

Phishing as a service a.k.a phishing kit

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For Sale: Phishing Kit

RSA analyzes a new, universal package that lets attackers launch man-in-the-middle phishing exploits

Going phishing just got a lot easier.

RSA this week said it has discovered what it calls the Universal Man-in-the-Middle Phishing Kit, an all-in-one package that provides the raw materials to launch sophisticated phishing exploits that appear to be operating on legitimate Websites.

The kit lets buyers create man-in-the-middle attacks, in which the victims communicate with a legitimate Website via a fraudulent URL set by the fraudster. This allows the fraudster to capture victims' personal information in real-time.

RSA's analysts researched and analyzed a demo of the kit that was being offered as a free trial on one of the online fraudster forums. The kit can be purchased for about \$1,000, according to reports.

“Security” Questions

The problem of security questions

“A 2009 study from Microsoft Research found that acquaintances could answer such security questions 17 percent of the time, and strangers didn't fare too much worse, answering correctly within five tries 13 percent of the time, though that high figure may have been the result of a homogeneous sample.”

Mat Honan - Wired