

## CEP Magazine – October 2019 Capital One Financial Corp. suffers massive data breach

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A white hat data security specialist turned black hat hacker gained access to Capital One's cloud database and downloaded personal data from as many as 100 million individuals in March 2019. The hacker, Paige Brown, revealed her hack in online forums and has subsequently been arrested and charged by the U.S. authorities (<http://bit.ly/33gqyTu>). The data breach compromised 106 million credit card applications— including names, addresses, phone numbers, and dates of birth—as well as 140,000 Social Security numbers and 80,000 bank account numbers. It's considered one of the biggest breaches of a financial institution ever.

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