

Social Engineering

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Who are Hackers/Crackers or Ethical Hackers?



The Easiest Way of Hacking?

The easiest way to break into any computer system is to use a valid username and password and the easiest way to get that information is to ask someone for it.

Vishing/ Smishing

What is Social Engineering

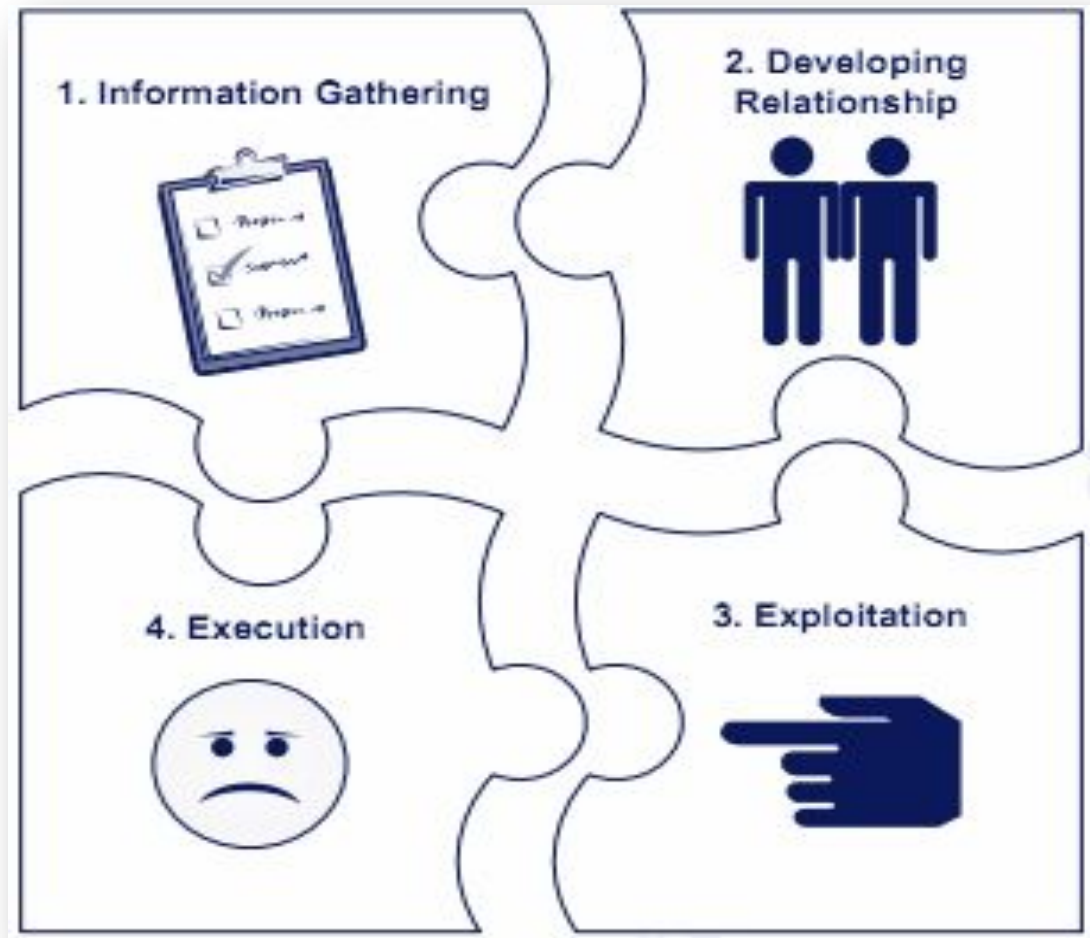


Who can be Social Engineers

- Hackers
- Penetration Testers
- Spies / Espionage
- Identity Thieves
- Disgruntled Employees
- Information Brokers
- Scam Artists
- Executive Recruiters
- Sales People
- Everyday People

Social Engineering

How it works



Social Engineering Attacks

- Phone
- Phishing
- Vishing
- Whaling
- Spear Phishing
- Delivery
- Dating & Love
- Tech Support
- Goods Delivery
- Nigerian 419
- Credit Card Block
- Celebrity
- Lottery
- VOIP

WHY SOCIAL? ENGINEERING

HACKING A HUMAN IS **MUCH EASIER**
THAN HACKING A BUSINESS.

