

Google maps malicious websites

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This June 25, 2013 photo illustration shows the Internet search giant Google logo reflected in a woman's eye. Google expanded its Transparency Report on Tuesday to include maps of spots around the world where hackers are laying traps or baiting Internet users.

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"Two of the biggest threats online are [malicious software](#) that can take

control of your computer, and phishing scams that try to trick you into sharing passwords or other private information," [Google](#) engineer Lucas Ballard said in a blog post.

"So today we're launching a new section on our Transparency Report that will shed more light on the sources of malware and phishing attacks."

Information for the new section comes from a Safe Browsing program Google launched in 2006 to warn Internet travelers when they were heading for trouble such as bogus bank websites or pages booby-trapped with computer viruses.

"We're currently flagging up to 10,000 sites a day, and because we share this technology with other browsers there are about one billion users we can help keep safe," Ballard said.

The new section added at google.com/transparencyreport included a map that showed that "malware" hotspots include India and Central Europe.

Google's Transparency Report also provides information about government requests around the world for information from the California-based [Internet giant](#) and demands for removal of content from online properties.

Last week, Google said that it asked a special US court handling national security investigations for permission to publish more openly with the public about numbers of requests.

The court filing in Washington came amid a firestorm of protests over revelations that the [National Security Agency](#) had accessed vast amounts of data in a [surveillance program](#) under the supervision of the secret court.

More information: googleonlinesecurity.blogspot....aking-web-safer.html

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