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unknown type that used Java, which recently was reported to have security flaws.

In January, a cyber security branch of the U.S. government [warned users to disable Java](#) on their computers to protect against potential threats.

Facebook said it discovered that tother technology companies have been hacked by the same attack, and that it alerted them.

The attack on Facebook happened around the time that Twitter was hacked, exposing the user data of as many as 250,000 people.

As both social media giants have increasingly moved toward ecommerce or at least in-content advertising, these security breaches could increasingly include not just information about social aspects of people's lives, but also their credit card or bank account numbers.

For individual or business users, data that could potentially be breached also includes private messages sent through either the Facebook or Twitter systems. Accounting professionals in particular should be wary of sharing confidential information to clients via social media websites.

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