

# BACK TO THE FUTURE

## A SURVEY OF Q3 THREAT TRENDS

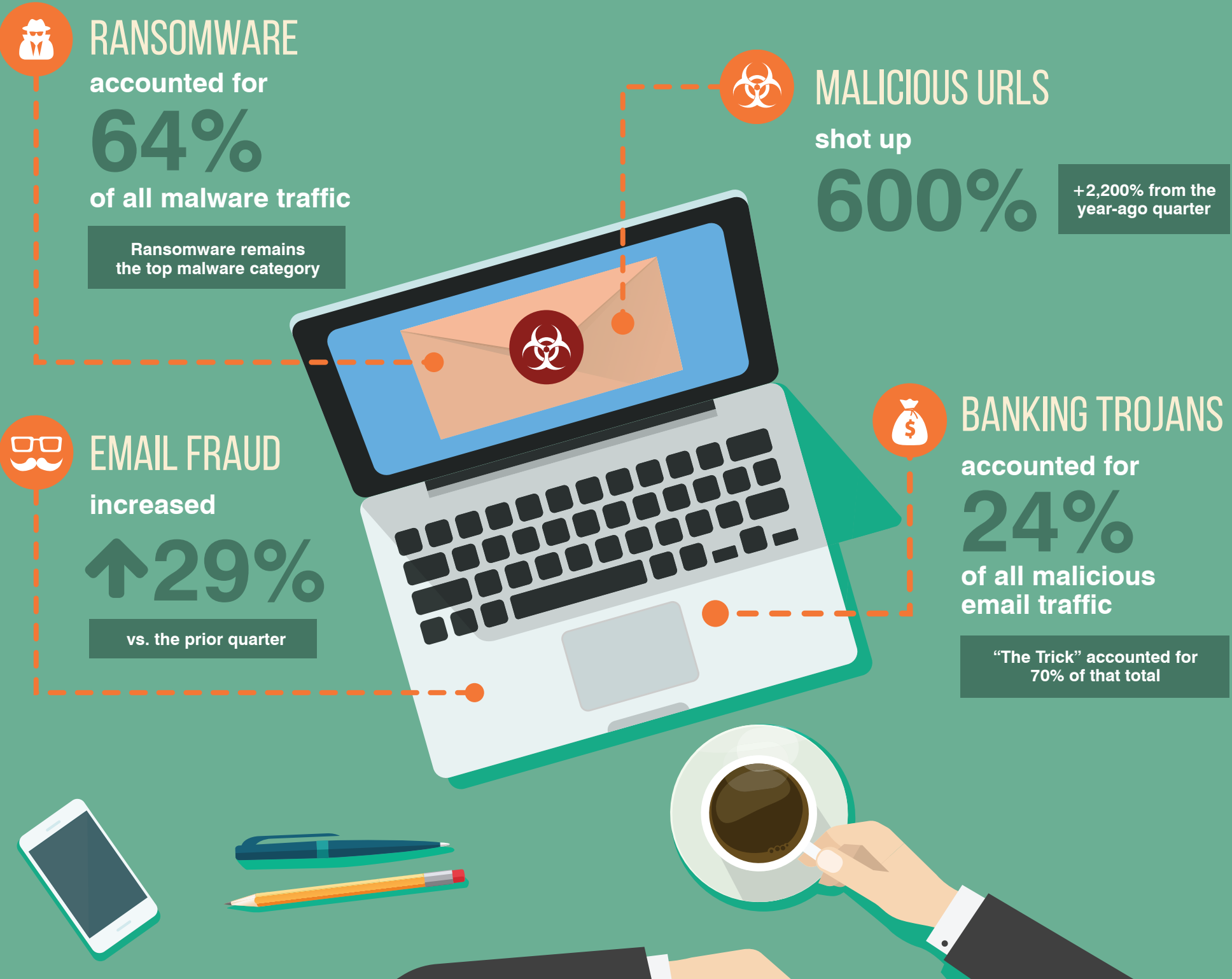
Malicious URL attacks have returned with a vengeance. Ransomware reigns supreme. And fraudsters are aggressively working to impersonate trusted brands in email, social media and the web. Those are just a few of standout trends we saw in the third quarter.

Here are highlights from the Proofpoint Q3 2017 Threat Report.



### EMAIL

Malicious email soared 85% from the prior quarter as one of the world's most prolific attackers launched massive ransomware campaigns. Here's a breakdown of attacks by type.



### DOMAIN SPOOFING

Attackers are aggressively registering lookalike domains that can be used for typosquatting and domain spoofing.

Suspicious domain registrations outnumbered defensive registrations **20 to 1**

Defensive registration of brand-owned domains fell **↓20%** vs. the year-ago period



### SOCIAL MEDIA

Fraudulent support accounts used for "angler phishing" **doubled** from the year-ago quarter.

**↑10%** more phishing links on branded social channels over the previous quarter

**↑5%** more fake customer-support accounts over the previous quarter



To learn more about third-quarter threat trends and recommendations for protecting your organization, get the full Proofpoint Q3 2017 Threat Report