"Social engineering is defined as any act that influences a person to take an action that may or may not be in their best interest."

- Christopher Hadnagy, Unmasking the Social Engineer, 2014 Wiley

People are usually the
weakest

link in a security chain, and most human error is attributed to lack of security knowledge, lack of training, or a failure to follow security procedures.

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Billion emails are sent per day, that's

2.8 million
emails every second.

90%

Of these messages are spam.

19%

of all emails delivered to corporate inboxes are spam, despite spam filters.

Most computers use anti-virus software, yet many are still hit by viruses and worms.

For the subject line, spammers are doing **everything in their power** to make the recipient click and open the message.

Top 6 Spam Categories

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Dating | 19% |
| 2. Pharmaceuticals | 16% |
| 3. Malware | 12% |
| 4. Gambling | 3% |
| 5. Replicas | 1% |
| 6. Adult | 1% |

90%

of data breaches could have been prevented



3 BASIC TYPES OF TACTICS



IN-PERSON



PHONE



DIGITAL

Cyber Stalking

CyberStalking is the use of Internet and/or other electronic communication devices to stalk another person.

It involves harassing or threatening behaviour that an individual will conduct repeatedly.

For example following a person, making phone calls, sending vulgar emails etc



Cyber Bullying

Offensive messages or Images
are posted or send to harass or
embarrass others





Phishing





Tue 29/12/2015 17:11

PayPal <confirmagain@ppservice.com>

Your PayPal account has been limited

To



Update Required!!

Recently, there's been activity in your PayPal account that seems unusual compared to your normal account activities. Please log in to PayPal to confirm your identity.

This is part of our security process and helps ensure that PayPal continue to be safer way to buy online. Often all we need is a bit more information. While your account is limited, some options in your account won't be available.

How to remove my limitation?

You can resolve your limitation by following these simple steps:

- [Log in here](#).
- Provide the information needed. The sooner you provide the information we need, the sooner we can resolve the situation.

"If this message sent as Junk or Spam, its just an error by our new system, please click at Not Junk or Not Spam"

Sincerely,

PayPal



Pharming

Misdirecting users to fraudulent websites



Real Bank of America Website



Bank of America
Real Web Server

Computer affected
by pharming attack



User types in:

www.bankofamerica.com

Browser is
directed to
the wrong
web server

Fake Bank of America Website



Fake Web Server

Username and
Password

MODUS OPERANDI

STEP 1

Culprit makes phone call posing as bank executive for card upgrade



STEP 2

Victim questions authenticity of the caller

Culprit initiates purchase using card details



STEP 3



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Bank sends OTP to victim's phone which culprit claims as proof

Culprit makes the victim share OTP to complete fraudulent purchases



STEP 5

Delivery Attack

- Target is a “winner” of an expensive / attractive product being offered free of cost
- Only Delivery Charge has to be paid and will be collected in cash at the doorstep against delivery
- A “delivery man” will bring a package that is delivered on payment of a Delivery Charge
- The package will be empty or will have some worthless material

Dating & Love – Target Lonely Hearts

- Imposter will befriend them on Facebook or Social Media or Matrimonial sites
- The target receives a call from a “Customs Officer” with a demand for payment of customs duty payable for a gift parcel.
- This ‘gift’ has been sent by the boyfriend who wanted to surprise his beautiful love and he is so “sorry” for creating trouble for her, and that he will repay the amount when he comes over to be with her soon
- The target pays the duty amount **which is lost**

Love, Dating, Marriage Attacks

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THE TIMES OF INDIA

45-year-old woman duped of Rs 1.2 crore in matrimonial site fraud over 15 months

TNN | Feb 11, 2016, 11:35 PM IST



Kalyan: A 45-year-old Dombivli woman recently approached the Thane cyber police cell alleging she was duped of Rs 1.2 crore by a US resident whom she had befriended on a matrimonial website, and by as many as 36 of his associates, over a span of 15 months.

