

Update Security

Protect your computer with our monthly look at internet threats

700,000

The number of malware-infected web pages that are designed to look identical to the YouTube video site in the hope of duping visitors.



istockphoto.com



Pirate states

The USA has the most pirated content (at 33 per cent), followed by Russia (13 per cent) and Germany (10 per cent).

Source: McAfee

1 in 3

of the top-trending search terms returned threatening results at least 10 per cent of the time, say Symantec. Some searches returned 99 bad links out of the first 100 results.

Source: Symantec

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Threat report

Every month our security experts advise on PC safety



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Norton recently released the Norton Cybercrime Report, focussing on the human impact of cybercrime.

Most shocking was the revelation that two thirds of adults have been a victim of cybercrime, including scams, credit card fraud, identity theft, phishing and social network hacking. The report also said that 91 per cent of people admitted to not feeling safe online.

A surprisingly high percentage of adults feel some level of responsibility for crimes that happen to them. Whether it's falling prey to phishing scams (78 per cent), identify theft (76 per cent), fraud, someone hacking into their social networking profile, or downloading a virus or malware attack (73 per cent). Visit www.norton.com/cybercrimereport for the full security findings.

LOOK OUT FOR...



"Google Image's search results pages have been poisoned"

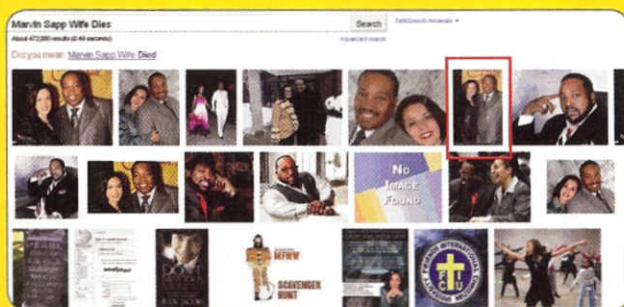
Christopher Boyd, Senior Threat Researcher, GFI Labs

Malicious software writers have often turned to search engines in order to unwittingly trick users into visiting compromised sites or downloading infected software, but now it's image searching you have to watch out for.

A common ploy is for scammers to use the name of a celebrity to lure people in. Gospel singer/songwriter Marvin Sapp is the latest example of a famous target of search-engine poisoning. After his wife passed away recently, the net was rife with malicious websites riding high in Google's revamped image search.

From the very first pages, these sites take the end users to bogus websites. These forward them onto other websites that present fake scans and executable download prompts.

Be warned that there are currently many other websites with dubious web links and URL redirects floating in and out of Google's all-new image-search tool.



The all-new Google Images page is being hacked

You might want to avoid searching for pictures relating to celebrity scandals altogether.

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