

Cry for Help

Computer Tips & Tricks

Spooing

Like the everyday meaning of the word, to imitate to be something or someone different. The meaning in the digital world is the same, but more often with dire consequences.

We are continually bombarded with messages offering free this and discounted that, whether it is on an eMail or on a web site. The attraction of such messages is even greater when the message claims to come from a well known or reputable company.

In all these situations you need to be ever vigilant to guard against the spoofer who in fact has desires of installing malware of some kind on your computer or device. The worst of these being the crypto-locking type bugs that encrypt all your data, and demand a ransom to give it back to you. These are also referred to as ransom ware.

So the same thing can happen in the world of apps. Applications can contain malware that might compromise your security, your contact list, messages or call log etc. Whether you are downloading from the app store, the play store or a private app distributor, the same rules apply. Make sure you trust the app publisher. If you aren't sure, you can Google their name or the app name to see what others are saying about it on the web. Another way of checking is to go to the publisher's web site and search for the app. By undertaking some simple research like this, you will be forewarned if it is a spoof or if it does contain malicious software. Finally, another way of staying safe is to stick to apps that have been recommended to you by people you trust.

Call us if you are not sure.

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