The main accused introduced himself as a Los Angeles-based

Conmen posing as 'Mr. Right' dupe Mumbai women of their savings

By Vijay Kumar Yadav | Posted 08-May-2016

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In a Ladies Vs Ricky Bahl moment, nine city women connect over married man with modest Railways job who posed as Bandra pilot to plunder their savings. The do-or-die battle to land Mr Right is costing young women big bucks

[Hong Kong police bust transnational love scam that duped wo...](#)

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Dec 16, 2016 - In an unprecedented joint operation, Hong Kong, Malaysian and Nigerian police have busted a syndicate running **online** romance scams which ...

['I was scammed by an online love rat too' - News.com.au](#)

[www.news.com.au/...online-love...internet.../0ed4d0101ccc67654b9811...](#) ▼

Jul 2, 2015 - 'I was scammed by an **online love** rat too,' survivors of **internet** fraud speak out ... "A few days later I got a call from a **woman** who said she was his lawyer, ... number of Australians **tricked by online** romance scams and frauds.

[Woman, 58, believes she was duped out of £50000 by bigami...](#)

[www.dailymail.co.uk/.../Woman-58-reveals-duped-50-000-bigamist-lov...](#) ▼

Mar 11, 2015 - **Woman**, 58, believes she was **duped** out of £50,000 by bigamist **love** rat who was ... Kim Sow reveals all on her bigamist **love** rat husband before slipping into a slinky gold two-piece during **Indian** getaway

BAITING – using USB, Free music, Files

- Baiting promises an item or goods to entice victims.
 - Free music or movie downloads (if they submit their login credentials)
 - Files
- Attacks can exploit human curiosity in real life
 - USB Attack
 - Infected USBs with a Trojan virus are dispersed around the parking lot.
 - Employees may pick up the USBs and plug them into their computers, activating a keylogger



Hack The Human

- CEO was brought to ruin through a charity scam:
 - Social engineers found out he had a family member who was battling cancer and other information through his Facebook page.
 - Using that emotional attachment, they tugged at his heartstrings and he was asked to donate money to a cancer research fund.
 - The PDF that was sent, however, was malware that took control of his computer
- Happy family enters a theme park and discovers that they forgot to carry a printout of the entry coupon!
 - Appealing to the human nature of the ticket booth, they ask the workers if they may bring up the email file and print out the coupon, or even just to show that they indeed have a coupon.
 - Unfortunately, that harmless family is a group of actors looking to get in the park's system by bringing up a harmful file on their computers.

Credit Card Block / Entitlement

- Email / Phone saying your card is blocked or will be blocked
- URL / Phone number is provided for sharing information
- Target will provide the existing card information
- Target is prompted for PIN / OTP
- Card is misused for payments by scamster

Nigerian Scam

<https://classroom.google.com/g/tg/MjcyNDkyODQzMjRa/MzI2ODM2MDIyMjJa#u=NDYxNDI1OTgxOVpa&t=f>

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"Robin Sage" as she appeared on social networking pages.

Robin Sage's saga

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seemingly harmless details shared via social networking pages can be harmful

also that many people entrusted with vital and sensitive information would share this information readily with third parties, provided they managed to capture their interest

could have compromised national security if a terrorist organization had employed similar tactics.

25-year-old "cyber threat analyst" at the Naval Network Warfare Command in Norfolk, Virginia. MIT graduate; 10 years of work experience!

Sage was offered consulting work with notable companies Google and Lockheed Martin and received dinner invitations by several of her male friends.

Security problems revealed

Using those contacts, Ryan befriended men and women of all ages during a short time period

Between December 2009 and January 2010 made friends and almost all were working for US military, government or companies and gained access to email addresses, bank accounts as well as learning the location of secret military units based on soldiers'

She was also given private documents for review and was offered to speak at several conferences

