

Apple is sorry



After a massive Facetime bug was accidently detected by a 14-year-old that turned the iPhones and iPads into scary microphones letting others listen to others via FaceTime Group chat, Apple officially apologised to all users and claims to have fixed the issue ? but there won't be any update till next week.

A high school freshman from Arizona, Grant Thompson accidently stumbled upon a massive bug in the heart of Apple's FaceTime group chat feature while talking to his mother. The FaceTime bug allowed just about anyone to turn an iPhone into a live microphone remotely, even before the person has accepted or rejected the call. Reports of the bug surfaced around the internet on Monday, and millions of iPhone and iPad users found themselves vulnerable to scary eavesdropping via FaceTime group chats.

Apple had immediately disabled the Group FaceTime feature globally, as an immediate and short-term fix to the bug - with millions of users waiting for an update patch. Earlier, Apple was expected to roll out the update this week, but Apple apologized on Friday to all the iPhone and iPad users for the bug. It further added that the FaceTime bug has been fixed on the servers, but the update will not be rolling out until next week. That means, the Group FaceTime will remain unavailable until the next update, since Apple "prioritises user data security and privacy" more than anything else.

The bug has affected all the devices running on iOS 12.1 and macOS Mojave 10.14.1 or later ? and Apple has already faced multiple lawsuits ? because it is a serious threat to security and privacy of millions who have put their money and trust for security. Perhaps an official apology from Apple after people pointing out that there hasn't even been an apology for almost a week for such a serious bug - is better than no apology at all.