11:34pm

Another benefit to the Pine Phone is the processor. Depending on your needs the processor is either a pro or a con. It's old, it's power hungry compared to newer mobile processors and it's slow. If you're looking for performance this is not the place to look.

However; if you're looking for security the processor is one of the Pine Phone's biggest assets. The old age of the processor means that most of the vulnerabilities in the design have already been found and patched.

SkewedZeppelin #26 August 17, 2021, 11:37pm

@Tryder

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That is not how that works.

We are far off-topic here, please start another thread if you want to continue this malign discussion.

Tryder #27 August 18, 2021, 12:04am

I just turned to my girlfriend and said “you know, we should probably get one of those Pine Phones.” She agrees. Gonna spring for the convergence package 😊

g33kz4su #28 August 18, 2021, 11:16am

Imao, hacked huh? For someone trying to be as safe and secure as you say in the post. I find it very hard to believe. 1st red flag: Browsing Facebook. For someone security minded, you failed that one. 2nd red flag: You mention instagram. Again, (not trying to pick on you but...). I would like to assume that someone as technically inclined such as yourself. would immediately pull system logs or a logcat, or something with factual technical data. But I see no mention of such. Or any mention of auditing the proprietary applications. Another red flag, You seem to be going out of your way to not use google services, yet. You use google play protect? (odd...) Want to know what I think?.. One of the processes an app was supposed to do, for some reason was held back and any gestures being made was also loaded into the phones ram, once whatever was causing the stall, once killed or released, everything getting backed up, ran seemingly all at once. Causing things to appear to be pressed/moved/whatever by some “hacker”. Some questions to ask oneself b4 claiming “hacked” What is your position in your community, leader, mentor, local gov? What position do you hold at work, is it a position of power? Do you or a family member work in Gov or Military? If these answers are No, well, you are like the rest of us, nobodies. From the hackers perspective, if you are not going to be a monetary gain of whatever assets, be it info or \$\$, then you are no target, and to the hacker, a waist of time. Furthermore I would begin to familiarize myself with androids adb and a terminal. Learn some stuff, keep crash logs, backtraces, logcat files, etc etc... Other than that. I think you have a ...active imagination of things you don't understand. I'm betting you were not hacked. But more or less ran into bug and scared yourself. Peace.

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justsomeguy #29 August 18, 2021, 2:46pm

Tryder:

Pine Phones. Just too bad the battery life is supposedly not so great.

The great thing is you can get slide out, slide in replacement battery for \$10 (sold out, ~\$20 at Amazon) and battery charger for ~\$5.

Battery life is another subjective thing, depending on lots of variables... Edit: IMO, it's not bad.

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Tryder #30 August 18, 2021, 6:35pm

I live off-grid, I'm more concerned about power consumption than I am about security. When my phone was hacked last year it didn't bother me so much that someone might've been recording my microphone or GPS coordinates, if someone wants to spend their time listening to me tell bad jokes, you know, that's their problem.

What bothered me was the huge drain on my battery. Well that and the developer options being disabled which made debugging Carpe Diem a big pain. More electricity going to my phone meant less electricity available for my computer and more stress on my solar panels and battery banks.

justsomeguy #31 August 18, 2021, 7:47pm

Tryder:

More electricity going to my phone meant less electricity available for my computer and more stress on my solar panels and battery banks.

Unless your computer is a raspberry pi or similar, it's surprising a phone could use anywhere near as much power. Aside from high winds, can solar panels really be stressed by powering something? Maybe you should add on a wind turbine. 😊

Tryder #32 August 18, 2021, 9:43pm

They're portable folding arrays made from polycrystalline panels sheathed in polyester fabric. On one of our panels the sun has already degraded the polyester to the point where the front layer of fabric has ripped all the way through. The wires connecting the panels have also all broken due to the constant folding and unfolding of the arrays, I've spliced them back together with bits of old USB cable.

As for the battery banks, their lifespan is measured in cycles which is to say how many times they've been discharged and recharged. Most manufacturers rate their lithium battery lifespans around 500 cycles, but one can increase that number by not fully charging the battery.

