**PHISHING**

(1) Researchers warn of look-alike Web sites

_type www.google.com into a high browser, and you'll automatically be redirected to the correct site, www.google.com. Wherever you came across what looked like a link to redirect to my own site," explained Shue.

Phishing scams can send out e-mails containing Web addresses that look legitimate but actually redirect users to the phisher's site. Often, the phishers even copy the graphics from the real sites to fool visitors further.

The study, which surveyed about 1,800 people and found more than 12,000 invalid, was begun as a class assignment given by the professor's last class in the fall of 2004.

"We are excited at the prospect of making it into a commercial product. That would give us a lot of visibility because it is a real problem," Gupta said. 

Gupta said it is not difficult for criminals to forge phishing websites. Certain tools necessary to pull off the several aspects of a phishing attack are downloadable as phishing kits. "Like phishers, anyone with any computer resources, even smaller firms, can create phishing sites," she said.

The researchers' findings were presented at the SANS 2005 Workshop on Offensive Technologies in San Jose, Calif.