Hackers to exploit Intel security flaws, experts warn
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Security patches have been released by tech companies to combat the Spectre and Meltdown security flaws.

By **Michael Jermaine Cards** for Born2Invest, Jan 9, 2018   The tech industry was rocked recently after researchers discovered major flaws in computer processors which could affect up to billions of computers. The experts believe it will only be a matter of time before hackers could try to exploit these flaws.   According to CNN, the two flaws called Spectre and Meltdown, pose serious concerns. The two have been existing for more than 20 years and it is believed computers and smartphones are affected by the bugs. Right now, the only safe thing to do is update security programs on mobile phones and computers.   The UK’s National Cyber Security Centre claims there have no known attacks, however, that does not mean it will not happen. The bug called Meltdown triggers laptops, desktop computers and internet servers using Intel and Qualcomm processors. On the other hand, Spectre has the potential of a bigger damage since it attacks processors made by Intel, ARM and AMD.   **Patches for Intel security flaws**   So far, security patches have been deployed to as added defense to Meltdown. Intel has tapped Apple and HP to distribute its firmware patches for its processors. Patches for Windows, Android, macOS, iOS, Chrome OS, and Linux are reportedly available as of the moment. Preparing for Spectre is not as simple as it seems.   Chrome, Firefox, and Edge/Internet Explorer are all vulnerable to Spectre and its patches may still require updating hardware for better protection in the long run. Amazon Web Services is also doing its own security patches. Google has already implemented Reptoline in its Google Cloud Platform.   […] https://born2invest.com/articles/hacke ... l-security-flaws-experts/