

1. Sender email address :

From: Microsoft account team , <no-reply@access-accsecurity.com>

By examining this address, it cannot be considered legitimate because instead of using an official Microsoft domain after the @ symbol (such as @microsoft.com or @account.microsoft.com), it uses access-accsecurity.com, which is not a Microsoft-owned domain.

This indicates it is likely a phishing attempt.

2. Discrepancy :

The email claims to be from Microsoft, but the sending server is not from Microsoft.

Return path: bounce@thculturaldes.co.uk

When I attempted to look up this domain using WHOIS, it showed that the domain name is not registered, which is a major red flag.

Header Analysis Results (via mxtoolbox.com):

Delivery Information



DMARC = Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting, and Conformance: It's a rule set published by a domain owner telling email providers how to handle messages that fail SPF or DKIM.

SPF = Sender Policy Framework: SPF alignment means the domain in the SPF check matches the From address domain.

DKIM = Domain Keys Identified Mail: DKIM alignment means the signing domain in the DKIM signature matches the From address domain.

3. Email Type

The email contains urgent language ("A user from Russia/Moscow just logged into your account...") intended to create fear and push the recipient into acting quickly.

This is a common phishing tactic.

4. Mismatched url :

By hovering over the links in the email (without clicking), the visible link text appears to reference Microsoft's website, but the actual hyperlink directs to a different, suspicious domain unrelated to Microsoft. This is a classic phishing indicator.

