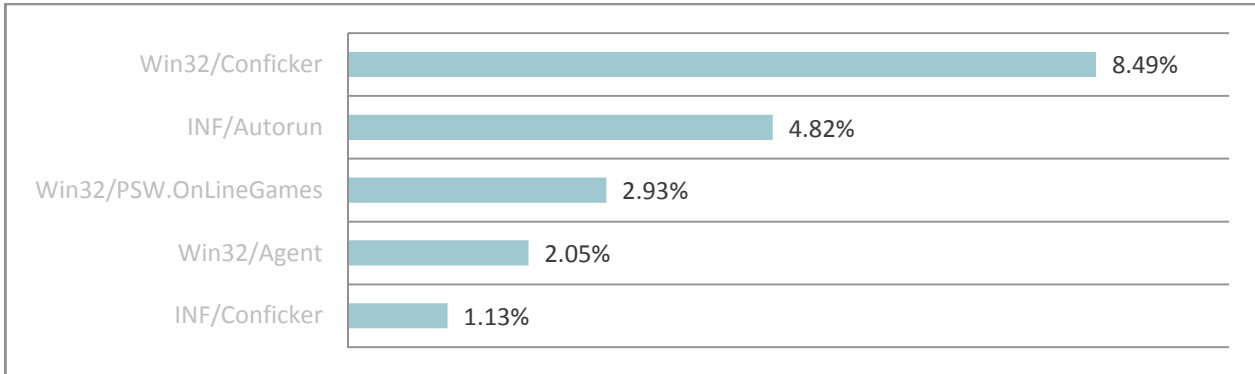


ESET Monthly UK threat report

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Top Computer Threats in the United Kingdom

Source: ESET ThreatSense.Net® (January 2010)



- **INF/Conficker:** The variant of the worm spreading via USB devices scores high

As shown by the ESET ThreatSense.Net® analysis, the variants of the Conficker worm have dominated the threat landscape in the United Kingdom. Together, they accounted for almost 10% of all infections detected during the first month of 2010. Exploiting a Windows Server Service vulnerability, Conficker uses various methods of entering the system, while INF/Conficker infects removable media and is activated upon insertion of the media into the computer.

Occupying second place is INF/Autorun, yet another threat misusing the Windows autorun function. It modifies the text file autorun.inf, found on removable media to execute a harmful application upon insertion.

The third position was taken by Win32/PSW.OnLineGames, a regular occurrence in ESET's United Kingdom threat reports. In January, the password-stealing Trojan scored a share of 2.93% of all detections.

Finally, Win32/Agent placed fourth with 2.05%. The label Agent is used to mark a group of malicious applications designed to expose sensitive information once they infect the system.

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