

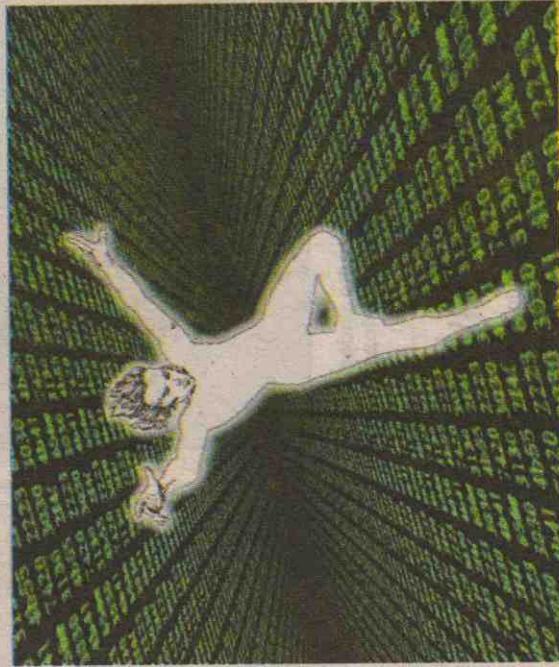
Beware, IIT's now easy to hack personal e-mail account

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PANJIM: Hacking your personal e-mail account is now easy. As IIT (Kharagpur) alumnus Swapan Purkait demonstrated to the utter surprise of all journals yesterday.

At the Goa Institute of Management (GIM), he hacked the password of GUJ president Suhasini Prabhugaonkar's e-mail right in the presence of all journals.

Presently in Goa to conduct a 25-day course titled 'The first training programme in net-work management and ethical hacking' at the GIM, Purkait of



Take precautions

- Delete all spam, fictitious mail (don't ever read it)
- Do not reply to any mail from a stranger
- In a cybercafe, type wrong password before accessing your e-mail account

ATMs

- First enter wrong password
- Second time, enter the correct password to access your bank account
- Type some casual words on the keyboard after withdrawing your ATM card

NetTech is currently pursuing Doctorate studies at his alma mater. He will be imparting lessons on hacking -- and more importantly its prevention -- for a total of 125 odd students from all over the country assembled at the GIM.

Sadly, among these 125 students, only one Goan has enrolled himself for availing of

the facilities at this programme. If Purkait is to be believed, there is no full proof arrangement to actually prevent a determined hacker from doing his job. "A determined hacker is like a determined thief who breaks into a house despite the toughest of security measures. Over the next 25 days, we will train these students in the nu-

GIM's EMBA prog

- Duration: 3 years
- Eligibility: Graduate with minimum 50 pc aggregate marks
- Experience: Three years at executive level
- Fees: Rs 1,35,000 (approx)
- Classes: Saturday (half day), Sunday (half day)
- Content: Not much change from regular PGDM course
- Affiliation: Approved by AICTE

ances of preventing hacking," remarks Purkait.

The seriousness of this phenomenon can be gauged by

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the fact that Purkait has now entered Goa after conducting similar programmes in prestigious institutions such as IIT (Kanpur), IIM (Kolkata), XIM (Bhubaneswar), SMIT (Silklim) besides his alma mater IIT (Kharagpur). However, only those websites or e-mail account in the public domain can be hacked. As such, Purkait claims that hacking into confidential websites -- particularly those of the country's defence forces -- is ruled out, as they are not accessible to the public at large. "Anything on public net can be hacked," he adds.

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