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Survey

A new survey conducted among AOL users in UK revealed that less than 50% of users deployed some kind of Internet Security device, while the rest didn't mind leaving their computers wide open for online attacks and ugly malware. Though 86% percent of the users were informed and concerned about cyber security, not all of them were eager to translate that to protective gears.

Experts at [MicroWorld](#) Technologies observe that one in seven of the surveyed group hasn't heard about '[phishing](#)', the online fraud via spoof emails of reputed firms. This comes as a surprise since AOL has been one of the main targets for phishing gangs and AOL members have been continuously bombarded with billing and other mails that claim to be sent from the ISP.

"I would attribute the findings of this survey to the lack of proper awareness among users, about the true impacts of cyber crime. Most of them are naive about the fact that viruses, worms and phishing mails can rob them of their hard earned money or make a zombie out of their PC. Viruses that merely destroyed some files and made you restart the computer a couple of times are a thing of the past,"

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ascertains Govind Rammurthy, CEO MicroWorld Technologies.

Apart from producing the most advanced [AntiVirus and Content Security software](#), MicroWorld has been a frontal warrior in the fight against phishing. Almost all the major phishing scams were exposed by MicroWorld, with due diligence. Alerts were issued through user notifications and various media to safeguard as much users as possible from disaster, points out Govind Rammurthy.

The findings of the survey call for increased awareness on virus protection, content security and anti-phishing mechanisms. The end users can gain maximum mileage by gravitating towards an integrated solution that takes on all these concerns in a comprehensive manner.

MicroWorld

MicroWorld (www.mwti.net) are the developers of the world's first Real-Time AntiVirus and Content Security software **eScan** for desktops and servers. Its communication security software, **MailScan** is the first comprehensive e-mail scanner for your SMTP/POP3 Mail Server. [MicroWorld Winsock Layer \(MWL\)](#) is the revolutionary technology underlying these products, powering them to several certifications and awards by some of the most prestigious testing bodies, notable among them being Virus Bulletin, Checkmark, TUCOWS, Red Hat Ready, and Novell Ready. Combining their powerful scanner with MWL technology, MicroWorld solutions provide a **Real-Time Proactive security** for your systems. For network security of enterprises, **eConceal Firewall** is the latest powerful offering from MicroWorld.

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