



Phishing Targets and Trends

Phishing attacks are on the rise and are projected to continue to rise. Botnets all across the world continue to use their compromised hosts to serve SPAM emails and phishes. This is a major contributor to the rise in phishing attacks.

➤ *TOP Targets for phishing this week:*

CyberDefender phishing database is a compilation of data that is collected from user reported suspicious phishing web pages as well as partnering security vendors and industry organizations. The most favored organizations that have been targeted by phishes are as follows:

1>EBay

2>PayPal

3>IRS.gov

4>HSBC

5> Bank of America

➤ **Existing trends seen in phishing attacks:**

I) **Phishing attacks using foreign languages on the rise.**

- Targeting banks that are based outside the US.
- Using foreign languages in phishing attacks.

The screenshot displays the PayPal website interface in French. At the top, the PayPal logo is on the left, and 'Change Your Language' with a dropdown menu set to 'Français' is on the right. Below the logo is a navigation menu with 'Home', 'Personal', 'Business', and 'Products & Services' tabs. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Connexion au compte:** A login form with fields for 'Adresse Email' and 'Mot de Pass PayPal', a 'Connexion' button, and links for account recovery and new account creation.
- Top questions:** A list of three frequently asked questions with blue links.
- Envoyez de l'argent:** A large banner featuring a woman on a bench, with text 'Envoyez de l'argent par ordinateur ou par cellulaire' and the email address 'Envoidargent@PayPal.ca'. A 'Venez voir' link is at the bottom right.
- Pay With:** Logos for VISA, MasterCard, American Express, DISCOVER, and BANK.
- Payer en ligne:** A section with three blue links: 'Payez plus rapidement', 'Payez Sans Divulguer', and 'Envoyez de l'argent'.
- Vendre en ligne:** A section with two blue links: 'Acceptez les cartes de crédit' and 'Augmentez vos ventes'.

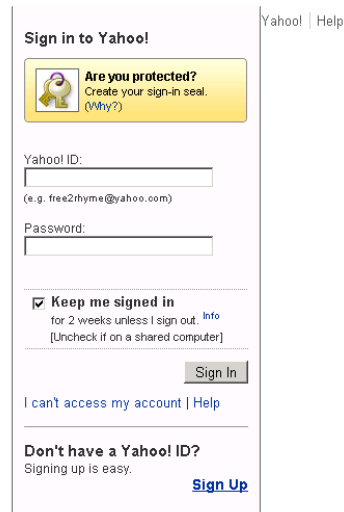
II) Phishing attacks targeting social networking users.

- Steal users login information by re-directing them to another site where they need to login to see communication from another member.
- Targets sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Orkut, and MySpace.

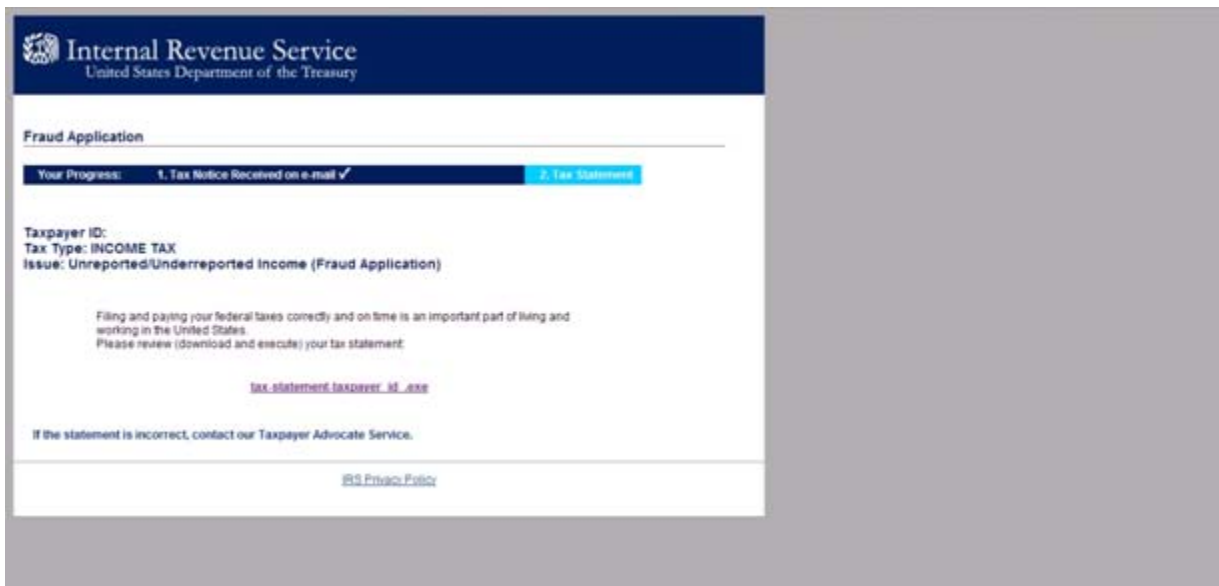


III) Phishing attacks against YAHOO Mail users.

- Stealing email accounts to SPAM the user's contacts.



- IV) Phishing attacks targeting the IRS that attempts to infect the user with malware files.
- Goads user to download “Tax statement” which is the W32/Zbot Trojan.



V) Phishing attacks targeting users of ecommerce websites like EBay.



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