

BACK TO THE FUTURE

A SURVEY OF Q3 THREAT TRENDS

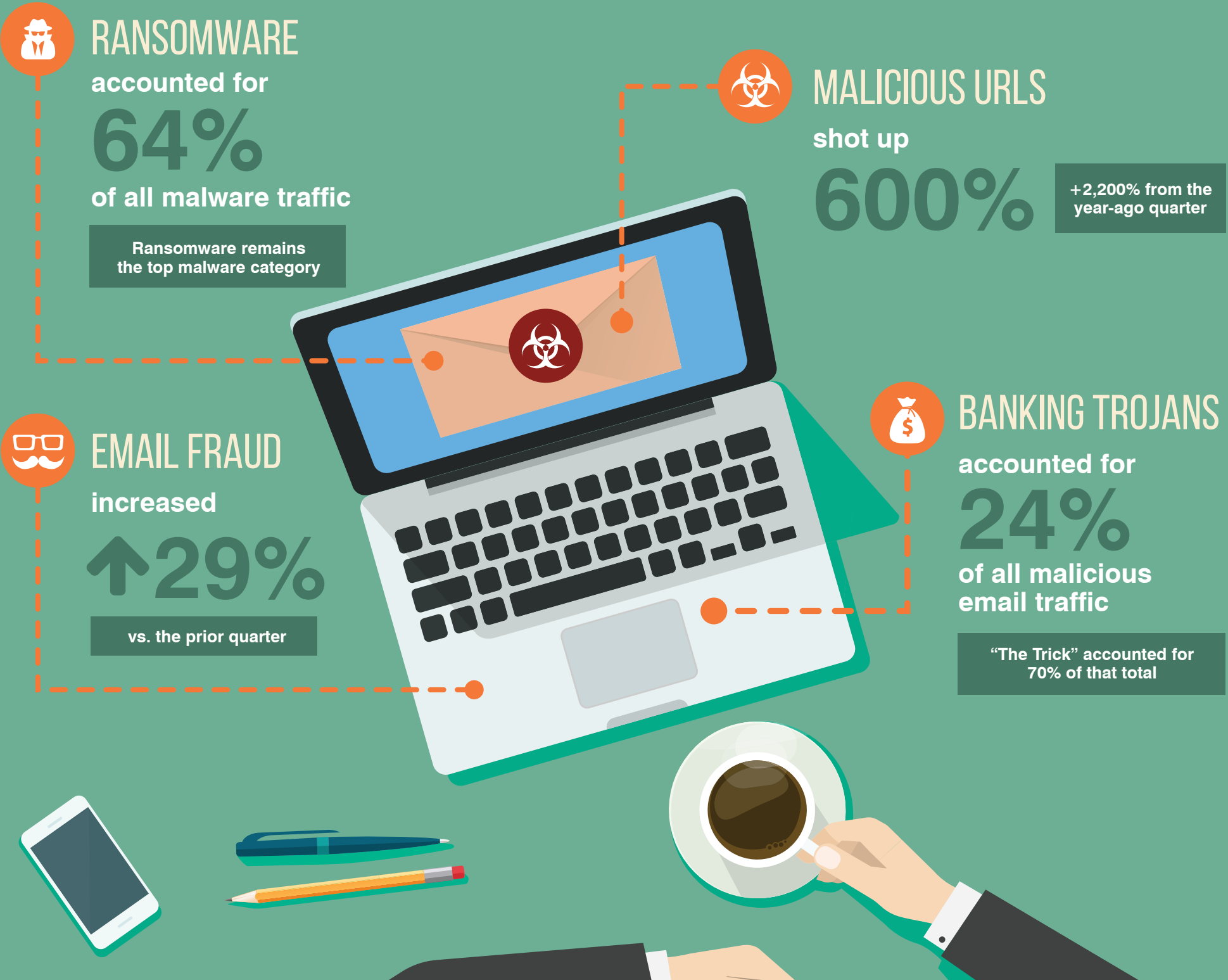
Malicious URL attacks have returned with a vengeance. Ransomware reigns supreme. And fraudsters are aggressively working to impersonate trusted brands in email, social media and the web. Those are just a few of the standout trends we saw in the third quarter.