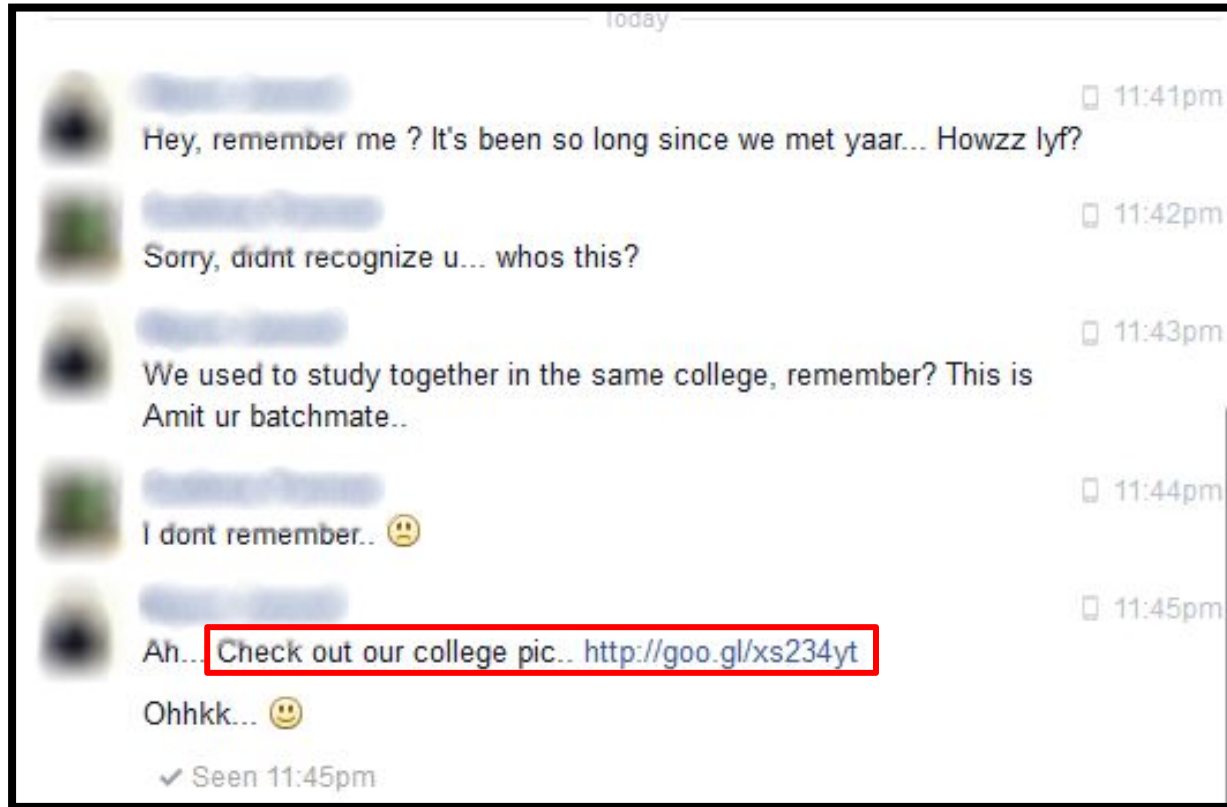
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Chatting going wrong



Another officer duped in credit card fraud

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Lucknow: With credit card frauds on the rise in the Uttar Pradesh Capital, yet another senior IAS official has been duped.

Mr P L Loi, posted as Principal Secretary Science and Technology, was duped by two impersonators posing as representatives of the ICICI bank.

He lodged an FIR with the Gomti Nagar police on Sunday claiming the duo took his credit card with a promise to upgrade it without any additional fee.

One of the young men introduced himself as Shobhit Baghel and started a discussion on credit cards. During the course of discussion, he checked on Mr. Loi's credit card and advised him to get his card renewed. An unsuspecting official fell for the trap.

On Saturday, the bank informed Mr. Loi that about Rs 40,774 had been withdrawn from his account. He ordered his account be frozen immediately and later informed the police.

This is the second time an IAS officer had been cheated through credit card.

Earlier, another senior IAS officer Rohit Nandan found his ATM account hacked and a substantial sum withdrawn.

50 IAF officers fall victim to credit card fraud

Investigators are probing the role of some insiders and are planning to grill SBI officials and also IAF personnel.

Mail Today Bureau New Delhi, July 25, 2014 | UPDATED 15:38 IST

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More than 50 officials, including senior officials, of the Indian Air Force have become the latest victims of credit card fraud.

The Air Force has registered an FIR with the Cyber Cell of Delhi Police in connection with over 50 cases of fraudulent withdrawal of money from State Bank of India (SBI) accounts of its air force officers posted across India. Investigators are probing the role of some insiders and are planning to grill SBI officials and also IAF personnel.

