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# How Roblox 'Beamers' Get Rich Stealing from Children



Underneath the gaming platform worth \$68 billion and used by over half of all children in America is a ballooning and highly profitable ecosystem of hackers and traders.

Asil, a player on mega-popular gaming platform Roblox that lets creators make their own games, was at home when something odd happened. Roblox, for some reason, logged him out of his account. Asil tried to log back in, but his password didn't work. Fortunately, he was able to reset his password, create a new one, and log back in.

But as soon as he did that, Roblox kicked him back out. Asil contacted Roblox support, but it didn't help; someone had removed the email address from the account, meaning he couldn't prove the account actually belonged to him. Whoever was in control of Asil's account then started trading with another player, and sent some of Asil's valuable in-game items to the second account. It was clear: A hacker had broken in, and was emptying Asil's pockets.

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