Phish Phinder

Tell-Tale signs of a (potentially) successful Email Phishing Scam

Hackers use Phishing Emails to obtain your:

- Usernames
- Passwords
- Credit Card #

All it takes is for you to take the bait by:

- Opening an attachment
- Clicking a malicious link
- Entering sensitive information
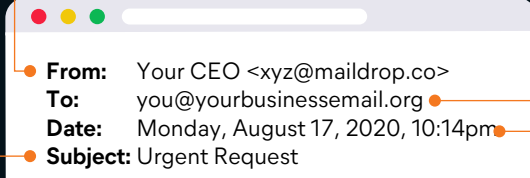
Anatomy of a Phishing Email

Look for any of the following suspicious elements when opening your next email.

header

Is the subject something relevant to my relationship with the sender?

Is the subject line requesting my immediate response or promising me a reward?

Does the name match the sender?

Have you received an email from this address before?

Is the email directed at undisclosed-recipients?

Was it sent to several addresses?

Is this a normal time/date for this sender to have emailed you?

From: Your CEO <xyz@maildrop.co>
To: you@yourbusinessemail.org
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020, 10:14pm
Subject: Urgent Request

body

Red Flags
Is the content relevant to your relationship with the sender?

Is the issue really as urgent as the sender is implying?

Hello,

Thanks for all of your good work. As the year winds down, I wanted to take this opportunity to review our upcoming changes in our company's OS. I've decded to update our tools and I need your help. You can read all about it here.

I'll need you to sned me your company phone # and any passwords associated with our company logins.

Is this the senders usual greeting?

Look out for typos.

Hover over a link before clicking.
- Does the URL look right?
- Has a letter been omitted?
- Are they using .net when it should be .com?

If the sender is asking for private information you should immediately flag it.

footer

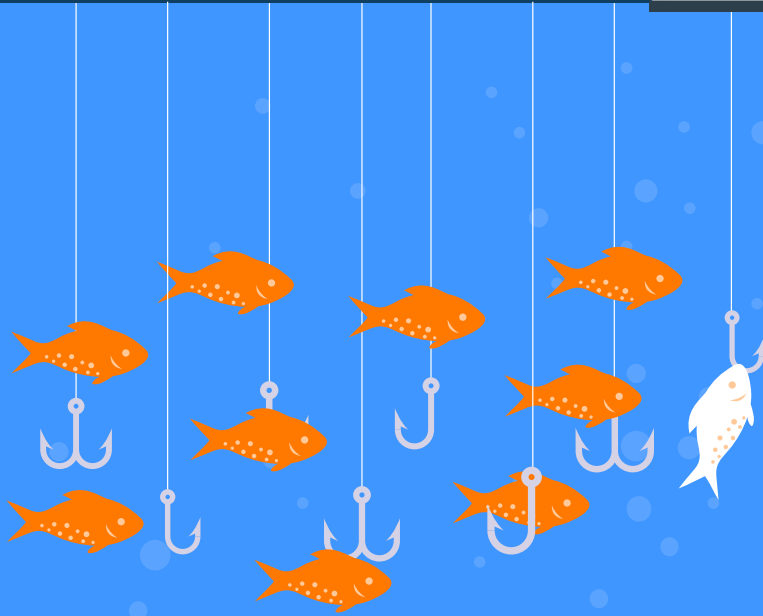Never offer your login information into a portal, especially if unsolicited.

Does the salutation match the sender?

Is this how they usually sign off?

Follow this portal to enter your login information to our new OS.

Details attached below.

YOUR CEO

Do not open unexpected attachments, especially when the file type is a .pif, .scr or .exe

Don't Take the Bait

1 in 10 Phishing Emails Succeed

Remember:
- A little scrutiny goes a long way
- Be aware of the warning signs and don't ignore them
- If it doesn't look right, it probably isn't.
- Take a closer look before taking action
- Even the most savvy can still get caught.

Keep your anti-spam or anti-virus software up to date.

Secure your network traffic to mitigate phishing risk at your company!