

Windows XP: 'Fragrant bait' of hackers

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Cybercrime is often afraid to invest in changing malicious code technology. If one had to choose between modifying malicious software to attack the new operating system or focus on users who didn't switch to the new operating system more securely, they would definitely choose the following, according to new research F-Secure security firm.

This may be a problem for developing countries. According to F-Secure's research on security trends in 2010, the **delay in moving from Windows XP to a new, safer Windows 7 operating system** in developing countries could **lead to increased code. poison** in these countries. " *Criminals are always looking for the most vulnerable targets,* " said Mikko Hypponen, F-Secure's research director. ' *And that means they will focus on developing countries.* '



Unlike Windows Vista, Windows 7 is expected to replace Windows XP to become the most popular computer operating system worldwide. Even so, next year, there will still be a lot of computers in developing countries that haven't moved to Windows 7 yet.

' Many computer users in developing countries have no experience using it, do not install firewall software while their computers are running on older operating systems that are less secure ,' said Hypponen Mikko. ' That's why computers in developing countries have a lower level of security, and are more easily prey to cybercrime than developed countries. '

There is some evidence that Windows 7 has fewer vulnerabilities than the previous one is Windows XP. Although Windows 7 operating system code has been announced by Microsoft for security and hacker experts since last year, only 2009 has been discovered by nine Windows 7 vulnerabilities, while Windows XP has 137 vulnerabilities. . F-Secure estimates that in the next few years, attacks on Windows XP will still be much more popular than Windows 7.

According to recent security studies, **developing countries are places that contain malicious code and have the highest rate of unsafety in the world** . In July 2009, Shadowserver Foundation announced that Brazil, Russia, India, China and Vietnam are countries with Conficker prevalence (computer worms have infected about 7 million computers). globally) the most in the world. Vietnam is also the country with the highest fake click rate in the world.

Meanwhile, according to Cisco research, Brazil has surpassed the US and China to become the most spam-spreading nation in the world. Security experts say that Brazil and the developing world are the most widely distributed spam and malicious sites in the world because of the rapid increase of broadband Internet while users are weak in knowledge. Confidential, less installed antivirus software and Internet service providers are not interested in user security.

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