

ADVANCED PHISHING TECHNIQUES

AND HOW TO DEFEND AGAINST THEM

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PREVIOUS TRAINING WAS TOO
EASY!

ADVANCED TECHNIQUES

- Email Hijack
- Typosquatting
- IDN Homograph
- RTL technique
- Shortener and redirects
- File extension tricks
- Dangerous files
- httpS = Secure?
- The line of death
- Tabnapping

EMAIL HIJACK

If your friend got hacked

WOW [Inbox](#) | x

☆ **Devon** [show details](#) Sep 20 [Reply](#) ▾

<http://rapidshare.com/files/282512175/install.exe>

Probably a Virus

◀ Reply [Reply to all](#) ▶ Forward

☆ **Evan Wondrasek** to Devon [show details](#) Sep 20 [Reply](#) ▾

Hi Devon,

I wanted to verify that you intended to send this email, as it looks like a potential virus. If you did not intend to send this email, I recommend sending out a notification email to its recipients immediately.

Thanks,

Evan

attacker doesn't even need to spoof anything

TYPOSQUATTING

Please visit rnicrosoft.com for more details

TYPOSQUATTING

Sorry, I meant [mircosoft.com](#)

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TYPOSQUATTING

Damn! I meant micrpsoft.com



HOMOGRAPHHS

Wikipedia != Wikipedia

HOMOGRAPHHS

Let's put them next to one another

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HOW CAN I SERIOUSLY SPOT THAT?!

- Thankfully browsers got your back
 - Link are displayed in **punycode**
 - This makes a text like this : <http://www.paypal.com>
 - Look like this: <http://www.xn--pypal-4ve.com/>

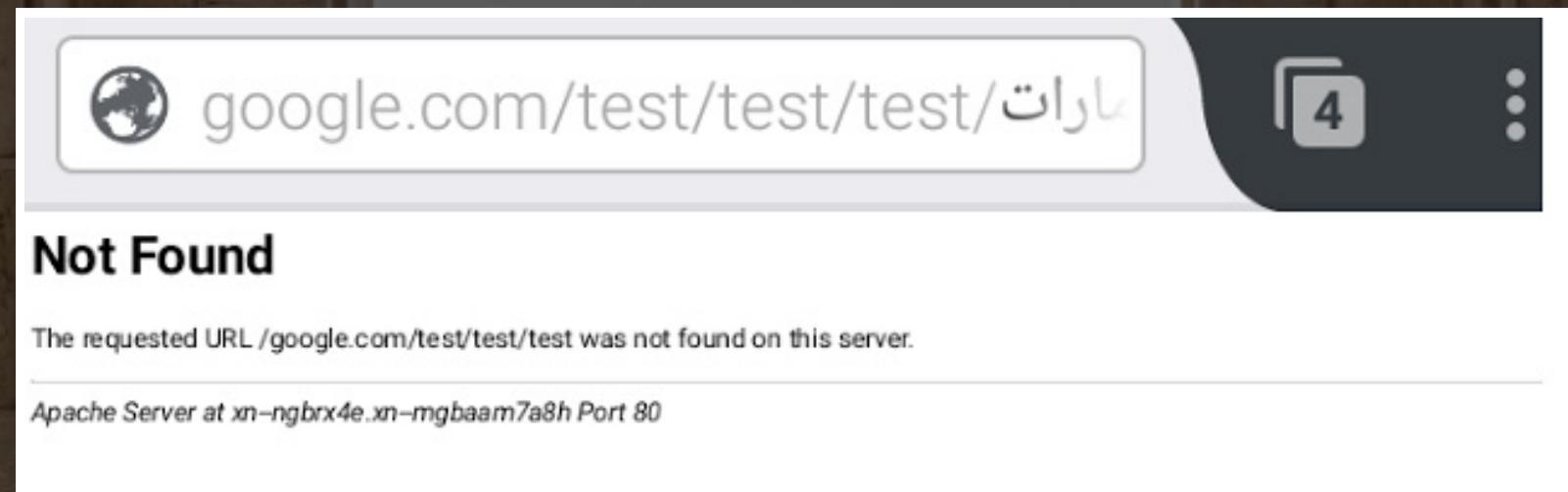


URL BAR RTL ATTACK

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esuaceB*

RTL TECHNIQUES

The link <http://امارات.عربى.google.com/test/test/test> was displayed like this



It's patched...**for now.**



REDIRECTIONS

The background image shows a paved road curving through a desert environment with large, layered rock formations. A yellow diamond-shaped road sign with a black winding arrow symbol is positioned on the right side of the road, indicating a sharp curve ahead. Below it is a smaller rectangular sign with the number "15 MPH".

