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2025 Global Threat Intelligence Report Key Findings

Attackers bypass controls by exploiting trust, targeting sectors, and scaling social engineering

Mimecast's 2025 Global Threat Intelligence Report analyzes 24T+ data points across 43K customers to reveal how attackers now weaponize trusted services and people, not just code.

Three Key Metrics

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Threats flagged between January-September 2025 across the customer base

77%

Of all attacks are phishing, up from 60% in 2024, indicating a sharp tactical shift

500%

Surge in ClickFix attacks in six months, driving rapid user-driven compromise

How attackers win in 2025

- Living Off Trusted Services (LOTS) weaponizing DocuSign, Adobe Sign, PayPal, Intuit, SendGrid to bypass controls
- AI-powered social engineering automated BEC chains, synthetic voice/video, scalable spear-phishing operations
- Multi-channel switching emails, voice calls to evade detection and security visibility
- CAPTCHA Shield 900,000+ detections of Scattered Spider using CAPTCHAs to block threat analysis

Targeted industries

Attackers now deploy sector-specific playbooks optimized for workflows and transaction patterns.

- **Real estate**
  Disproportionate phishing tied to high-value wire transfers
- **Manufacturing**
  Malware focused on intellectual property theft
- **Professional education**
  Persistent impersonation and account takeover
- **Financial operations cross-industry**
  BEC using AI voice and vendor mimicry

Why it Matters

Exploiting trust works better than exploiting code; threats walk past controls via familiar tools, brands, and channels.

Stay Ahead of Threats

Equip your team with actionable recommendations and policy updates to mitigate risks.

Download the 2025 Global Threat Intelligence Report for defense strategies that address how attackers operate in 2025.

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