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AI Brad Pitt dupes French woman out of €830,000

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# Scammed by a "Deepfake"

A French woman scammed nearly of € **Imillion** by Brad Pitt deepfake

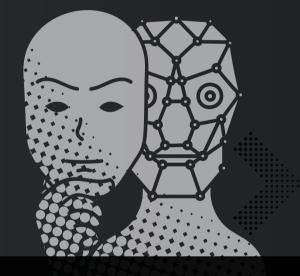






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# What are Deepfakes?

Deepfakes are synthetic media created using AI algorithms.

They can manipulate existing videos and images to make people appear to say or do things they never did.







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# Types of: Deepfakes and Associated Scams



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## Types of Deepfakes

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#### **Face Swaps:**

Exchanging one person's face with another's in a video or image.

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### **Voice Cloning:**

Creating synthetic voice recordings that mimic a person's speech patterns.

2



#### **Body Swaps:**

Manipulating the body movements of a person in a video.

3



## Text-based Deepfakes:

Generating realistic text content that mimics a particular writing style.

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## Types of Scams

#### Video & Image Deepfakes:

These involve creating synthetic images or manipulating videos to superimpose someone's likeness onto another person's body or to make them appear to say or do things they never did.

# Financial and Identity Fraud:

Deepfakes can be used to impersonate CEOs or other executives, tricking employees into transferring funds and to create fake IDs and passports

## Extortion and blackmail:

Individuals can be targeted with manipulated videos or non-consensual explicit images to extort money or cause reputational damage.

### Fake News and Propaganda

Deepfakes can be used to spread false information or manipulate public opinion. Manipulated images can be used to spread misinformation or create false narratives.



## Types of Scams

#### **Audio Deepfakes:**

These involve manipulating audio recordings to make someone sound like they are saying something they didn't.

## Voice cloning:

Scammers can use deepfakes to impersonate loved ones or authority figures to trick victims into sending money or divulging sensitive information.

## Phishing attacks:

Deepfakes can be used to create realistic-sounding voice messages for phishing attacks.

#### Impersonation:

Deepfakes can be used to impersonate public figures or celebrities for various malicious purposes.



### Statistics

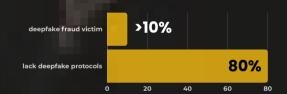
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CEO **Impersonation** on the Rise:

400 companies /per day

CEO fraud, where scammers use deepfakes to impersonate executives, targets at least 400 companies per day.

Lack of **Business Preparedness** 



More than 10% of companies have dealt with attempted or successful deepfake fraud, yet 80% lack protocols to handle such attacks.

Limited **Awareness in Business:** 



About 1 in 4 company heads have little or no familiarity with deepfake technology







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# Local Examples

Deepfake scams are surging in South Africa, with criminals using AI to manipulate videos and audio for fraud. These deceptive tactics, often involving impersonating trusted figures, are causing significant financial losses. Here are some examples....





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## Deepfake Examples

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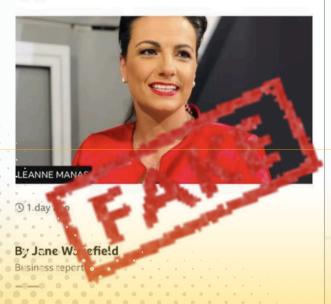
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## Leanne Manas speaks out about battling deepfake scams and identity theft

By Lyse Comins

South African Reserve Bank sues Leanne Manas for what she said on live TV







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#### Deepfake scammers use top South African doctor's likeness

By Bradley Prior

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By Henry Nzekwe | August 12, 2024

#### Elderly couple forced to sell house after being duped by Elon Musk Al clone

Consumer ninja Wendy Knowler says scores of South Africans are falling victim to Al-powered clones and deepfakes.

### Dr Patrice Motsepe targeted in deepfake investment scam

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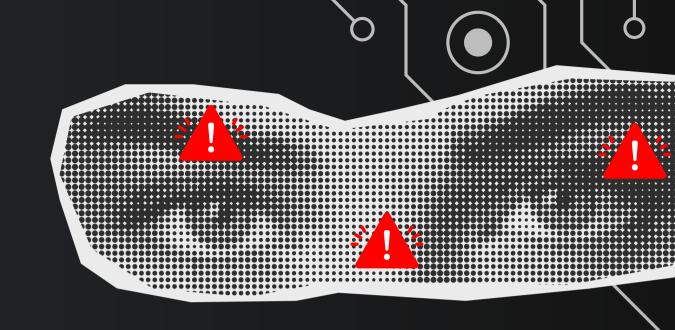




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# How to: Spot a Deepfake

**Some deepfakes are easier to spot than others;** there can be signs like; unnatural lip movements, pixelation, glitches, odd body language.and distorted body parts (e.g. hands)

Test your deepfake detection skills: <a href="https://detectfakes.kellogg.northwestern.edu/">https://detectfakes.kellogg.northwestern.edu/</a>







Eyeglasses appear distorted and fused to his cheek, eye area and the shadow

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Crucifix is only hanging by one half of the chain, the other half is missing

# Spotting a Fake

An image of Pope Francis in a luxury puffer jacket went viral last year and was actually an Ai-generated deepfake. Above are some items that provies the photo isn't real.





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**Training and Workshops:** Educate employees about deepfakes through regular training, hands-on workshops, and scenario-based simulations to enhance their ability to identify and respond to potential cybersecurity attacks related to deepfakes.

**Deepfake Detection Tools:** Implement AI-powered tools, strong multi-factor authentication, and conduct regular security audits to enhance defenses against deepfake attacks and other cybersecurity threats.

**Collaboration and Information Sharing:** Collaborate and stay informed about the latest advancements in deepfake technology and detection techniques to effectively combat cybersecurity threats related to deepfakes.

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