Phishing Email Analysis Report

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1. Executive Summary

examined a suspicious email that was obtained via the company email gateway in great detail. Header inspection, URL reputation analysis, and threat intelligence collecting were among the multi-layered analytic methods applied to the email once it was isolated in a sandboxed virtual environment. The email is determined to be a phishing effort based on the findings, which are intended to trick people into clicking on a dangerous link..

2. Email Metadata Analysis

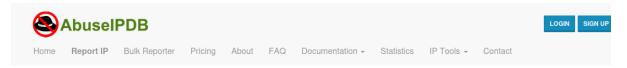
2.1 Sender Information

• **Return-Path**: post@abssmartkraft.no

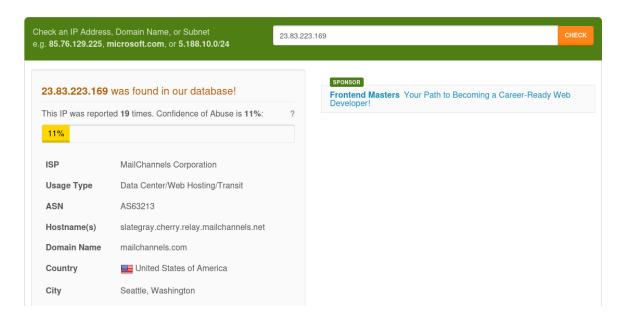
• Sending Server: LV8P223MB1060.NAMP223.PROD.OUTLOOK.COM (::1)

• Sender IP Address: 23.83.223.169

• IP Reputation Check (AbuseIPDB): No existing reports were found for this IP address in the AbuseIPDB database. However, the lack of reports does not indicate safety, especially given the suspicious context.



AbuseIPDB » 23.83.223.169



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21 ARC-Authentication-Results: i=2; mx.microsoft.com 1; spf=pass (sender ip is
22 23.83.223.169) smtp.rcpttodomain=hotmail.com smtp.mailfrom=abssmartkraft.no;
23 dmarc=bestguesspass action=none header.from=abssmartkraft.no; dkim=fail
24 (signature did not verify) header.d=abssmartkraft.no; arc=fail (47)
25 Received: from DB3PR08CA0033.eurprd08.prod.outlook.com (2603:10a6:8::46) by
26 PAWPR02MB10323.eurprd02.prod.outlook.com (2603:10a6:102:366::12) with
27 Microsoft SMTP Server (version=TLS1_2,
28 cipher=TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384) id 15.20.7784.16; Mon, 22 Jul
29 2024 09:50:35 +0000
30 Received: from DB1PEPF000509E8.eurprd03.prod.outlook.com
31 (2603:10a6:8:0:cafe::16) by DB3PR08CA0033.outlook.office365.com
32 (2603:10a6:8::46) with Microsoft SMTP Server (version=TLS1_2,
33 cipher=TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384) id 15.20.7784.18 via Frontend
34 Transport; Mon, 22 Jul 2024 09:50:35 +0000
35 Authentication-Results: spf=pass (sender IP is 23.83.223.169)
36 smtp.mailfrom=abssmartkraft.no; dkim=fail (signature did not verify)
37 header.d=abssmartkraft.no;dmarc=bestguesspass action=none
38 header.from=abssmartkraft.no;compauth=pass reason=109
39 Received-SPF: Pass (protection.outlook.com: domain of abssmartkraft.no
40 designates 23.83.223.169 as permitted sender)
41 receiver=protection.outlook.com; client-ip=23.83.223.169;
42 helo=slategray.cherry.relay.mailchannels.net; pr=C
43 Received: from slategray.cherry.relay.mailchannels.net (23.83.223.169) by
44 DB1PEPF000509E8.mail.protection.outlook.com (10.167.242.58) with Microsoft
45 SMTP Server (version=TLS1_3, cipher=TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384) id 15.20.7784.11
46 via Frontend Transport; Mon, 22 Jul 2024 09:50:33 +0000
47 X-IncomingTopHeaderMarker:
48 OriginalChecksum:B9AB2540D2A68DDF49549CB12BC0328B1135D06F21FF9E61FD689AF8E2FD0FA6;UpperCased
49 X-Sender-Id: domene|x-authuser|post@abssmartkraft.no
50 Received: from relay.mailchannels.net (localhost [127.0.0.1])
          by relay.mailchannels.net (Postfix) with ESMTP id 22BDE6C3D25;
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          Mon, 22 Jul 2024 09:50:32 +0000 (UTC)
53 Received: from sol.domene.no (unknown [127.0.0.6])
          (Authenticated sender: domene)
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          by relay.mailchannels.net (Postfix) with ESMTPA id 77A556C4481;
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2.2 Email Authentication Results

