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#### Phishing mail targets ICICI bank customers

If you receive an email purportedly coming from the leading Indian bank ICICI, telling you to update your Account Information online, do not click on the link in it. The mail is a new phishing bait from scamsters attempting to loot money from customer accounts, warn security experts at MicroWorld Technologies.

The fraudulent email boldly carries the logo of ICICI bank in its top bar to trick the recipients. The content of the mail is as follows:

Currently, you are on the ICICI Bank Company Mailer

Now we are updating our 128-SSL Secured Server to 256-Encrypted SSL Secured Server which is highly sophisticated server to maintain your personal information as our prior service to you.

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During our regularly scheduled account maintenance and verification procedures, we were unable to verify your account information. It has come to our attention that your account information needs to be updated as part of our continuing commitment to protect your account and to reduce the instance of fraud on our website .We demand that you take 5 minutes out of your online experience and renew your records to avoid running into any future problems with the online service.

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The mail contains two web links. If an unsuspecting victim clicks on the first link in the mail, a webpage that looks much like the authentic login page of ICICI bank for regular users pops up. The URL appearing in the address bar shows iikii.com, remarkably similar to icici!

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The fake webpage tells users to key in their vital account information. Apart from the username and password fields present in the actual website, the page also demands victim's ATM card number and Transaction Password. The second link opens up a fake login page for corporate account holders, where similar information is sought. Once the victim enters the details, they go straight into the hands of criminals behind the scam.

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“We had warned about a similar Phishing mail in the name of ICICI bank last year. This one too seems to be coming from the same group of people as it's strikingly similar in content and approach. Another point to be noted is that the conmen behind this mail is trying to make as much hay as possible while the sun is out, as they are asking for ATM card numbers and transaction passwords as well,” points out Manoj Mansukhani, Head – Global Marketing, MicroWorld Technologies.

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“Compared to the current Phishing techniques seen in US and Europe, in which they use advanced Trojans and DNS Poisoning, this mail is rather an old sample in format and technology. But in India, where more than half of the online banking population has never heard of the word ‘Phishing’, mails like this can easily hook many victims. While it's important to increase user awareness about this issue, one should also know that these mails can be blocked using advanced security solutions,” Manoj adds.

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