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Phishing By Hook Or Crook!

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You open your mailbox to check some important mails. Lo! There's a mail from your bank, that screams URGENT! You click on the mail and it says that your account has been compromised and you need to fill in a form in the bank website site that pops up on clicking the link, in order to cancel your account to stop any damage. Having lost all your senses, all you have in your mind is your hard earned money in the bank, and like a machine you fill the form and click the send button. There you are! You are phished!

Phishing, the cyber form of Identity Theft using fake spam emails and fake websites of reputed financial organizations has grown in sophistication and magnitude in the year gone by. The Anti-Phishing Working Group, an industry consortium, says in its recent study that attacks in November 2005, was double that of what was reported in the same month in 2004. With e-commerce growing rapidly, Phishing attempts may grow multifold this year, faking more brands and institutions to loot more victims around the globe.

International brands with horizontal operations are targeted the most. eBay and Google have been spoofed innumerable times. Banks like HSBC, Citibank, Lloyds,

and many more have been faked by crooks continuously to steal large sums of money. But now the trend is moving towards governmental organizations. The recent IRS tax refund scam is the biggest phishing attack of that kind. A large number of tax payers of United States were fooled with imposter mails of the Federal Tax Department. Another scam employed mails pretending to be from the FBI itself and stole personal information from unsuspecting netizens.

MicroWorld Solutions eScan and MailScan come with an intelligent and highly advanced Spam Control system, that can be customized to suit your priorities. A whole lot of phishing malice will be filtered this way. Secondly, all the fake websites to which these phishing mails direct you, are automatically banned as soon as they are discovered. Our R&D department keeps an keen ear to the cyber ground in sensing such scams.

“We request our users to consistently update our products and keep a keen watch on our alerts. In a world of increasing treachery and fraud, MicroWorld is pledged to show you the light, always.” urges Govind Rammurthy, CEO MicroWorld. Surely, MicroWorld continues to live by its mission of trust.

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