

CYBER CRIME: A VIRTUAL THREAT TO SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT

The rapid development of computer connectivity and the role of internet in the emergence of new E- commerce markets have increasingly attracted the attention of national governments and international agencies. The convergence of computing and communications and the exponential growth of digital technology in the post – modern era have brought enormous benefits to modern society .Along with these new benefits, however, come greater risks . As never before, and at negligible cost to themselves, lone offenders can inflict loss or damage on individuals, companies and governments from the other side of the world. The new opportunities created in ‘‘cyberspace’’ have also enhanced the capacity for criminal enterprises to operate more efficiently and effectively both domestically and across borders. In the following article, the impact of cyber crime at various levels is discussed and various theoretical explanations have been put forward to understand its impact on contemporary society. At this time, the debate about how to address this growing threat is still in its infancy.

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