Lithium plating is the issue that causes lithium batteries to lose their capacity over time and the rate at which plating occurs increases on a curve as charge increases. We tend not to charge our batteries above 75% and that greatly improves their overall lifespan.

My computer, by the way, is a Microsoft Surface 3. Idle power consumption is around 3 watts and tops out just under 13. Our solar arrays are rated for 20 watt output, though we just purchased a new 30 watt monocrystalline array paired with a 22500mah power bank with 30 watt power delivery output and an 80 watt modified sinewave AC inverter.

Our 20 watt polycrystalline arrays put out more watts per pound, but the 30 watt supports direct 18v DC out as well as 30 watt USB-C PD.

P.S. leaving your phone on the charger all night destroys the battery's capacity and accelerates end of life.

justsomeguy #33 August 19, 2021, 10:18am

It's cool you can get by on so little (directly used) electricity, and camping is fun for a while. I'd guess you know you're pushing some costs of your lifestyle onto others without their consent... So it has been for millennia. Technology changes fast; people more slowly.

Tryder #34 August 19, 2021, 4:18pm

justsomeguy:

I'd guess you know you're pushing some costs of your lifestyle onto others without their consent...

Consider taking a long hard look at the costs of your lifestyle. Then maybe we could compare to two no?

P.S. Also I don't know what you're talking about here. I don't receive government assistance if that's what you mean.

justsomeguy #35 August 19, 2021, 7:49pm

Consider taking a long hard look at the costs of your lifestyle.

You assume I haven't.

Then maybe we could compare to two no?

You assume I care to. I don't. And it surprises me that you would.

P.S. Also I don't know what you're talking about here. I don't receive government assistance if that's what you mean.

No. As one example, your blog statements implying you trespass or stay places where other people do, or likely will, get law enforcement involved. There is more, but I don't wish to insult more or keep going

more off-topic. I'm almost a little sorry I made the comment.

Tryder #36 August 19, 2021, 9:35pm

I stay in forrest land where people rarely ever go. I go weeks, months even, without seeing another person. Aside from my girlfriend of course. Alas, even that is illegal.

justsomeguy:

You assume I care to. I don't. And it surprises me that you would.

You're right, I do care. I care about you.

P.S. That 'blog' of mine sure does get me into some pretty big trouble sometimes.

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anarchoNerd #37 August 20, 2021, 1:17am

Tryder:

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I would be interested in reading your blog if you wouldn't mind sharing a link.

Tryder #41 August 20, 2021, 3:45pm



1337 Gallery - Musings

Adam T. Ryder's media feed.

If you use a script blocker you need to enable the inventati.org scripts. My site makes use of the open source Motomo analytics, but it will remain disabled if you do not enable the [Autistici.org](https://autistici.org) script which probably won't show up in your script blocker until you enable the Inventati scripts.

Aside from Motomo the scripts on my site are all written by myself, you can find links to the scripts and an explanation as to what they do under the Bulletin section of the home page of my site.

My host, <https://www.autistici.org>, doesn't support server side languages so all the dynamics of my site are provided by javascript.

justsomeguy #42 September 17, 2021, 6:06am

If you use a script blocker you need to enable ...

For the record, in Tor Browser it displays well enough with no scripts enabled, by noscript.

My host, ..., doesn't support server side languages

You need a better host.

TheMystic #43 September 17, 2021, 6:34am

One of the reasons I stick with mainstream browsers (Chrome, Firefox, Edge) is because I think they are the most advanced (compared to other browsers) in terms of security. I also make sure to configure the permissions properly. I know they track, but that is okay for what I do.

While I have heard/ read similar stories, I would like to test them myself. Can you share the site where you experienced this problem?

Tryder #44 September 17, 2021, 6:41pm

justsomeguy:

For the record, in Tor Browser it displays well enough with no scripts enabled, by noscript

If you have Tor Browser's security settings set to Standard, at least in my experience, Tor Browser will ignore your NoScript settings and just enable every script. If you have the security settings set to Safest then you'll need to enable the inventati entry in NoScript.

Aside from the drop down menus; app and game pages, the about page and philosophy page should work without javascript, but the index page and musings page, app, game, wallpaper, model and script database pages all require javascript.

justsomeguy:

You need a better host.

