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## Twitter users may be victims of direct message malware

Security analysts say that suspicious direct messages from Twitter friends with links to Facebook, which have been popping up lately, could be malicious "backdoor trojans."

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A friend of mine recently sent me a direct message on Twitter, it said "lol u didnt se them taping u" and had a link to Facebook. I hadn't remembered being taped in the past few days and I'd never seen my friend use this type of Twitter-shorthand, along with typos. To me, it was obviously spam.

I'm not the only one to be getting these spammy direct messages on Twitter that lead to bogus Facebook links. Apparently a lot of people have been complaining of these messages, according to Sophos analyst Graham Cluley who wrote about it on the [Naked Security blog](#).

Different variations of the direct messages include, "your in this [link] lol" and "lol ur famous now [link]" (I got this one too).



# Phishing + Social Engineering = Spear Phishing

## Syrian Electronic Army continues to carry out successful data-entry phishing attacks

August 20, 2013 By [Aaron Higbee](#) — [Leave a Comment](#)

When the Syrian Electronic Army nailed a number of prominent media outlets earlier this year, we were pleased to see a number of open and honest responses from those that were breached, notably from [The Onion](#) and [The Financial Times](#).

Last week, the SEA was at it again, [successfully hacking content recommendation service Outbrain](#), an attack which provided a foothold to compromise media behemoths The Washington Post, Time, and CNN. The SEA attacked Outbrain with largely the same tactics it has used so successfully in the past few months, by eliciting log-in credentials through a phishing email, the same tactics PhishMe simulates in our data entry scenarios.