**Domain hijacking**

In this particular incident, the attackers identified some of the most common websites that are prominent and have traffic globally. These websites include the most common online retail tastes, banking wastes and auctioneering stores. Examples in these categories include Amazon, Alibaba and some of the international banking websites across the major cities.

The target audience of these attackers were the consumers who use these websites. What the attackers did was clone the websites and make an almost replica domain for these applications, whenever the user goes to these websites, they find an almost similar application and then they try to make a transaction, whereas an order would be placed, there would be actually no products to be delivered, being the scenes, the attackers would have collected the credit card information associated with these clients and then later use them to cash out on their own websites.

Another strategy used by these attackers was through phishing. The attackers would collect customer bank emails and phone numbers of the victims, store them and wait for mayday. They would then proceed to craft luring messages and emails to these customers from which the victim was expected to click the particular link, once done, they would be red-directed to the cloned website, where they would put their usernames and passwords, these information would be sent to an attacker. These occurred for a good length of time majorly between the years of 2009 and 2017.

In banking applications, the bank client s were targeted with the clones of these websites and then whenever they tried to login to these applications, the attacker targeting them would steals their usernames and passwords. They wild later withdraw these monies at their own applications.

These recent attacks are still being investigated and organizations are trying as much to train their users on these potential attacks.

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