



### Name

Phishing

### Date of Birth

1995

### Origin

Clues point to the USA.

### Modus Operandi

This is one of the most well-known scams of the 90s, and to this day continues to be one of the resources most commonly used by cybercriminals. Over 90% of the malware in the world arrives via email.

Phishing consists of sending emails that, seemingly come from reliable sources (for example, banking institutions), and which try to obtain the user's confidential data, which is then used to commit some kind of fraud.

The appearance and tactics of this attack vary, but the objective is always the same: to get data using fake messages, in order to access a user's personal or corporate accounts.

### Arrest

**This threat has already been arrested and neutralized by Panda Security.**

But if you are not a Panda Security client and you catch sight of it on the company network, contact us immediately to facilitate its capture.

### Criminal Record

#### Operation Phish Phry

In 2009, American banks suffered a phishing attack, Phish Phry, that affected over 500 people with losses of \$1.5 million. More than 100 people in the USA and Egypt were charged for this operation.

The financial institutions affected were Bank of America and Wells Fargo. To date, it is the largest international phishing campaign ever carried out

#### Attack on the RSA

In March 2011, the RSA reported that it had been attacked by a phishing campaign. The attack exploited an unpatched vulnerability in Adobe Flash. The email that was used read: "I forward this file to you for review. Please open and view it", and had a file called '2011 Recruitment plan' attached.

#### Dyre Phishing Scam

In October 2014, the phishing campaign Dyre infected more than 20,000 users and managed to steal over a million dollars. Most of the emails sent claimed to be from a tax auditor in order to make the victim download the malicious software.

#### Phishing on Snapchat

In July 2018, a phishing attack managed to get hold of 50,000 Snapchat users' credentials. The report contained a publicly available list, embedded on a phishing website called klkviral.org. It included 55,851 Snapchat accounts, along with their usernames and passwords.

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