

[Heartbleed Bug](#)

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The Heartbleed bug, a newly discovered security vulnerability that puts users' passwords at many popular Web sites at risk, has upended the Web since it was [disclosed earlier this year](#). It's an extremely serious issue, and as such, there's a lot of confusion about the bug and its implications as you use the Internet.

CNET has compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions to help users learn more about the bug and [protect themselves](#). The Heartbleed situation is ongoing, and we'll update this FAQ as new issues arise. Check back for new information.

What is [Heartbleed](#)?

[Heartbleed](#) is a security vulnerability in OpenSSL software that lets a hacker access the memory of data servers. According to Netcraft, an Internet research firm, 500,000 Web sites could be affected. That means a user's sensitive personal data -- including usernames, passwords, and credit card information -- is potentially at risk of being intercepted.

The vulnerability also means an attacker could steal a server's digital keys that are used to encrypt communications and get access to a company's secret internal documents.

[Heartbleed Bug: What you need to know](#)

How do I check if a website is vulnerable to Heartbleed:

[LastPass](#)

[Qualys](#)

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