

# Phishing

A modern version of social engineering

''The criminally fraudulent process of attempting to acquire sensitive information [...] by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication.''' Wikipedia

# Phishing on Social Networks

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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).

