

Symantec Releases May Spam Report

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Symantec reports back from the war of spam with numbers and stories.

Symantec has released its May 2007 report on " The State of Spam ."

The report includes news and data from the company's ongoing monitoring of vast amounts of e-mail. Here are some of the highlights of the report:

- The overall percentage of e-mail that is spam might be trickling down a bit over the long term, but was basically the same as last month at about 65 percent.
- The percentage of e-mail that is image spam went down quite a bit, from 37 percent to 27 percent, but this number has a history of wild fluctuation.
- A new form of spam disparages specific companies. Why?
- Spammers are using image upload services to try to avoid detection.
- A new type of 419 scam involves (this is a lie of course) soldiers in Iraq.

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