

# Email scam targets Facebook users: Web security firm

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McAfee said on Wednesday some users of the world's most popular social networking site were receiving emails that appeared to be from [Facebook](#) informing them their Facebook password had been reset and to click on an attachment to retrieve it.

The security firm said the attachment is actually a "password stealer" that is installed when a user clicks on it and can potentially access any username and password combination on that computer, not Facebook-related information.

"This threat is potentially very dangerous considering that there are over 350 million Facebook users who could fall for this scam," McAfee said in a statement.

The subject line of the scam email reads: "Facebook Password Reset Confirmation! Customer Support."

McAfee advised anyone receiving the password-reset message to delete it and to not open the attachment.

Because of its huge membership, Facebook is a frequent target of computer [hackers](#) seeking to steal passwords.

In its 2010 Threat Predictions report released in December, [McAfee](#) said email "was increasing in popularity as the preferred method for targeting attacks against individual users, corporations and government institutions."

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