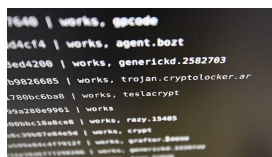
My primary host is operated by a collective of anti-capitalist/anti-fascist privacy advocates who offer free email and web hosting services to anyone that shares similar anti-capitalist/anti-fascist views, you have to interview with one of their members upon requesting service. The services they provide are supported through donations.

After web hosting services are granted you can request PHP and database support, I think, but I'm guessing they don't offer this by default so as to reduce the load on their limited infrastructure. My website doesn't absolutely require it so I chose not to request those services.

The host for my proxy site doesn't offer server side language support at all.

[@TheMystic](#) As for my case, I couldn't tell you what web page I visited that infected my mobile. I didn't immediately notice that my phone was infected. I noticed the battery drain the day I left on a multi-day bicycle trip. I don't typically use my phone except to check the time during long rides and found it unusual that I had to take out my solar panels and recharge my phone on our lunch break. Nonetheless I didn't suspect that my phone was hacked until I reached my destination and found the Developer Options were irrevocably disabled.

I didn't know how my phone was hacked until I read about it in the news.



Turns Out This Sophisticated Hacking Campaign Was Actually the Work of...

The plot thickens.

[Licaon_Kter](#) #45 September 20, 2021, 8:58am

Tryder:

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Wait, what? How did you get infected? Via the browser?

[justsomeguy](#) #46 September 20, 2021, 10:06am

Welcome back.

If you have Tor Browser's security settings set to Standard

Or Medium, unless you change Noscript default behavior, on desktop, which is easy to forget to do after new or re-installs. Oops. Thanks for another reminder. 😞

My primary host is operated by a collective of anti-capitalist/anti-fascist privacy advocates...

Not necessary to spam a copy of their About here. Cool developers use git and static sites. So I've heard.

I couldn't tell you what web page I visited that infected my mobile.

The same folks who zap you with extra microwaves probably forgot to deactivate monitor mode in firmware after watching-in, one boring day... Or on purpose after you flipped off their plane or drone... Or maybe you just left your screen or camera on by mistake.

Tryder #47 September 20, 2021, 4:33pm

justsomeguy:

The same folks who zap you with extra microwaves



Active Denial System

The Active Denial System (ADS), is a non-lethal, directed-energy weapon developed by the U.S. military, designed for area denial, perimeter security and crowd control. Informally, the weapon is also called the heat ray since it works by heating the surface of targets, such as the skin of targeted human beings. Raytheon had marketed a reduced-range version of this technology. The ADS was deployed in 2010 with the United States military in the Afghanistan War, but was withdrawn without The ADS w...

"The ADS works by firing a high-powered (100 kW output power) beam of 95 GHz waves at a target, which corresponds to a wavelength of 3.2 mm. The ADS millimeter wave energy works on a principle similar to a microwave oven, exciting the water and fat molecules in the skin, and instantly heating them via dielectric heating...

The short millimeter waves used in ADS only penetrate the top layers of skin, with most of the energy being absorbed within 0.4 mm (1/64 inch), whereas microwaves will penetrate into human tissue about 17 mm (0.67 inch)...

“Defense contractor Raytheon has developed a smaller version of the ADS, the Silent Guardian. This stripped-down model is primarily marketed for use by law enforcement agencies, the military and other security providers. The system is operated and aimed with a joystick and aiming screen. The device can be used for targets over 250 metres (820 ft) away, and the beam has a power of 30 kilowatts.”

[@Licaon_Kter](#) I don't know; all I can say is that it happened at the beginning of the time frame mentioned in the linked article.

“This hacking campaign, which ended up going on for about nine months, used the so-called ‘watering hole’ method — in which a threat actor injects malicious code into a website to effectively ‘booby trap’ it (visitors to the site will subsequently become infected with malware, which allows the hacker to target and escalate compromise of specific targets).”

P.S. [@justsomeguy](#) Several weeks ago a blackhawk helicopter flew low over our campsite, man those things are loud, the day after a complete stranger on the side of the road inexplicably gave my girlfriend a watermelon, a favorite of mine, which we did not eat. I waved hello, but I don't normally flip the bird.

