

# A counterfeit reflection

Facial recognition software is infiltrated to steal your face

**Prediction:** Hackers will game end-user face recognition software, and organizations will respond with behavior-based systems

Credential theft is the oldest trick in the book, and attackers are relentless in finding new vulnerabilities to steal end-user logins. Two-factor authentication (2FA) has been undermined with the introduction of “SIM swaps,” while biometric authentication methods like fingerprints and facial recognition fare better but are still vulnerable.

Two-factor and biometric authentication are not **silver bullets**

**\$224 million**

Total damages sought by Michael Terpin, who alleges that attackers stole \$24 million in cryptocurrency by conducting a “SIM swap” on his AT&T account

**\$450**

The cost to create a paper version of your (or someone else’s) **fingerprint**

**5.6 million**

The number of people whose **fingerprints were stolen** in U.S. Office of Personnel Management breach

**\$9.78 billion**

Estimated global market of **facial recognition software** by 2023

**Phishing**

is still an attacker’s best friend

**12.4 million**

potential victims of phishing from 2016 to 2017

**56%**

of IT security decision makers say that targeted phishing attacks were the top security threat they faced

**defeated facial recognition**

In 2016, security and computer vision specialists from the University of North Carolina defeated facial recognition systems using publicly available digital photos from social media