

# TRUTH IN ADVERTISING

I have been using the internet for more then a decade, much more. I mention this purely to explain that when I say I have received lots of spam, I really have. lots and lots. I have recently had a first though, I have had some truth. Every so often I check my spam folder and recently I saw this:

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**Subject:** CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**From:** "phishing" <ukrmj@9.cn>

**Date:** Tue, August 16, 2011 11:17 pm

**To:** undisclosed-recipients;

**Priority:** Normal

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This is to inform you that you have won a prize money of £750,000.00GBP and a hp laptop for the year 2011 Annual Lottery promotion, We collect the emails that are active online through electronic balloting machine without the winner applying. send your NAME,AGE,COUNTRY,OCCUPATION to Email: [msnclaimsservice@9.cn](mailto:msnclaimsservice@9.cn) for claims

This is spam. Whatever this person (more on that later) is using it allows them to set the sender to try and mask the actual sending address, which is not exactly rocket science. But the kicker for me was that they actually changed it to "phishing", so rather than having to rely on a spam filter or checks, they helpfully told me this was a phishing email, leaving whatever actions I take up to me. How nice.

So (lets look at the headers)..

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Received: from web.uabcs.mx (web.uabcs.mx [192.100.161.14])
  by smtp1.uabcs.mx (Postfix) with ESMTP id 036737ECEB;
  Tue, 16 Aug 2011 22:17:56 -0600 (MDT)
Received: from 41.206.11.23
  (SquirrelMail authenticated user yehudi)
  by web.uabcs.mx with HTTP;
  Tue, 16 Aug 2011 22:17:56 -0600
Message-ID: <16ed87c54cedee06ef00572f33c6877d.squirrel@web.uabcs.mx>
Date: Tue, 16 Aug 2011 22:17:56 -0600
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..I have to say a 'thank you' to Yehudi, who has tried to make his victims lives easier by marking his phishing emails as 'phishing'. Thanks Yehudi.