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## eScan releases it's Malware Report which reveals comprehensive research, susceptible to malware attack

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eScan <u>one of</u> the world's leading anti- virus solution provider has conducted an in- depth research and come- up with a comprehensive report based on malware URLs collected.

This report by the world's leading anti- virus solutions provider presents a representation of the growth in malware infected URLs in last couple of months. The last couple of months mainly consisted of polymorphic malware of which 70% were all email borne malware which signifies the nature by which criminals are targeting business industries by exploiting traditionally used security measures. Social engineering is also on the rise in the form of email-based malware

pretending to be forwarded by a colleague.

Some of the interesting aspects found by the research team while formulating the report highlights on the security of the new privacy policy that has been implemented by Facebook. The changes itself makes it vulnerable to a number of security hazards. This would include the recent removal of certain privacy policies, which would otherwise prevent unknown Facebook users from viewing your list of friends. However, the bigger concern lies with the spreading of malware using social networking sites where scammers are also looking at various mediums to compromise user information.

SEO poisoning has risen to such an extent that the chances of clicking an infected link has significantly <u>increased</u> in the last year says the report by eScan lab. Malicious websites looking to cash in on trending news, make use of Botnets to artificially inflate search rankings. 85% of all email is still mostly spam while 81% contain links to malicious websites.

The report provides comprehensive details on the top Malware Insights, Malware URL Count (Hosted countries), Malware count by file extension, Domain Wise Malware Hosting. Malicious Java iFrames and Obfuscated JavaScripts continue to dominate the chart as attackers continue to take advantages of vulnerabilities in websites and web servers to implant malicious code.

The report provides an in-depth analysis on the server-side attacks which are gaining popularity. Strategies are being worked upon to take advantages of new technologies and architectures, which have forced organizations to look into hardening user endpoints like desktops and laptops. This in turn have lead attackers to shift focus to servers. The report highlights on the malware threats that dominated hugely in the last couple of months, thereby becoming a huge threat to the IT infrastructure.

Mr.Govind Rammurthy, MD & CEO, eScan said, "the good news for all eScan customers is that eScan detects all known variants of malware and findings from this report will provide them valuable information on how to safe their precious data from being infected." eScan users can protect their operating systems from this worm by simply obtaining the latest virus updates through eScan or from the eScan website.

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