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Definition:

A technique for attempting to acquire sensitive data, such as bank account numbers, through a fraudulent solicitation in email or on a web site, in which the perpetrator masquerades as a legitimate business or reputable person.



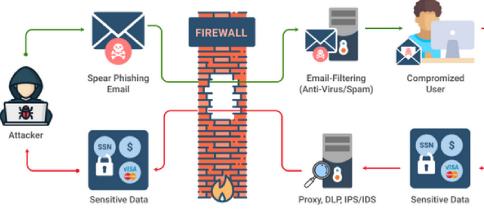




Types of Phishing:

- Spear phishing.
- Whaling.
- Smishing.
- CEO fraud.
- BEC.
- Vishing.
- Pretexting.
- Angler phishing.





Purpose

- Data—The type of data that cybercriminals are most often interested in are usernames and passwords, identity information.
- Money—If the intent of the phishing attack is to steal money, the cybercriminals may send a fake invoice, try to convince the victim to wire money.

How does it work?

Phishing works sending by messages that look like they are from a legitimate company or website. The message will usually contain a link that takes the user to a fake website that looks like the real thing. The user is then asked to enter personal information, such as their credit card number.

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