

Patrick,

My brother's Zeek account was hacked into yesterday. Someone got in his back office, changed his password, set up a Payza account, and withdrew funds two days back to back.

Also, another friend of mine said he clicked on a SKYPE link sent to him from a friend, and some professionals were able to install something on his PC that records his key strokes. This allowed the men to have access to his Zeek account, as well as several other programs of his.

So heads up. You might want to send out an email informing people to be careful about clicking on links in skype, even if it is from a friend, because in his situation, they hacked into his skype and sent messages to all his contacts asking them to click on that link. His friends believed it was him so they trusted the link. Also, you might want to remind people to check their profiles in Zeek and other programs to make sure their pay processors and other information is correct. They should also change their passwords more frequently it appears.

Take care,
John

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Greetings,

Please heed the warning and be SURE you have STRONG passwords, not only for Zeek but for the other things on the net that require a Password. A weak password, in my opinion, is to use some common name or word from the dictionary spelled the common and correct way (especially if it is ALL UPPER CASE or all lower case) – even if you put a few numbers before or behind it.

A stronger password is to use UPPER and lower case letters mixed together with numbers between them. It is best to use letters that do not spell any word either normally or when spelled backwards. Let me give you an example of how I might build a password. You could think of two words “password safety” and make it into a password such as: 8y3Tte99FAAsdr88w332SsA5P. You can see from the example that I kind of spelled the words “password safety” backwards. However, I put in a few extra letters and left others out among some numbers at random. You might say, “I do not want to type a long, hard to remember password like that every time.” Neither would I, and therefore I VERY SELDOM ever type in any password! Those who know how to hack into the accounts of others sometimes use what is known as Keyloggers. They put cookies or something onto the computer that records all of your keystrokes.

The better way to avoid that issue is to type out your password THE VERY FIRST TIME in another program besides the one you are joining. Personally I type my passwords and login information for other programs into a Microsoft Word file. Then I have that file itself password protected so that if someone else ever has access to use my computer, they would not be able to open some of my files. (If using Microsoft Word go to File / Info / Protect Document / Encrypt with Password.) After that I go to the file with the login information and copy and paste the Username and Password into the appropriate places when I want to log into my back office of every other program. When you copy and paste instead of typing in the Password and Username, the Keyloggers are much less

likely to figure out your passwords. You might have noticed that the sample password I created above is rather long. That is the best way to make your passwords. (Remember that you are going to copy and paste it anyway and therefore you only need to type it the first time!) If your program permits LONG passwords, use them. The software programs that the hackers use just starts putting in all words used as names and found in the dictionary, and then add numbers and so forth. Now if you have a short password of maybe 4 to 8 keystrokes it does not take the hackers software program to run so long before it figures out your short, weak, and simple made password. Whereas, if you had a password such as: 8y3Tte99FAAsdr88w332SsA5P then the hackers software program probably has to run for hours making millions after millions of attempts before it succeeds in typing out that password correctly with all of the UPPER and lower case letters together with the numbers in the correct sequence. Therefore, the hackers are more likely to just give up on your password and go hack on those who type in their simple, weak password each time they login to their back office. Not all programs permit the special characters located as the Shift/Uppercase above the number keys, such as: !@#\$\$%^&*(). However, I have been told that if the program permits the use of these characters that they make for a stronger password.

Personally, there is another thing I always try to avoid. And that is clicking yes (or putting a check mark in the little box) to have the software program remember your password so that it is unnecessary if you to enter it every time. Why have a password if it loads automatically every time someone tries to get into the program?

Another thing that I do that is probably different from most of the other people I know concerns the use of the Address Book in your email program. The only name in my address book is my own. Hackers, scammers, and those who have nothing better to do than make viruses and Trojans love to spread their evil. Therefore if they can hack your computer they love to go to your address book and pick up all of the other e-mail addresses available. Of course, then they send their virus and Trojans on to everybody else. For that reason among others, I keep all of the e-mail addresses I use for others in a Microsoft Word document. When it is time to send e-mail to somebody else I go to my password encrypted Microsoft Word document and copy and paste the address into the e-mail program. Is it a little bit extra work? Yes maybe, but if you learn to run your keyboard instead of the mouse it goes fast to just use Alt & Tab to quickly switch between programs. You can find words very quickly in Microsoft Word files using the keystrokes: Ctrl + F.

Here is other information regarding Skype:

<http://consciouslifeneeds.com/watch-skype-chat-user-data-available-police/1132620/>

<http://www.webpronews.com/skype-is-spying-on-you-but-only-in-chat-2012-07>

They cannot keep up with the amount of computer literate people out there so like the drug war, there are always people who will continue to create other programs.... like this one: <https://jitsi.org/>

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In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Patrick Henry