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Reading friends' comments is one of the major features of Facebook. So it is unfortunate that Trend Micro researcher Rik Ferguson recently discovered a phishing scam taking place with several rogue Facebook applications. The malicious applications uncovered by Ferguson have names such as "Your Photos" and "Post" and begin with a notification that someone has "commented on your post." However, once the user clicks on that notification, they are lead to a harvesting site called "fucabook.com" which looks like a Facebook log-in page and asks users to enter their log-in information in order to "enjoy the full functionality" of the application. It then steals that log-in information and then spams your friends.

Other applications had names like "Sex, sex and more sex" and "Birthday invitations." While the apps Ferguson uncovered were removed, several more popped up only days later with names like "Friends," and "Matching." Ferguson noted users can avoid falling prey by following the simple rule of checking the URL displayed in the browser address of any site you visit to make sure you are actually on Facebook instead of a malicious site that only looks like Facebook.