

## **Phishing Indicators Identified**

### **1. Suspicious Sender Address**

- Domain: securesupportcloud[.]com (not the company's actual domain)
- Legitimate IT support would typically use the company's official domain

### **2. Urgent/Threatening Language**

- "Immediate Software Update Required"
- "Failure to do so will result in being locked out of your system"
- Creates artificial pressure to act without thinking

### **3. Suspicious Link**

- The "Update Now" button likely points to a malicious URL
- No actual URL is visible, requiring hovering to reveal the true destination

### **4. Generic Greeting**

- "Dear all Contoso Corp employees" - lacks personalization
- Legitimate company communications often address employees by name

### **5. Credential Harvesting Attempt**

- Instructions to "use your company credentials to verify your identity"
- This is a classic tactic to steal login information

### **6. Download and Execute Instructions**

- "Download and run the update file" - could install malware
- Legitimate updates typically come through official channels

### **7. Grammar Inconsistency**

- "Dear all Contoso Corp employees," - awkward phrasing
- Minor but noticeable language issues