

Credit card fraud spam carries virus

A spam-scram pretends to want your credit card details but a dangerous payload is attached.

A message saying that your credit card has been declined carries more than the usual spam-scram risks for attached is a virus.

The spam-scram is headed something like "ERROR 23741: [VISA OVERDRAFT HAS EXCEED]" and the body of the message (reproduced below) suggests that your credit card details are held by a jewellery company which has been unable to charge your card.

Of course, it's a fraud, but more dangerous perhaps is the fact that a small .exe file is attached to the message, and that file includes malicious code.

The company has posted a warning on its website which carries a note from AVG saying that no virus was found in the message. That is correct: the virus is in the attachment which AVG does correctly identify and quarantine (at least, our copies do).

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Fraudulent text follows:

Subject: ERROR 23741: [VISA OVERDRAFT HAS EXCEED]
From: billing@jewelryadviser.com
Date: Wed, 13 Dec 2006 18:29:58 +0100

To: (victim's address here)
