

1. "Free" Wi-Fi scam hitting airports

The next time you're at an airport looking for a wireless hot spot, and you see one called "Free Wi-Fi" or a similar name, beware -- you may end up being victimized by the latest hot-spot scam hitting airports

How the attack works

First, let's take a look at how the attack works. You go to an airport or other hot spot and fire up your PC, hoping to find a free hot spot. You see one that calls itself "Free Wi-Fi" or a similar name. You connect. Bingo -- you've been had!

The problem is that it's not really a hot spot. Instead, it's an ad hoc, peer-to-peer network, possibly set up as a trap by someone with a laptop nearby. You can use the Internet, because the attacker has set up his PC to let you browse the Internet via his connection.

But because you're using his connection, all your traffic goes through his PC, so he can see everything you do online, including all the usernames and passwords you enter for financial and other Web sites.

In addition, because you've directly connected to the attack PC on a peer-to-peer basis, if you've set up your PC to allow file sharing, the attacker can have complete run of your PC, stealing files and data and planting malware on it.

Full story -

<http://www.intergovworld.com/Pages/Item/Article.aspx?id=f065d8b80a010408001a024c9ad85bf9>

The above attacks are currently taking place at USA airports but this is totally possible in any public area so please advise your staff accordingly - Craig

2. Local IT Security companies to show their goods at CEBIT 2007 in Germany

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Of the 12 SA companies that have been chosen by the DTI to be part of the SA pavilion, at CEBIT this year 2 companies are from the IT Security industry. They are Trispen and SensePost. It might be a worth inviting your overseas clients to attend and visit the SA pavilion.

Link is: www.cebit.com