

Sophisticated phishing targets Yahoo users

It records their username and password when they log in

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September 26, 2005 (IDG NEWS SERVICE) – A new phishing method is targeting users of Yahoo Inc.'s Web site by recording their username and password while logging them into a legitimate area of the portal, according to Websense Inc., a Web security software firm.

Users receive an instant message or e-mail purporting to be from a friend wanting to show photos from a vacation or a birthday party. The message has a link to the phishing site, which records the user's ID and password while forwarding the user to the real Yahoo Photos site. "It would be difficult for the user to know they'd actually been phished," said Ross Paul, Websense product manager for Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

And it appears the phishers are close to home: the phishing site is hosted in free Web space provided by Yahoo Geocities service in the U.S., Websense said.

The method is unique in that the phishers are not only using a fake logo to trick users, but they're also forwarding the person to another site, a method that has been used before but not on such a large scale, Paul said. Websense's worldwide network, which monitors Internet traffic, detected the technique.

"That leads us to believe it is fairly widespread," Paul said, adding, however, "It's difficult to quantify."

The advice for users is similar to prior warnings about phishing scams: Be leery of unexpected e-mails and check with the sender. Users can also always check with Yahoo to see if a specific e-mail is legitimate, Paul said.

"I think what you are seeing is criminals are getting more sophisticated in social engineering," Paul said.

In an e-mail response to a query about the warning, Yahoo spokesman David Sawday wrote: "When we learn about phishing sites on our network, we remove them as quickly as possible." He did not have information on how Yahoo was dealing with the new phishing method.

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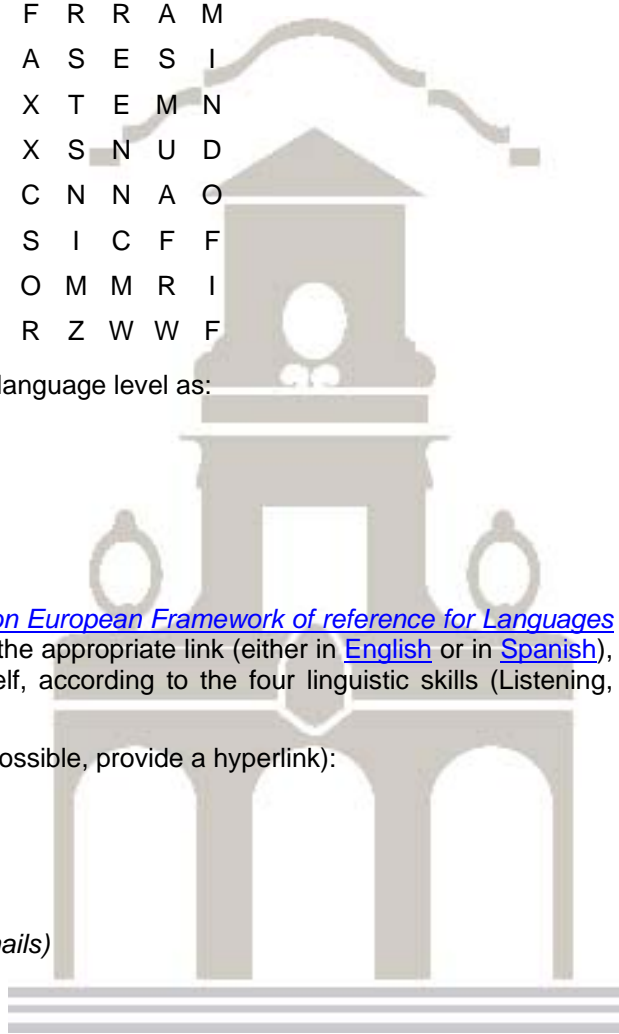
1. What is the main gist of the text? Could you re-create the underlying outline (structure)? Do you think it complies with the IMRAD pattern? If so, why? (Provide Internet links together with your answer).
2. How would you define the above text? why?
 - 2.1 General
 - 2.2 Pop(ular)-sci(ence)
 - 2.3 Semitechnical
 - 2.4 Technical
3. Scientific writing sometimes makes use of hedging (hedges). In no more than ten words, define the concept and provide a hyperlink.
4. There are 17 hidden words. Discover them. Be careful, some are abbreviations. Say which of these words are the same in your language.

M F L O P P Y S T R
 X O S S Z T L C D O
 M O D P Q F R R A M
 D A T A B A S E S I
 I B P R A X T E M N
 A A L X B X S N U D
 L C C A B C N N A O
 T U L B A S I C F F
 R S L O G O M M R I
 B U F F E R Z W W F

5. Grammar placement tests usually classify our language level as:
 - 5.1 Elementary (A1-A2)
 - 5.2 Intermediate (B1)
 - 5.3 Upper Intermediate (B2)
 - 5.4 Advanced (C1-C2)

The above scale is taken from the [Common European Framework of reference for Languages Learning, Teaching, Assessment \(2001\)](#). Look up the appropriate link (either in [English](#) or in [Spanish](#)), and say, very briefly, how would you rate yourself, according to the four linguistic skills (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing).

6. Explain the following expressions (whenever possible, provide a hyperlink):
 - 6.1 *Blog*
 - 6.2 *Cracker*
 - 6.3 *Hacker*
 - 6.4 *Leery (Be leery of unexpected e-mails)*
 - 6.5 *Logging*



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- 6.6 *Password*
- 6.7 *Phishing*
- 6.8 *Scam*
- 6.9 *Username*

7. Watch the following You Tube video clips, and then answer the questions:

- 7.1 «How to clone computers across the network»

(<http://es.youtube.com/watch?v=WePCtSeKnd4>)

7.1.1 What is the aim of the video?

7.1.2 What is the difference between input and output in Step 3?

- 7.2 «Global Warning»

(<http://es.youtube.com/watch?v=C3pujlkSTgo&mode=related&search>)

7.2.1 What have big corporations and politicians done about global warming & climate change?

7.2.2 What alternatives to oil-energy sources are offered?

8. Your glossary should be enlarged by 50 words. By this week, you should have around 200 entries.

