2012 Will See More Malware Camouflage: eScan

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eScan, the Anti-Virus solution providers has conducted an in-depth research and come-up with a comprehensive report based on malware URLs collected.

The report is a representation of the growing malicious mobile applications, fake facebook contests & promotions, holiday phishing scams, hotel 'wrong transaction' malware emails and most importantly fake anti-virus software. Recent past also witnessed cybercriminals who had designed a new wave of malware targeted solely at Mac users. A year back, there were approximately 5000 pieces of malware code produced for Macs and with the passing year, this number is increasing at approximately 10 percent by the month. The report provides information on traditional techniques like SQL injection, web app hijacking and unauthorised server access, which will take a back seat.

2012 will see a steady increase in identity theft using social media sites where hackers will more than willingly try to crack passwords and find ways to hack into particular networks. Other aspects where data theft can happen in 2012 are via Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) and Cell phones as they provide a major chunk of user information. The year will also see an increase in voice mail hacking or intercepting calls. With the advent of smartphones & tablets by employees in enterprises, they will need to address the issue of shoulder surfing rather staidly. The report also brings to light on how 2012 will see a rise of Advanced Persistent Threats targeting data in the cloud.

"2012 will see more malware camouflage. The outlook for 2012 is even bleaker as threats continue to rise," said Govind Rammurthy, MD & CEO, eScan.