A senior police officer said the IAF had shifted bulk of its officers' bank accounts to the SBI in 2009-10 and most of the affected customers are from Defence Salary Package, a large number of them from the Air Force. The case was registered on Wednesday evening following the complaint of the Commanding Officer of IAF's Provost and Security Unit, Wing Commander Tejveer Singh. "We came to know that our Air Force officials had lodged complaints with the local police," said Singh.

Social media thefts on rise in the city: Unmarried youngsters most vulnerable

Vinita Chaturvedi | Jan 13, 2017, 08:11 PM IST



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the family, cops or the society at large.

Rising menace



The secret to every happy relationship
Tons of money

In almost all the recent cases registered in the city, the promise of love and marriage and later a different bank via netbanking. And once lovers, whom the victims met on Facebook, cases has increased considerably in the past few months.

Slick modus operandi

One such case was registered recently at same police station Satyaveer Bandiwar modus operandi. They make fake accounts in different cities. And these fraudsters carry out different places. For example, calls are made from transferred to Nigeria. So, it is difficult to trace them.

Every trick in the (Face)book: Scammers use social media to swindle money, target younger victims

by Karney Price on Jan 23, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.



Scammers just keep getting trickier. With social media, it's possible to be hacked through fake profiles as well as other tactics. Meghan Hinkle / Forum file

DETROIT LAKES, Minn. — Cons and scams have been around since humans first learned how to communicate but, these days, as communication increases with technology, scams are evolving, increasing in magnitude and allowing con artists to work behind a veil.

Their latest mask? Facebook.

A Detroit Lakes resident nearly fell victim to a Facebook scam on Monday, when she received a friend request from her neighbor — which she thought odd, considering she was already Facebook friends with her neighbor.

After accepting the friend request, the "neighbor" began private messaging her to tell her she had won \$100,000. All she needed to do was deposit a monetary advance into an account for the prize money to be delivered.

Realizing it was a scam, the woman then contacted her neighbor, and the two took the necessary measures, contacting friends and deleting accounts, to reconcile the situation.

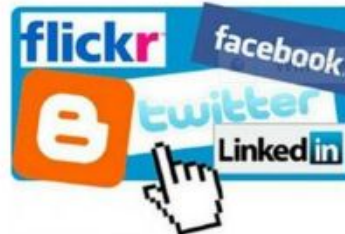
'Social media creating rift in couples'

Santosh Sonawane | TNN | Jan 23, 2017, 11:32 PM IST



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NASHIK: The recent murder-suicide case of a couple from the city in Pune has triggered a debate, with police and experts admitting that social media is indeed affecting relationships between married couples.

Software professional Rakesh Gangurde, (34) allegedly murdered his wife Sonali (28) and later hanged himself from the ceiling fan at their rented

house in Manjiri Budruk, around 12km from Pune, on Tuesday night.

A note written by Gangurde said there were frequent arguments between him and his wife over her sharing details with her friends on social networking sites about their marriage and other personal matters.

Senior officials of the Women's Safety Cell of the Nashik police admitted said the incident is a clear indication of the level of anger that simmers within married couples over the addiction of social media when they find their better half engaged for long hours.

"Our cell got 685 applications of quarrels between husband and wife last year and majority of them were related to discord over the use of social media for long hours," assistant police inspector Manisha Kashid of the cell told TOI on Friday.

Initial investigations in many such cases revealed that the use of social media for long hours had led to suspicions of extra-marital affairs, she said.

While the complaints were mainly against husbands, there was a good percentage of husbands who complained about their wives as well," said Kashid.

Organisations working for the safety and welfare of women said that they were also receiving many complaints by married couples against the use of social media.

Facebook and Social media as a social engineering platform

- <https://blog.avast.com/social-engineering-hacks>

Phising Statistics

- <https://www.proofpoint.com/us/security-awareness/post/latest-phishing-first-2019>



What is the solution?

- Password(use passphrase)
- Two Factor Authentication
- Stay strong Emotionally
- Protect your PII
- Don't fall prey to offers and discount(Nothing is Free in the Digital world)
- Organisations should conduct regular drills on their employees and trainings
- Proper Security policy in place