

INTY ALERTS SMALL BUSINESSES TO BOGUS TSUNAMI EMAILS

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IntY, which provides email anti virus and spam protection services to 3000-plus UK small business customers, has warned its customers of a new twist to the familiar Nigerian spam scam.

In the first two weeks of January, IntY's MailDefender service has stopped around 2000 incidences of email claiming to be from survivors of the South East Asia tsunami disaster. In fact, these emails are variants of what are known as Nigerian 419 scams to defraud people of money through bogus claims of personal disaster. 419 refers to the legal code used to define this kind of fraud violation, which originated in Nigeria.

Mark Herbert, CEO and founder, IntY said: "We don't expect our small business customers to be fooled by such crude attempts to defraud them. But these spam do add to the overall volume of spam that small businesses have to wade through. Distracting IT resources from the core business to spam clean-up is hugely wasteful for a small enterprise.

These email attacks also highlight how fast spammers adapt to changing events to find the latest hook to catch us out. We saw these spam within days of the disaster which is pretty disgusting. Unfortunately, in these cases, the spammers are playing a counter-active role in how the web can be used to garner worldwide support and funds".

IntY MailDefender is a managed service which filters the email traffic of small business customers for computer viruses, spam and other malware.

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