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Article: *Giant spambot scooped up 711 million email addresses*

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Troy Hunt, a malware researcher has discovered a spamming operation that has been **drawing on** a huge amount of email addresses, around to 711.5 million ones. This seems to be the biggest scheme of malware found it. He said that some of the listed addresses corresponded to **non-existent** accounts, and in despite of this situations the number of email addresses which had been **collated** still totalled a **mind-boggling** amount. The Spambot, which is a computer program designed to assist in the sending of spam, could be use to collect more information from a user, like their user's login password or some other information which allow to cracker ended his task, which probably is to hijack their accounts. Consequently, Benkow, who is security expert from a Paris-based told to the BBC there were still protective steps affected users could take in order to prevent stealing their information. He said that He recommended you to change your password, and be more vigilant with all the emails that you receive, specially with those who came from an unknown sender email address from your contact's list, due to you know that you are on malware deliverers' lists.

I think that nowadays our emails' accounts are probably our second identifiers in many aspects in our daily life, for example in bank's transactions or in a applying process to a new job or to study abroad at some university, in short It's quite important to keep in mind that security is an important aspect more than ever before, because impersonation of identity could bring you a lot of problems. So be careful with that!.