

Russian hacker pleads guilty in massive data theft scheme

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A Russian hacker has admitted to his involvement in one of the biggest thefts of consumer data from a U.S. financial institution.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Geoffrey S. Berman said Monday that Andrei Tyurin pleaded guilty to computer intrusion, wire fraud, [bank fraud](#) and illegal online gambling offenses.

The 35-year-old Russian national from Moscow was extradited from the country of Georgia last year. He's accused of helping steal the [personal data](#) of more than 80 million customers from JP Morgan Chase in a hacking scheme uncovered by federal prosecutors four years ago. At the time it was described as the largest single theft of its kind.

Tyurin also allegedly targeted other U.S. [financial institutions](#), brokerage firms, financial news publishers and other American companies. He's scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 13.

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