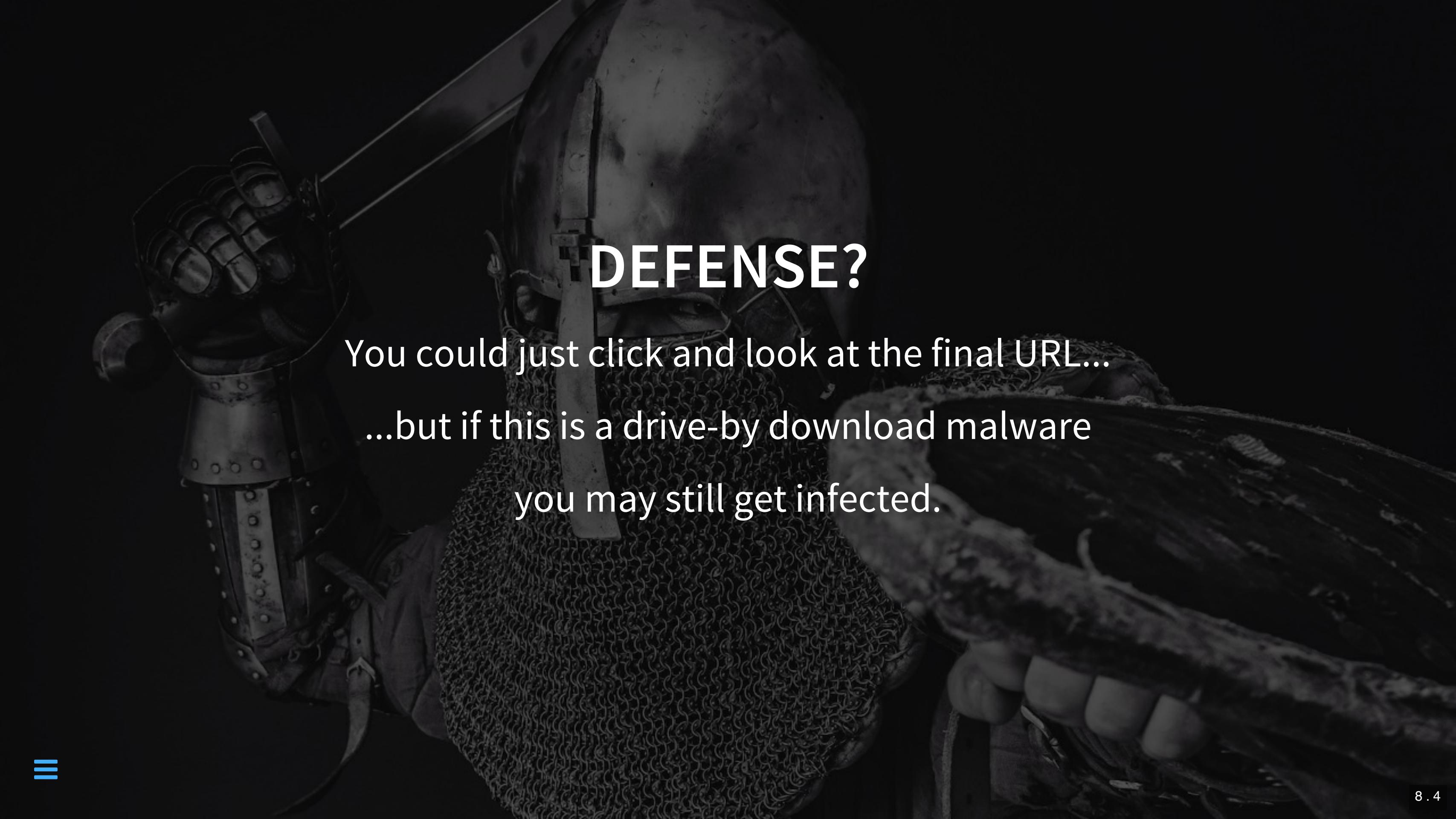
SHORTENER

Because <http://tiny.cc/recover-gmail-password> looks safe, right?

OPEN REDIRECTS

What about this one?

<http://www.ebay.com/totally/legit/long/url/redirect.php?url=http://malicious.example.com>

A black and white photograph of a knight in full armor, including a helmet, gauntlets, and chainmail. The knight is holding a long-sword with both hands, the hilt pointing down and the blade pointing upwards. The background is dark and out of focus.

DEFENSE?

You could just click and look at the final URL...
...but if this is a drive-by download malware
you may still get infected.

You can also use "link expander" services such as
<http://www.linkexpander.com/>

Top Link Expander & Decrypter ! UnshortenUrls in no time !

Enter any url below and our link unshortener will uncover the original site it is pointing to

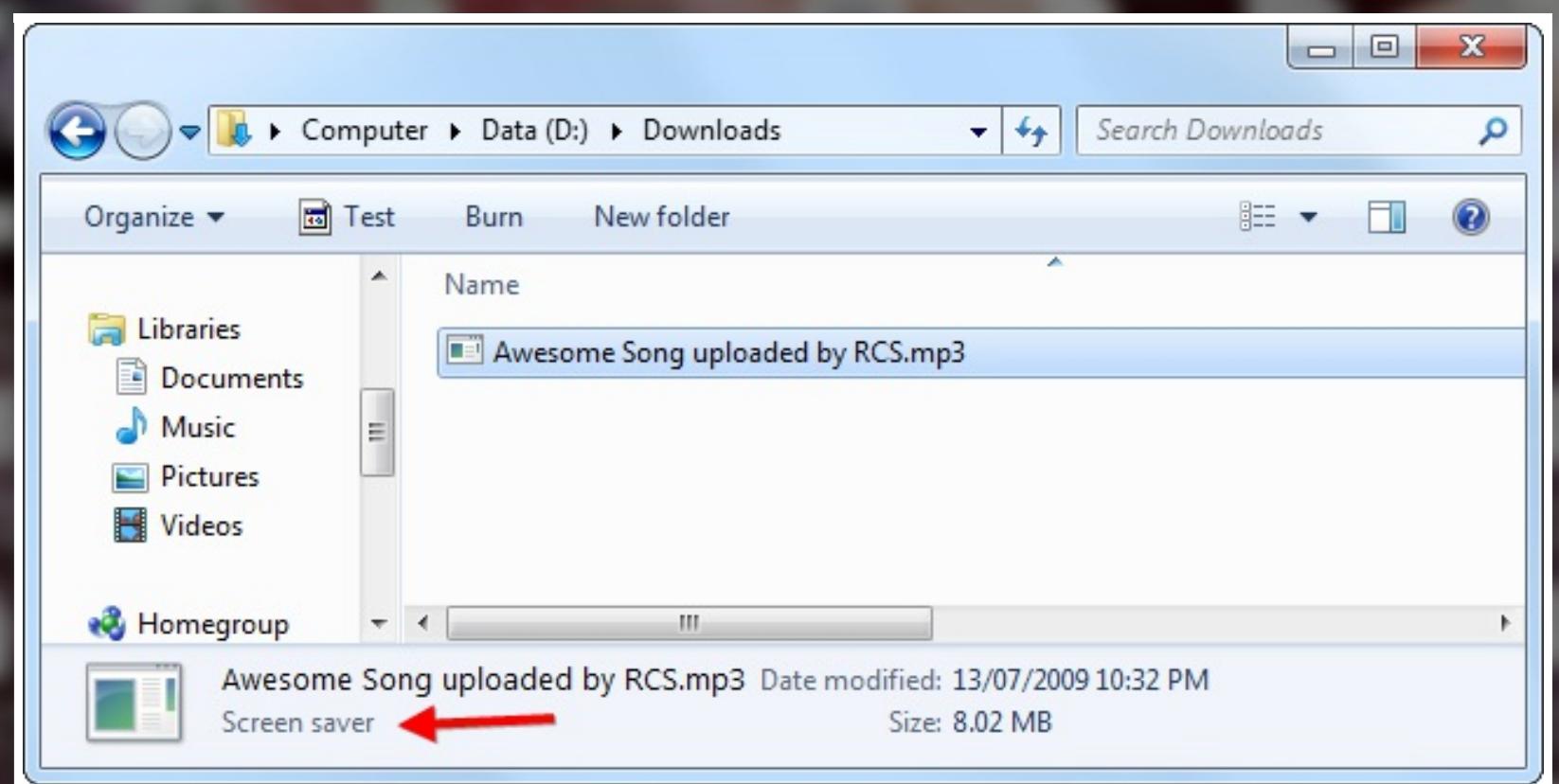
Expand

Uncovered URL is:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHg5SJYRHA0>

Title	Description	Keywords	Trust Level	Screenshot
RickRoll'D - YouTube	http://www.facebook.com/rickroll548 As long as trolls are still trolling, the Rick will never stop rolling.	Cotter548, Shawn, Cotter, lol, gamefaqs, CE, reddit, rettocs, no, brb, afk, lawl, pwnt, Rickroll, Rickroll'd, Rick, Roll, Duckroll, Duck, rick, roll, astley,...	Grey	

FILE EXTENSIONS

Double click to open nude-pics.jpg.exe



A close-up photograph of a bright green snake with blue spots, coiled around a brown branch. The snake's body is vibrant green with distinct blue markings, and its eyes are clearly visible. The background is dark, making the snake stand out.