[ignis](#) #48 September 20, 2021, 7:53pm

Some people are able to instinctively feel the surveillance (especially if you are often in nature and you have a more developed instinctive perception of reality), this can be easily seen if you look in the back of passers-by - some will definitely turn around to find the one who is behind them looks.

And in our time, ubiquitous video surveillance and data collection for advertising companies, you should not be surprised at the manifestation of these feelings within yourself; in addition, you can get into the field of view of government services for visiting ordinary technical forums, this is a common practice of these organizations; but do not exaggerate the threat model of the “x-files” or “territory-51” level, as this is already dangerous with mental disorders.

[justsomeguy](#) #49 September 20, 2021, 8:58pm

ADS

No need to re-publish so much content from links.

You may have “Havana syndrome”: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-58396698>

Robert W Baloh, a Professor of Neurology at UCLA, has long studied unexplained health symptoms. When he saw the Havana syndrome reports, he concluded they were a mass psychogenic condition.

He compares this to the way people feel sick when they are told they have eaten tainted food even if there was nothing wrong with it - the reverse of the placebo effect. "When you see mass psychogenic illness, there's usually some stressful underlying situation," he says.

Tryder #50 September 20, 2021, 9:39pm

It's certainly a possibility, except that I didn't know about any of these things until after experiencing unusual and unidentified effects then researching the symptoms after the fact to find the most likely culprit.

Havana Syndrome is similar to hypochondria; you hear about an affliction and then think you have it. I experienced the affliction then discovered what caused it.

justsomeguy #51 September 20, 2021, 11:14pm

experiencing unusual and unidentified effects then researching the symptoms after the fact to find the most likely culprit.

It could have been heat exhaustion, but you latched onto microwave weapons attack, because... not a doctor, not objective. Just because you're paranoid, it doesn't mean they're not out to get you. 😊

Tryder #52 September 20, 2021, 11:46pm

Heat exhaustion in winter?

justsomeguy #53 September 20, 2021, 11:51pm

Heat exhaustion in winter?

Yeah. Who woulda thunk it. <https://www.womensrunning.com/culture/heat-exhaustion-even-cold-weather/>

Tryder #54 September 21, 2021, 12:56am

My girlfriend and I both had heat exhaustion in winter at the same time even though she had done no physical activity and neither of us have had heat exhaustion before or since in spite of the fact we've climbed mountains with 165lbs, each, of gear in 90 degree weather... Frequently.

Tryder #55 September 21, 2021, 6:48am

Hypothetically, if it were true, what would you do? Surely you'd have to do something, you couldn't just stand there and watch an innocent man get murdered before your very eyes. But what could you do?

You can't just turn your life upside down and they might even turn that weapon on you just for acknowledging it. Then you'd be the one with no one to run to and nowhere to go; gunned down in broad daylight while thousands of onlookers avert their eyes and go about the rest of their lives pretending as though it didn't happen.

Easier if I'm just a loon.

justsomeguy #56 September 21, 2021, 10:04am

Maybe quick mild cases of covid. Occam's razor. I'll get back to you on the cable-car, baby or crowd, hypothetical questions. One of my old phone batteries may need replacing. Time to shop...

Tryder #57 September 21, 2021, 3:54pm

I understand, you don't know me. For all you know I could be mentally challenged or an escaped mental patient, no offense to escaped mental patients. I do, however, know me and I find my testimony of the utmost trustworthiness. There is nothing you can say that would cause me to lose faith in myself.

If this were literally a rodeo it would be my first, but it is not. I didn't come here to convince you, or anyone else, of anything; I already know that hurdle is insurmountable. I don't know why you called me back here or why I bothered to answer that call.

justsomeguy #58 September 21, 2021, 3:08pm

You convinced me of one thing - to re-re-check my Noscript settings again.

We also agree, when it comes to big mental changes, the motivation has to come from within. It usually takes a major crisis first.

It's too bad the recent "mind" issue of Technology Review is mostly paywalled. You might find interesting reading connecting PTSD, gaming, isolation, and measurable brain changes (not for the better).

