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Hackers could have taken advantage of a nasty bug in the hugely popular video game platform Steam to take over victims' computers.

The vulnerability has been present and exploitable in Steam for at least 10 years, according to Tom Court, a security researcher at Contextis, who wrote about the bug on Wednesday. Court said the bug left all 125 million Steam users vulnerable until March of this year, when Valve, the developers of Steam, patched it.

"This bug could have been used as the basis for a highly reliable exploit," Court wrote. "This was a very simple bug, made relatively straightforward to exploit due to a lack of modern exploit protections."

In other words, by exploiting this bug, hackers could have executed code on the victim's machine, effectively taking full control over it.

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