DANGEROUS FILES

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*If it does not end with .exe, I can open it
safely, right?*



DANGEROUS FILES

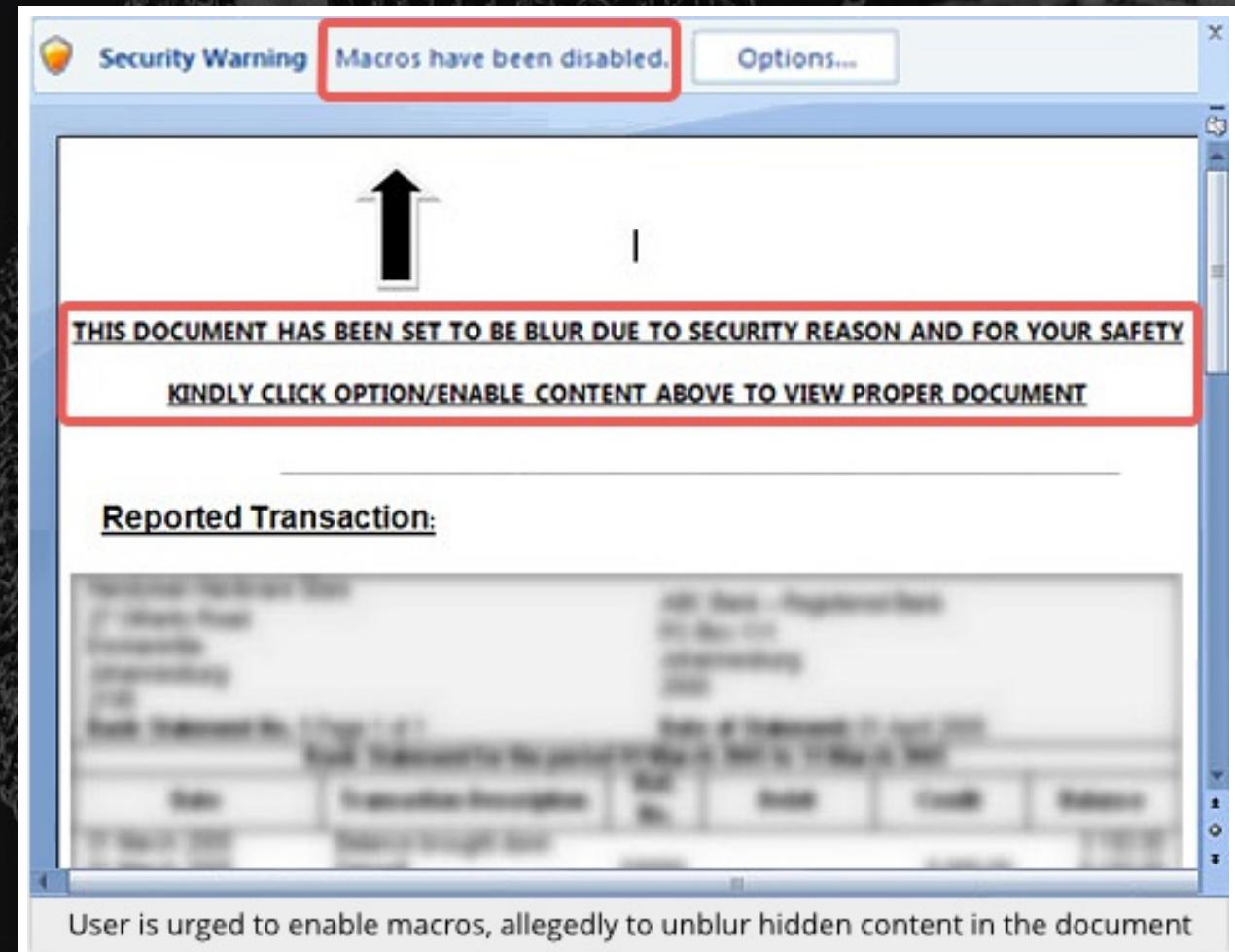
- It's a bit more complicated
- There is more than 50 dangerous extensions
 - .pif, .msi, .com, .scr, .msc, .jar, .bat, .cmd, .vb, .js, .ps1, .msh, .lnk, .inf, .reg
 - But also .svg, .doc, .xls, .ppt...

DEFENSE?

- Prefer the white list approach over the black list
 - Only open files which you know are "safe" (jpg, png, txt, pdf...)
- Need to open dangerous document?
 - Be extra cautious with verifying the sender identity and trustworthiness

DEFENSE?

- What about Office documents? Don't activate macros, whatever the document might say
 - Crooks will entice you to do so with fake motives



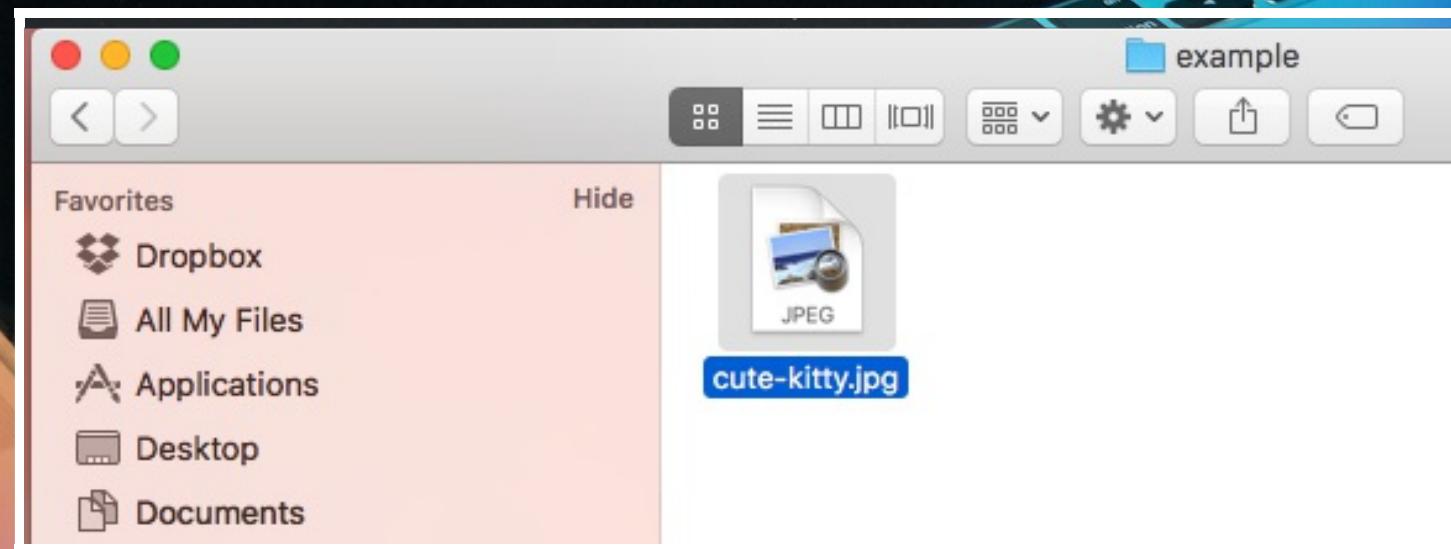


EVERYTHING IS SAFER ON MAC



You can then safely open "cute-kitty.jpg "

