Test your IQ

Facebook members who recently decided to use an application that offered an IQ test were unpleasantly surprised to learn they had unwittingly also subscribed to a text messaging service that cost approximately $30 a month.

The IQ test looked like most other Facebook applications. But once the test had been completed, users were asked for their cell phone number in order to receive results. However, by handing over their number, they were also enrolled in the text messaging service. The terms of the service were in fine print that many claimed was nearly impossible to notice.

This is just one of many examples of scams that take advantage of the "applications" feature on Facebook, said Sullivan, who advises users to be weary of all of the applications on Facebook and says he rarely uses them himself. In order to use a Facebook application, which often include fun quizzes such as "Test your 1980's trivia," you must allow the application to have access to information in your profile. The privacy issue is just one risk, said Sullivan. In some cases, the applications download malware onto your computer.

"There was application that was going around that was spamming people internally," said Sullivan. "In other instances, malware authors are looking for banking passwords, any kind of password."