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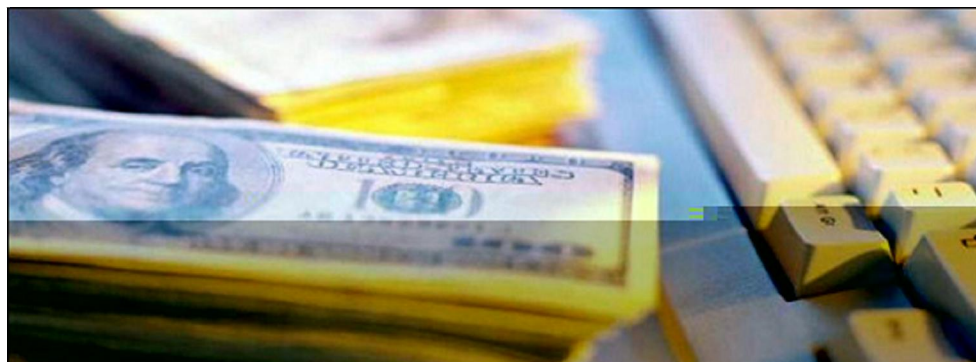
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Cyber crime

Internet crime is booming as more and more people use online services. Jackie and Callum talk about the language of some of the most common computer-related crimes, otherwise known as 'cybercrimes'.

This week's question: The word spam is defined by the New Oxford Dictionary of English as "Irrelevant or inappropriate messages sent on the Internet to a large number of newsgroups or users." But when did this definition of the word spam enter the New Oxford Dictionary?

- a) 1993
- b) 1995
- c) 1998

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Vocabulary from the programme

piracy

the crime of illegally copying and selling music, books, films etc.

to hack

to use a computer to get into someone else's computer system without their permission
Example: *He managed to hack into the government's computer system and steal sensitive information.*

identity theft

a crime involving illegally using someone else's identity
Example: *Hundreds of people have been the victims of identity theft.*

cyberstalking

the use of the internet to repeatedly harass (upset or threaten) someone

a scam

a trick involving getting someone's trust then exploiting it (e.g. by stealing money from them)
Example: *Internet scams are becoming more and more common.*

to draw you in

to get your confidence and trust
Example: *He drew her in by promising he would buy her lots of expensive gifts.*

a conman

someone who uses scams to exploit people
Example: *I thought he was going to be the man I'd marry, but it turned out he was just a conman*



who used me.

a cyber attack, cyber warfare

the use of computers to attack or fight a war through electronic systems
Example: *Last year there was a cyber attack on the Estonian government.*

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