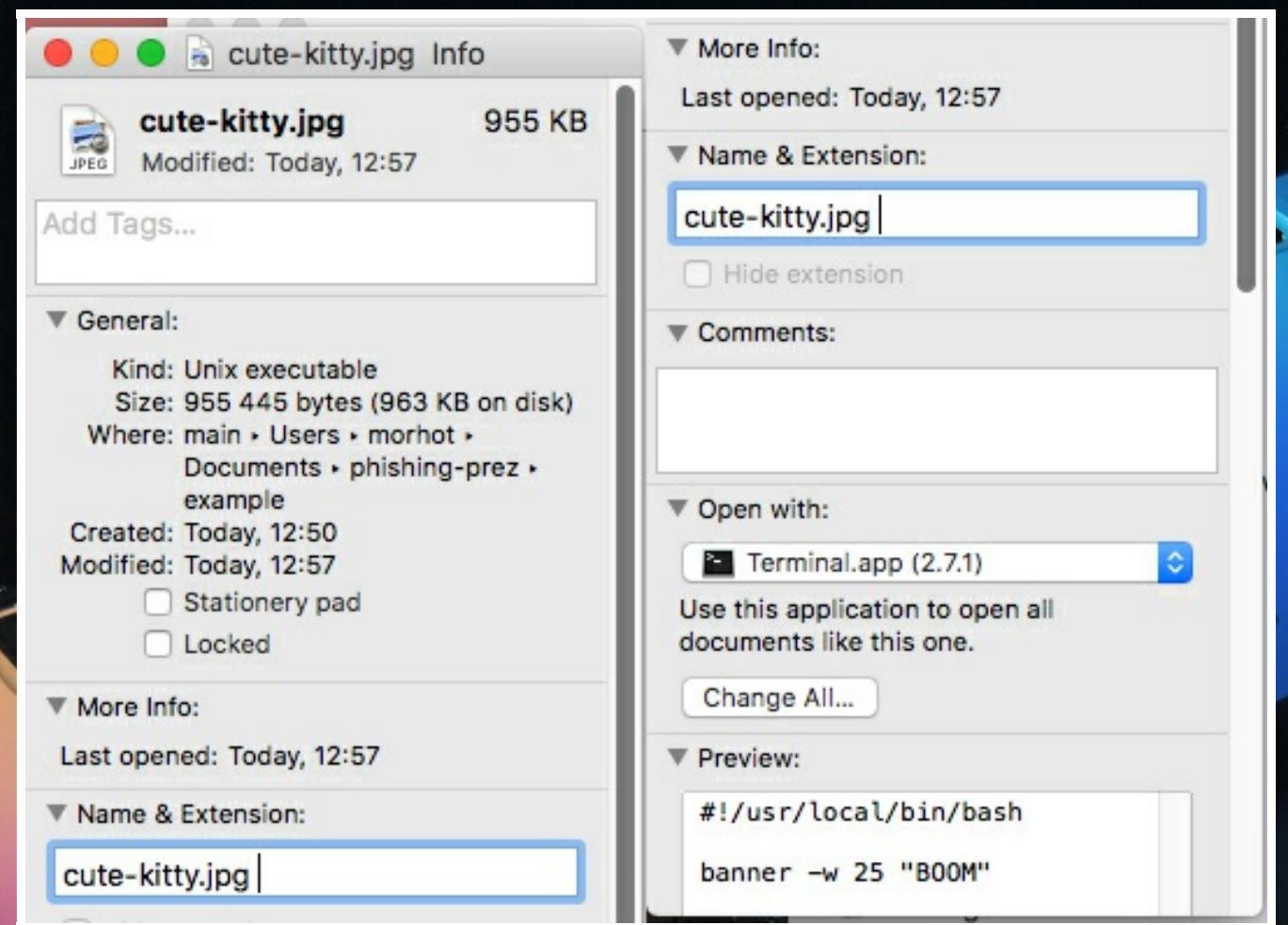
...right?



...oops

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".jpg<space>", not ".jpg"



Unknown? Executable ? Let's open it with Terminal!

A black and white photograph of a knight in full armor, including a helmet, gauntlets, and chainmail. The knight is holding a long-sword with both hands, the hilt visible in the foreground. The background is dark and out of focus.

DEFENSE?

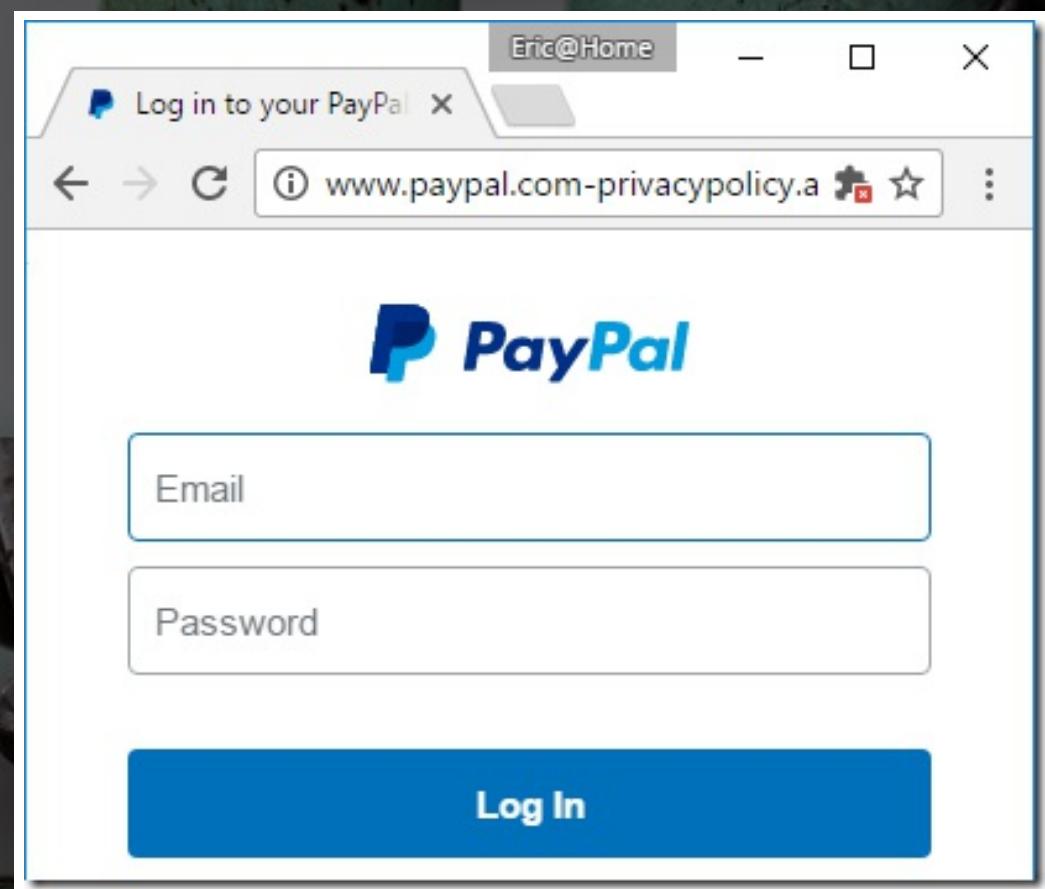
- Right-click > Properties on Windows
 - Also configure it to always show known extensions
- Cmd+I or Right-click > Get Info on Mac
 - Preview function can help a lot too

