

Phishing: A Present Threat

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Abstract

Phishing can be seen as a threat that keeps growing day by day, which has as a primary objective the obtaining of money from different kind of customers, through fraud. In less than two decades, this illegal practice managed to become an industry with an annual worldwide financial impact of billions of dollars. This paper tries to explain what phishing means and how it evolved into a global threat, presents the main types of phishing techniques that are currently used, as well as solutions against them.

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