Corrigendum to Lost in Disclosure: On The Inference of Password Composition Policies

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***Abstract*—This document has been prepared by the authors in order to correct the scholarly record regarding an error in *Lost in Disclosure: On The Inference of Password Composition Policies* originally published in *Proceedings of the 2019 IEEE 30th International Symposium on Software Reliability Engineering Workshops (ISSREW '19)* which took place October 28–31, 2019 in Berlin, Germany. The source of the leaked password dataset in the work containing 453,492 passwords is incorrectly stated to be the *Yahoo! Voice* VoIP service, when in actual fact the dataset originated on *Yahoo! Voices*, a now-defunct online publishing platform for contributing writers. This in no way affects the conclusions of the work.**

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I. Corrigendum

On page 3 of the work referenced [1], we incorrectly note that the leaked password dataset containing 453,492 passwords that we use in our work originated on the *Yahoo! Voice* VoIP service. In actual fact, this dataset originated on *Yahoo! Voices*, an online publishing platform for contributing writers that has been defunct as of 2014. This error in no way affects the conclusions of the work.

A. Correction 1

In section IV of the work (page 3) we write:

> *"... breached from the Yahoo Voice VoIP service circa 2012..."*

This should instead read:

> *"... breached from the Yahoo Voices online publishing platform circa 2012..."*

II. Postface

We caution the reader that, due to the similarity of the names of each of the two *Yahoo!* services in question, a number of sources aside from ours misidentify the leaked password dataset in the same manner as us. For this reason, we felt it especially important to correct the record.

References

[1] S. Johnson, J. Ferreira, A. Mendes, and J. Cordry, "Lost in disclosure: On the inference of password composition policies," in *2019 IEEE International Symposium on Software Reliability Engineering Workshops (ISSREW)*, 2019, pp. 264–269.