THE "GREEN PADLOCK"

*There is the green padlock, I'm safe then,
right?*

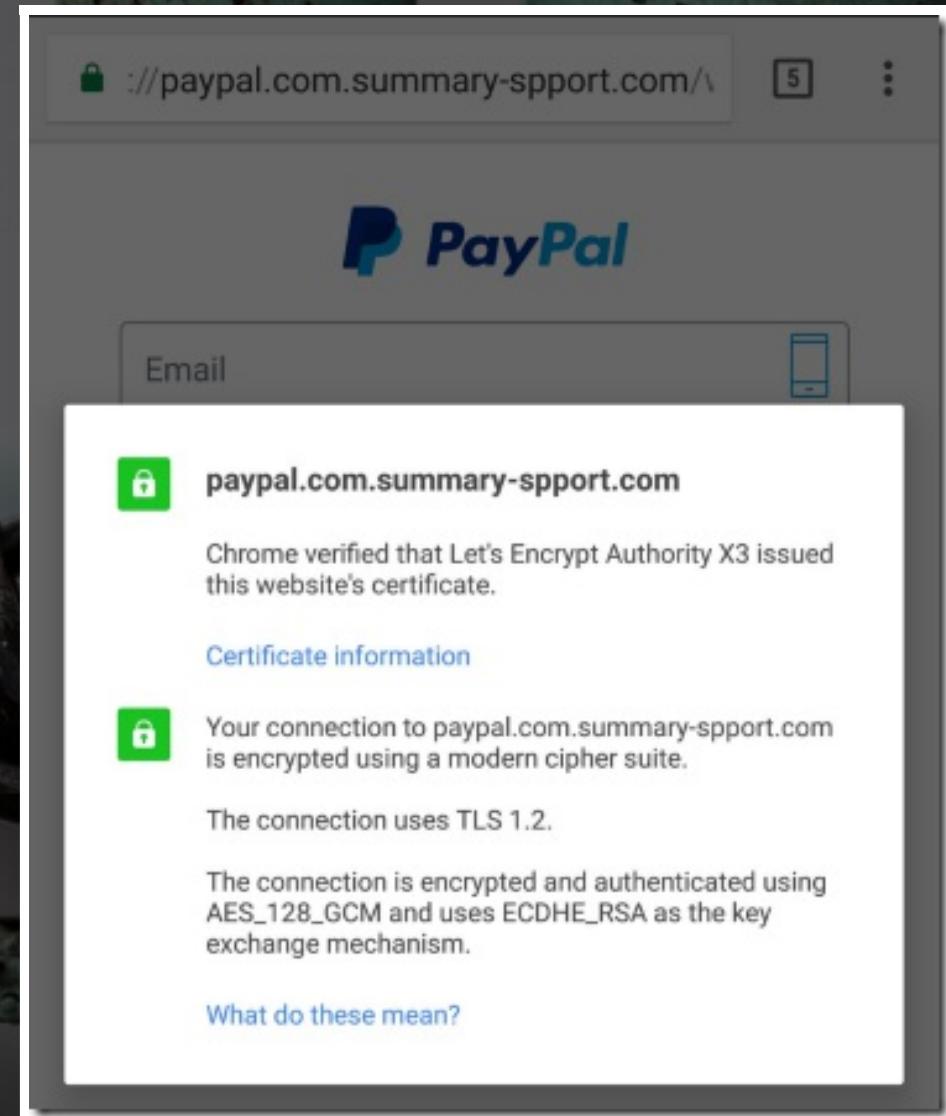
THE GREEN PADLOCK

What do you think of this website?



