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# **BACK TO THE FUTURE** A SURVEY OF Q3 THREAT TRENDS

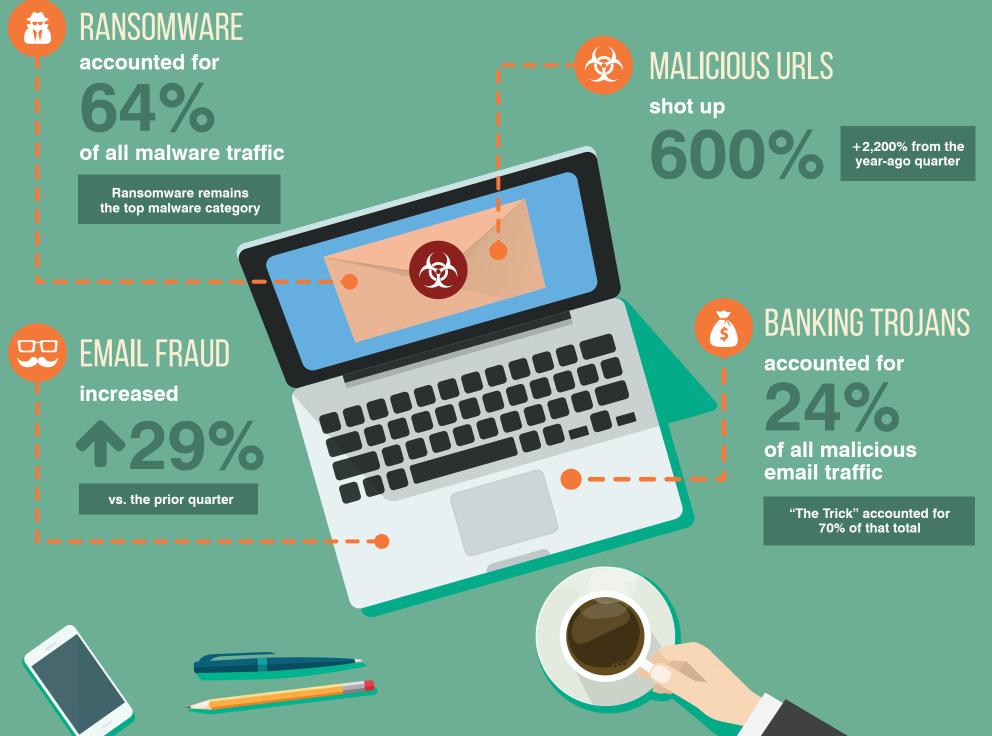
Malicious URL attacks have returned with a vengeance. Ransomware reigns supreme. And fraudsters are aggressively working to impersonate trusted brands in email, social media and the web. Those are just a few of the standout trends we saw in the third quarter.

Here are highlights from the Proofpoint Q3 2017 Threat Report.





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



vs. the year-ago period



### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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



#### 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 organisation, get the full Proofpoint Q3 2017 Threat Report