

# Facebook offers rewards to security bug hunters

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"To show our appreciation for our security researchers, we offer a monetary bounty for certain qualifying security bugs," Facebook said in

a blog post.

[Security researchers](#) who are the "first person to responsibly disclose" a bug that could "compromise the integrity or privacy of Facebook user data" would be eligible for a bounty of \$500, Facebook said.

"Our security team will assess each bug to determine if qualifies," Facebook said.

The Palo Alto, California-based [social networking](#) titan said a typical bounty was \$500 but it "may increase the reward for specific bugs."

Facebook last month hired George Hotz, a celebrated hacker known as "GeoHot," but has not disclosed what he is doing for the company.

Hotz was sued by Sony for hacking the Japanese company's [PlayStation 3](#) game console and is credited with being the first person to go public with a way to hack into an [iPhone](#).

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