THE GREEN PADLOCK

...woops

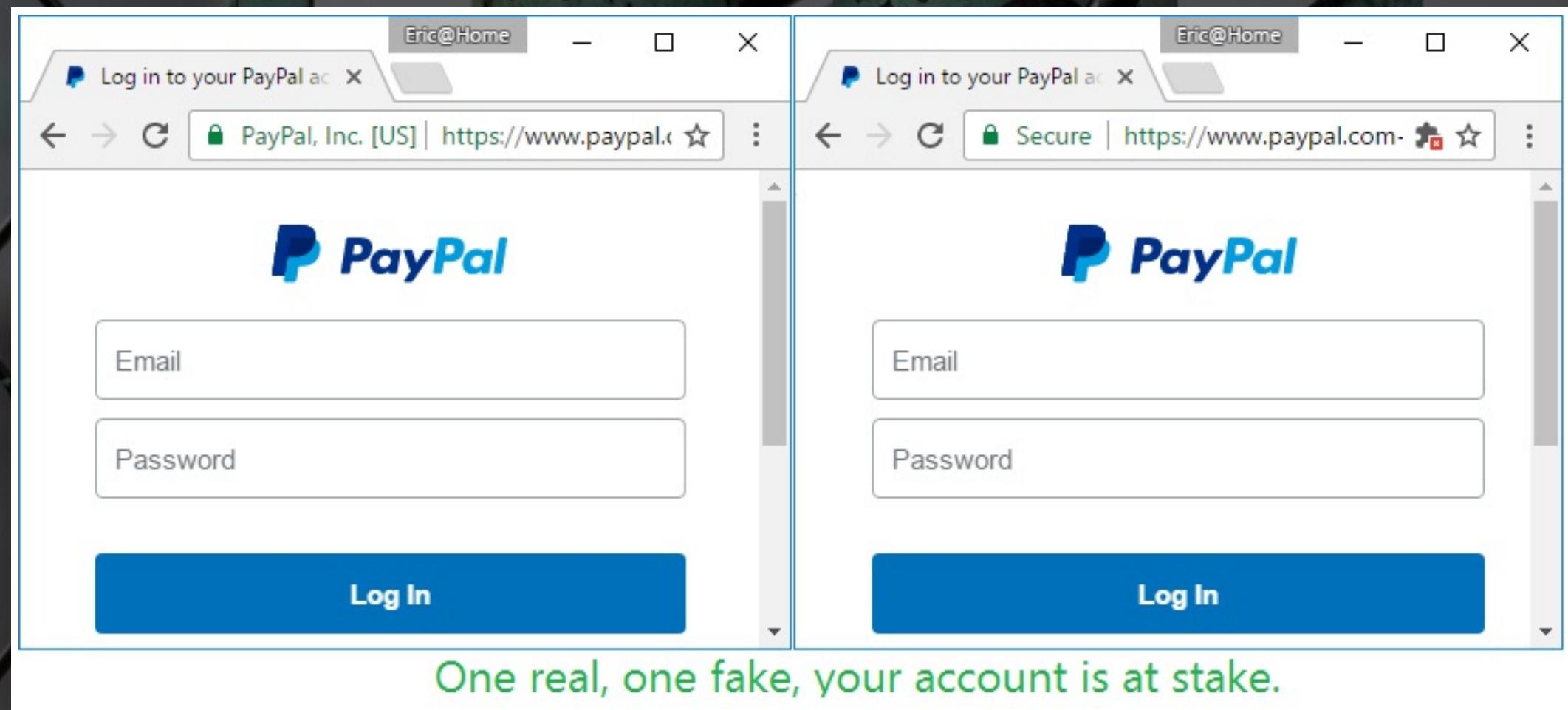


HTTPS TRUE MEANING

- The green padlock only means one thing
 - The communication between your computer and the website is encrypted...
 - ...and the certificate used for the encryption have been proved to be legit...
 - ...for *THIS* domain
- That's all.

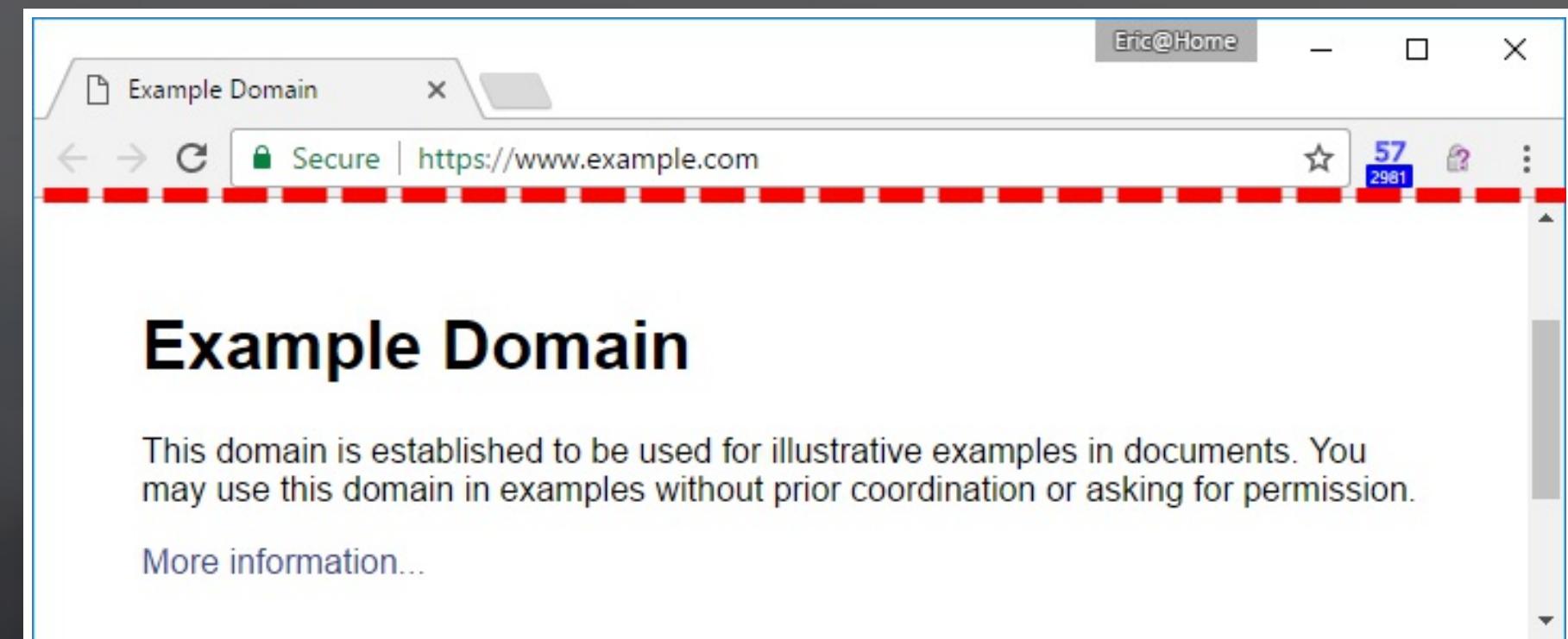
HTTPS IS EVERYWHERE

- Getting a recognized certificated used to be long and costly
 - Now, it's free and takes less than 5 minutes
 - Phishing website use HTTPS to look trustworthy



