

I am going with project 1-4: [Are You a Victim?]. Originally I was going to do Project 1-2: [Configure Microsoft Windows Sandbox] as I have experience with virtualization and plan to eventually create a Kali Linux virtual machine. However, I lack the space to create a virtual machine on this laptop as it has under a gigabyte of storage and Windows Sandbox requires at least 1.

When I entered my personal email account into haveibeenpwned, I expected to see no leaks as I have checked previously (back in 2023). But to my surprise, I have had my first ever data breach (It's a boy!). In 2024, Hot Topic of all things had a data breach of 57 million email accounts and I happened to be among them.

The breach exposed a number of things including: date of birth, email address, genders, names, and even partial credit card data among other things. But fortunately, passwords were not among the things leaked.

As I mentioned prior, I was surprised to see that I had my email leaked because I had received no word that it had happened. Honestly, I'm surprised that it took this long for my email to be leaked; every time you put your email out there, you increase your risk of a breach affecting you. I should probably change my email password just in case, but I simply haven't gotten around to it.