

# Hackers Taken Offline

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Law enforcement officers stopped the activities of hackers who stole clients' funds from the "majority of Russian banks" by infecting about 1.6 million computers, Gazeta.ru reported, citing the Interior Ministry.

The group received about 2 million rubles (\$62,500) a month from its activities, victimizing businesses and organizations in Moscow, the Moscow region, St. Petersburg, Surgut, Kaliningrad, Perm, Omsk and Astrakhan.

The attackers reportedly infected computers through Internet sites to receive access to information about the victims' bank accounts and send forged payment orders from those accounts to businesses and individuals used by the criminals. One person was arrested.

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