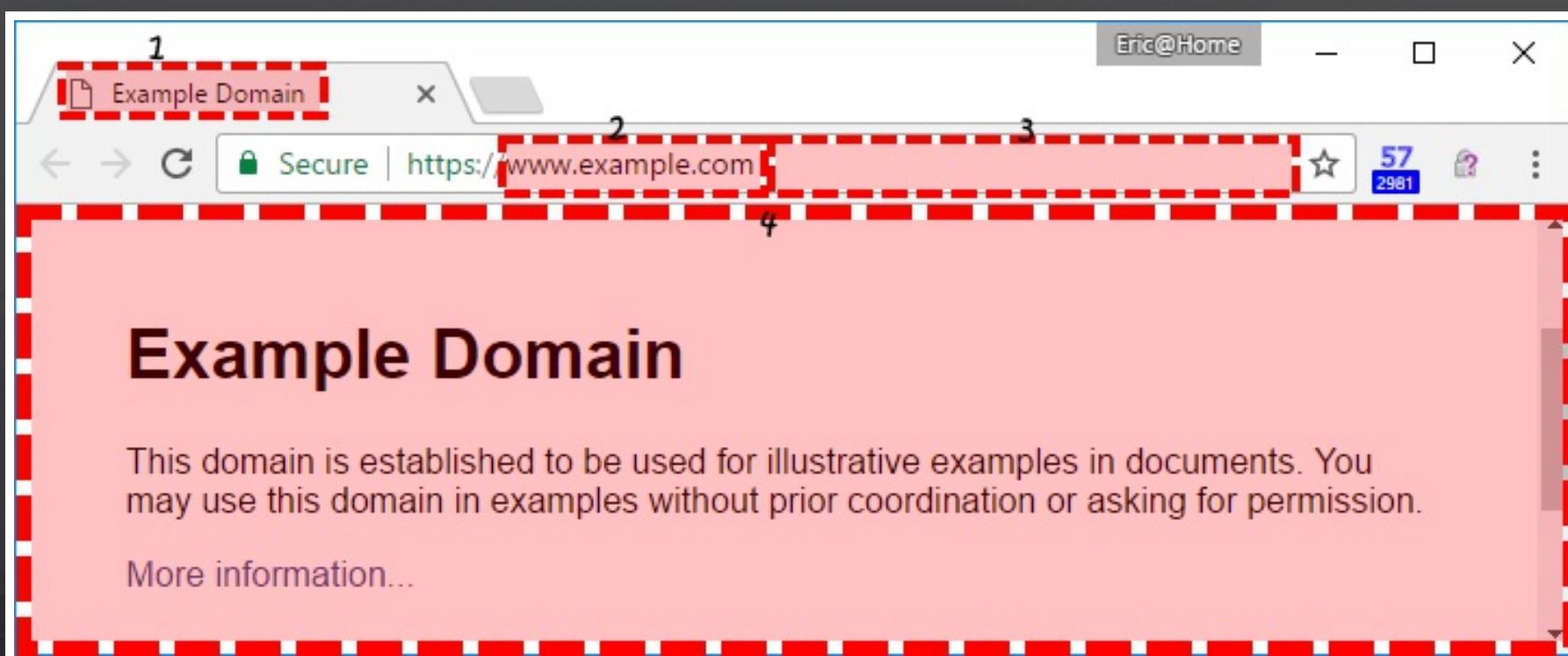
THE LINE OF DEATH

Beyond this line, you can't trust anything



THE LINE OF DEATH

Even above this line, trustworthiness is...relative

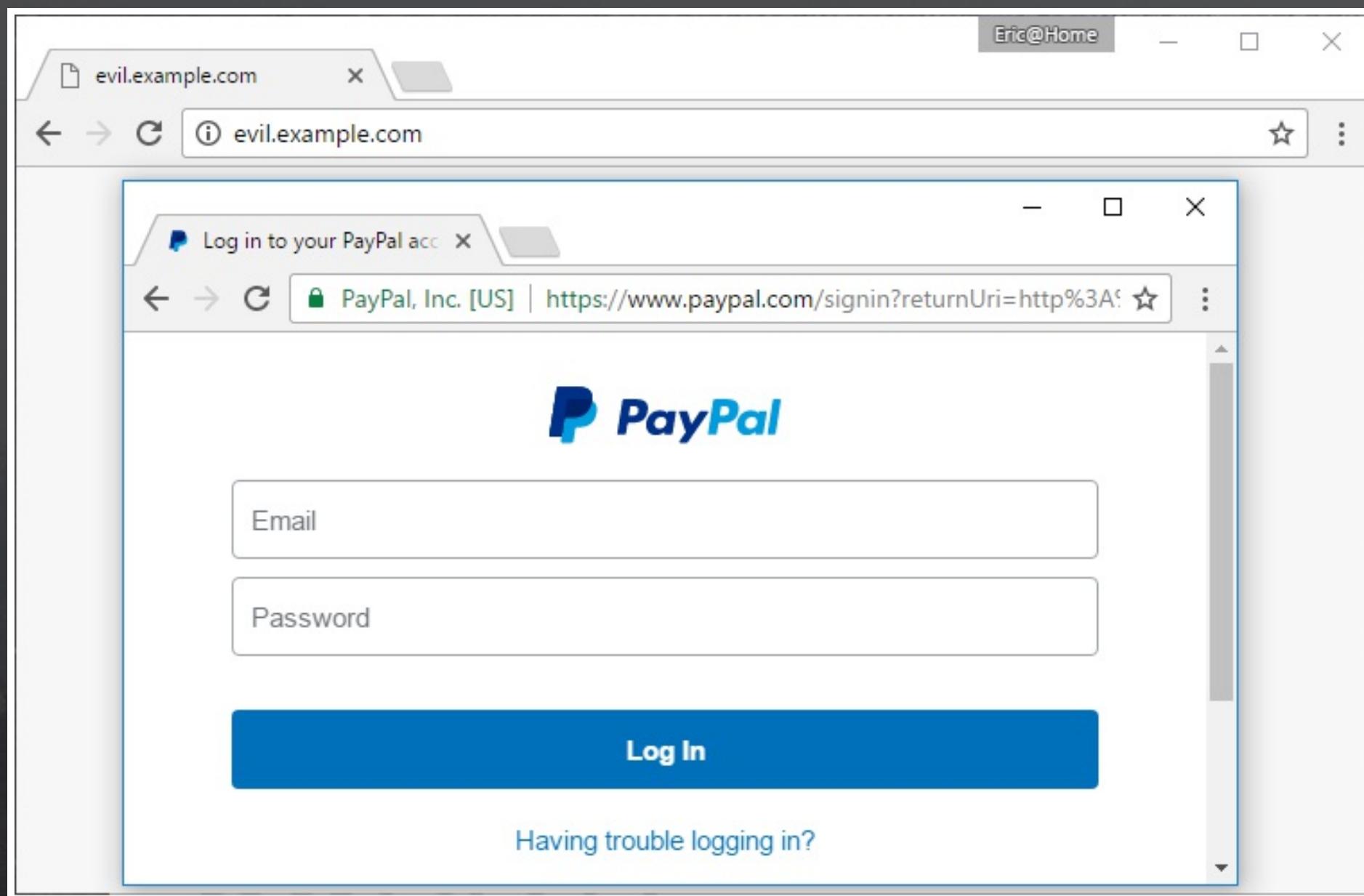


Example Domain

This domain is established to be used for illustrative examples in documents. You may use this domain in examples without prior coordination or asking for permission.

[More information...](#)

