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Record Payout for Russian Researcher who Exposed Facebook Security Flaw

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A Russian researcher has been awarded a record $40,000 by U.S.☒social media site Facebook for spotting a vital security flaw.

Online security expert Andrei Leonov found that the site was☒vulnerable to remote attacks launched using a bug in the image-processing software Image Magick.

The original Image Magick flaw, dubbed "Image Tragick," was☒spotted and patched in May 2016, but hackers have been able to use it to☒attack larger sites which use the software plug-ins.

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Leonov received the payout through Facebook's Bug Bounty program, which rewards computer experts who spot flaws in the site's coding. The program has paid $5 million in its

5-year existence to more than 900 researchers, the company announced in Oct. 2016.

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