Here are highlights from the Proofpoint Q3 2017 Threat Report.



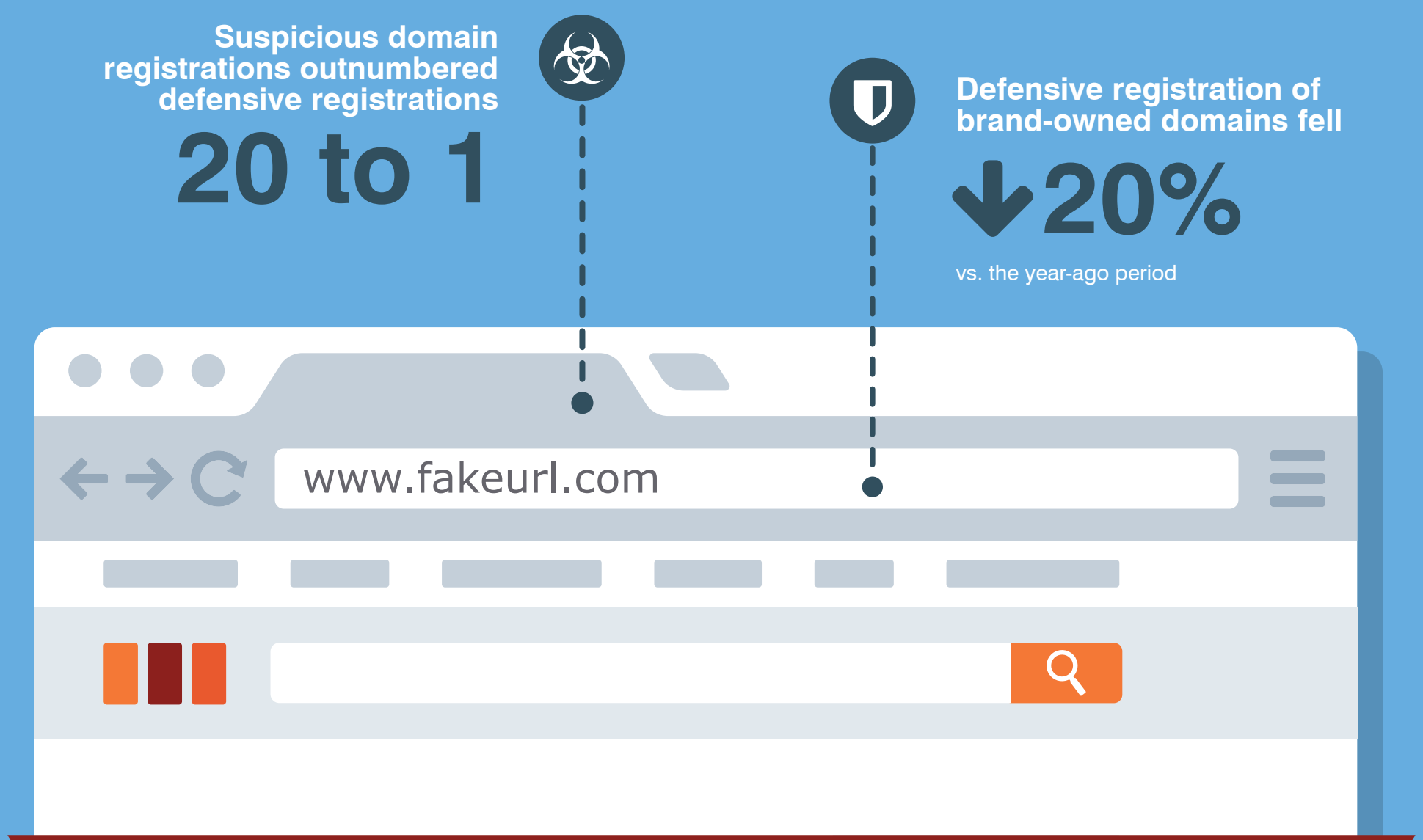
EMAIL

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.



SOCIAL MEDIA

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



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