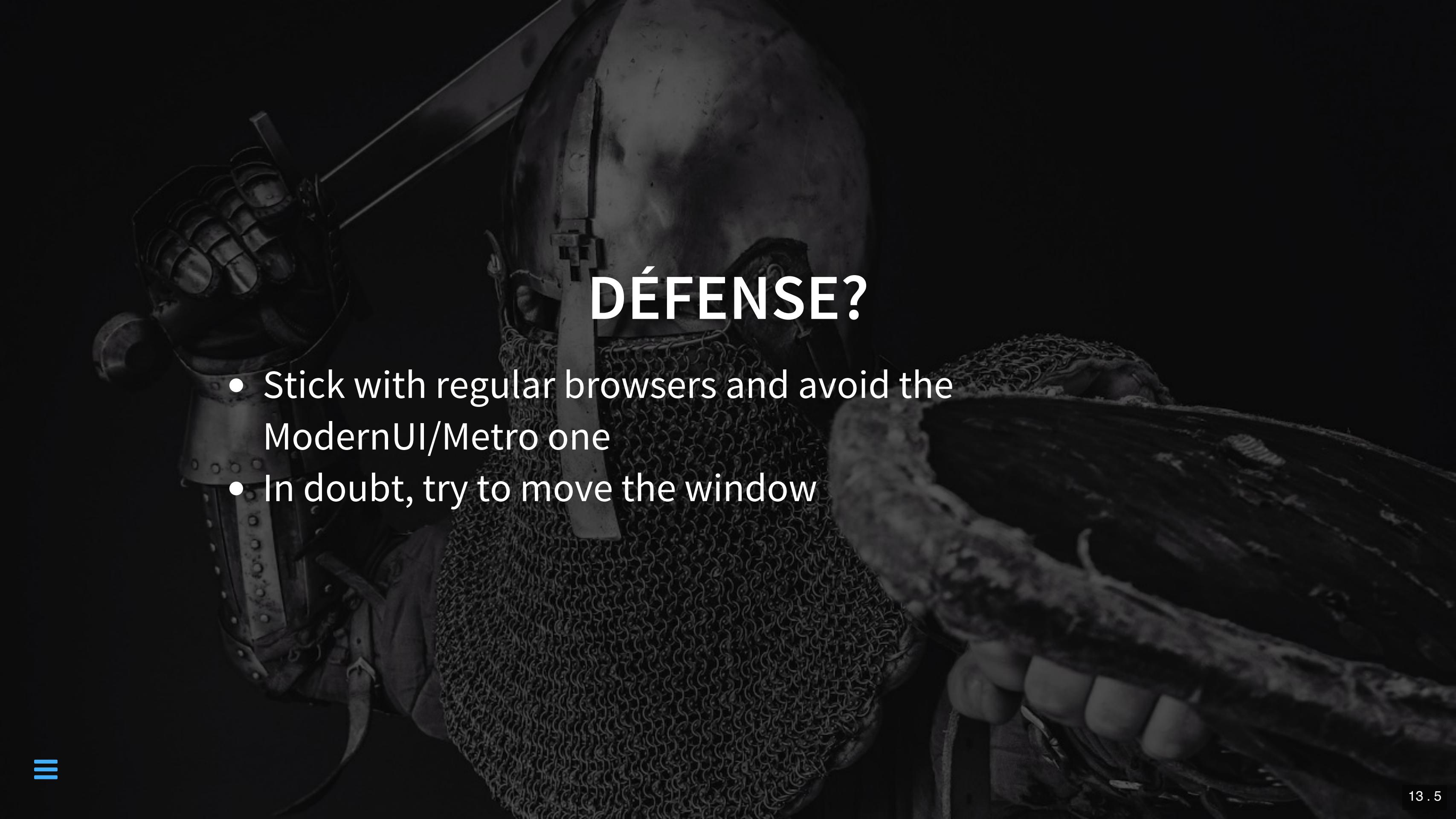
What do you think of this website?



METRO/MODERNUI

...It's even worse...



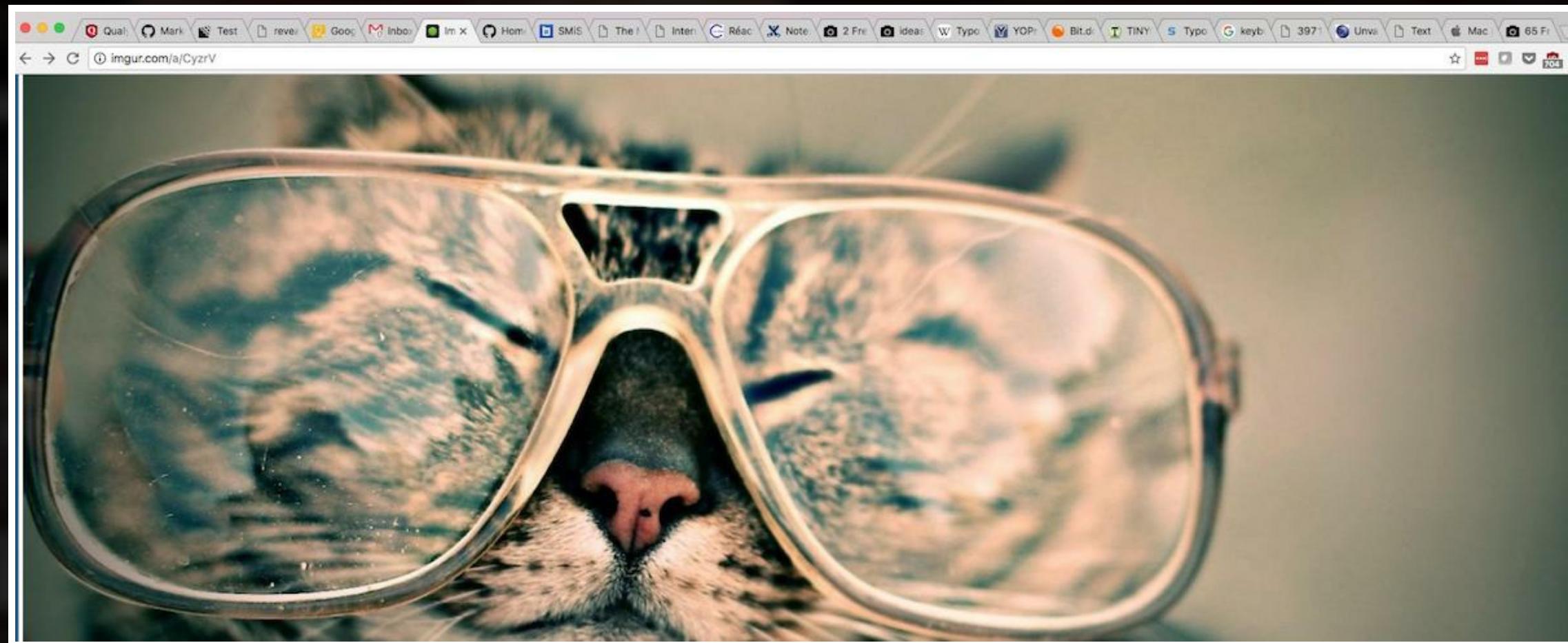
A black and white photograph of a knight in full armor. He is wearing a helmet with a plume, chainmail, and leather straps. He is holding a long-sword with both hands, the hilt visible on his left and the blade extending towards the top left. The background is dark and out of focus.

DÉFENSE?

- Stick with regular browsers and avoid the ModernUI/Metro one
- In doubt, try to move the window

TABNAPPING

If your browser often looks like mine, you're in trouble



DEMO TIME!

Backup video on youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/97kduHI2OGk>



DEMO VIDEO

HOW CAN I DEFEND AGAINST SUCH MADNESS?

- Look at the URL before logging in
- Password managers help a lot
 - They won't autocomplete if it's not the right website



OK, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY



ANY QUESTIONS?