Don't give up. Help is available.

ignis #59 September 21, 2021, 3:29pm

Maybe they'll find someone else who plays with microwaves or acoustics.



Member of CIA chief's team reported Havana syndrome symptoms on recent trip...

When CIA Director Bill Burns traveled to India earlier this month a member of his team reported symptoms consistent with Havana syndrome and had to receive medical attention, according to three sources familiar with the matter.

Tryder #60 September 21, 2021, 4:05pm



US diplomats' brain injuries may be from covert microwave attack, experts say

Data from Russian experiments on pulsed RF energy offers best explanation.

ignis #61 September 21, 2021, 4:51pm

Fulga hats are back in fashion.



Tryder #62 September 21, 2021, 5:18pm



Mysterious health attacks like those seen in Cuba have come to DC

US security official was reportedly sickened outside the White House last year.

raven9 #63 September 23, 2021, 9:22am

I dont think it is very secure when any app with storage access and internet access has access to all the rest of your shared storage and then there the screen capture issue

Tryder #64 September 25, 2021, 2:14am

@justsomeguy You know we've had our disagreements and I feel that I've been less than accepting of your positions and maybe even a bit rude. I just want to apologize for that.

I stand by my positions, but should be more accepting of your differing opinion and not accuse your disagreements of coming from a disingenuous place.

Morgoth #65 September 25, 2021, 4:59pm

It would not be the first time in history that the U.S. government has experimented on its own population, I can actually believe you.

This is scary tho, can make a person completely insane, seems useful for committing dissidents to psychiatric facilities.



US Navy developing weapon that blasts target's own voice back at them

The Navy received a patent for a handheld Acoustic Hailing And Disruption (AHAD) system, which records a subject's voice then replays it on a slight delay, making it hard for them to keep talking.

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justsomeguy #66 September 25, 2021, 7:08pm

Tryder:

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Let me say this about that.

dis·in·gen·u·ous (dĭs'ĭn-jĕn'yōō-əs)
adj.

1. Not straightforward or candid; insincere or calculating...
2. Pretending to be unaware or unsophisticated; faux-naïf.
3. Usage Problem Unaware or uninformed; naive.

Source: <https://www.thefreedictionary.com/disingenuous>

I'm long tired of your trolling, but I'll take this bait and tell you why. The above definition describes **your** behavior here.

You "stand by" not much. Your behavior does not line up with your words.

- You say you are against commerce, and money, but you buy your necessities and luxuries from companies large and small (water, computer, solar panels, phones, batteries...).
- You frequently link to google's Youtube, providing them ad viewers if anyone follows the links, and tracking info' and income if anyone even views your posts.
- You used Microsoft's github for apps you tried to get included in F-Droid, providing Microsoft with tracking info and income.
- You store your downloads on google's cloud, providing them with tracking info and income.
- You gave up on including your game in F-Droid, but you couldn't just drop it. You just had to "have fun" trolling here, so you could complain and blog about how you were treated unfairly...
- It can't be coincidence that several new sleeper and puppet-like accounts appeared here around the time of your disgruntlement... **@JGSW** really likes your posts a lot. LOL

Thank you for a couple of your reminders or tips, but no thanks for your paranoid ravings or native American historical fiction. Yes, all countries develop weapons. Yes, there is history of testing on uninformed or ill-informed, voluntary or involuntary, subjects... but the experimenters usually want scientific measurements of the effects. So you're really messing up the programs by not going to the hospital for after-exposure testing. Ooh, or maybe *you're* the false flag reverse psych ops operation...

Tryder #67 September 25, 2021, 8:17pm

Tryder:

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justsomeguy:

I'm long tired of your trolling



justsomeguy #68 September 25, 2021, 9:41pm

Tryder:

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justsomeguy:

I'm long tired of your trolling

Tryder:



Yeah. OK. Apology accepted FWIW. But not holding breath. And winter is coming. Some places. 😊

Be sure to PDF it before it gets deleted.

Tryder #69 September 25, 2021, 10:14pm



[justsomeguy](#) #70 September 25, 2021, 11:41pm

