

# "Online Credit Card Skimmers Are Thriving During the Pandemic"

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The coronavirus outbreak has caused a surge in online shopping, and digital skimmers will take advantage of it. According to researchers at RiskIQ, web-based card-skimming attacks increased by 20% in March. Web skimming refers to the injection of malicious code into online merchant sites to steal payment card data. The performance of these attacks involves the injection of malicious scripts into checkout pages where users enter their payment card information. Researchers have highlighted that e-commerce crime often escalates during times when people are forced or enticed to do more online shopping. Before the COVID-19 crisis, researchers observed a spike in cybercrime during the holiday season, particularly around Black Friday. This article continues to discuss the increased performance of web-skimming attacks during the coronavirus pandemic and what organizations and consumers can do to avoid such attacks.

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