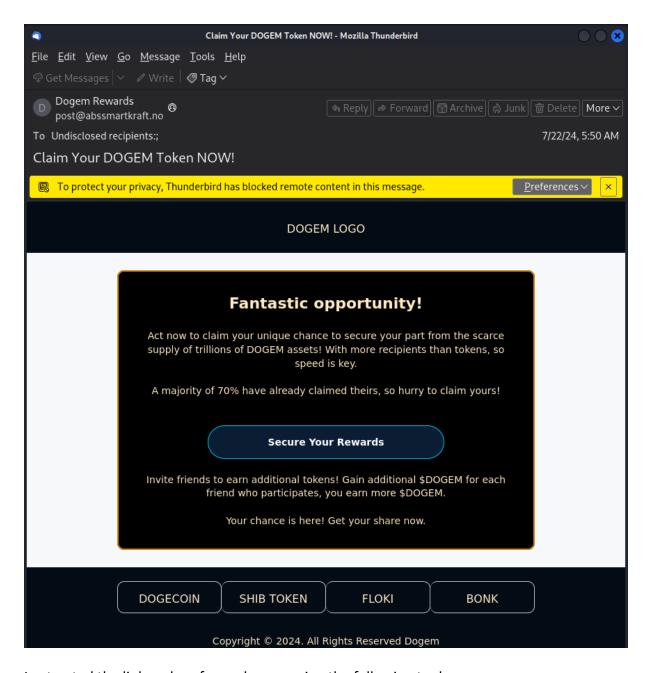
- SPF (Sender Policy Framework): PASS
 - The SPF record validated successfully, suggesting that the sending server is authorized to send mail on behalf of the domain. However, SPF alone is not a reliable indicator of legitimacy.
- DKIM (DomainKeys Identified Mail): NONE
 - No DKIM signature was present, indicating the email was not cryptographically signed. This reduces the credibility and makes the email susceptible to spoofing.
- DMARC (Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting, and Conformance): NONE

 $_{\odot}$ $\,$ The domain lacks a DMARC policy, increasing the likelihood of unauthorized use and spoofing.

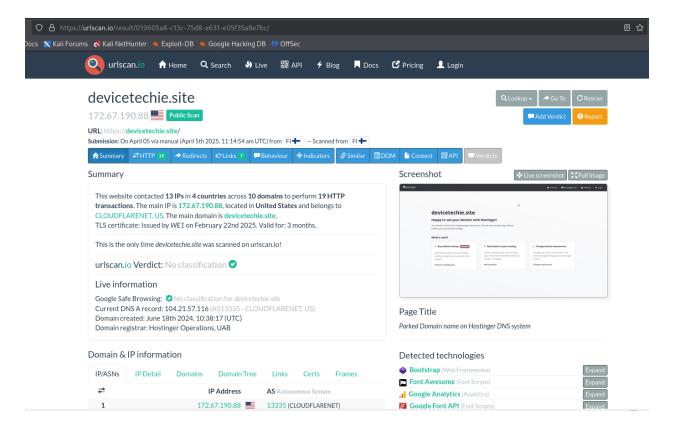
3. Embedded URL Analysis

3.1 Suspicious Link

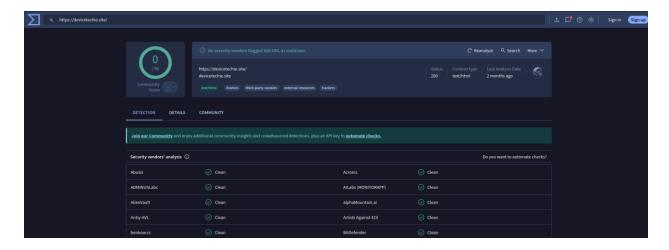
• URL Found in Email: https://devicetechie.site



- I extracted the link and performed scans using the following tools:
 - URLScan.io



VirusTotal



Bluecoat SiteReview

WebPulse Site Review Request

Check another URL

URL submitted:

https://devicetechie.site:443/

This URL has not yet been rated

Since this URL has not yet been rated, please fill out the form below so we can add it to our database.

3.2 Threat Intelligence on Domain

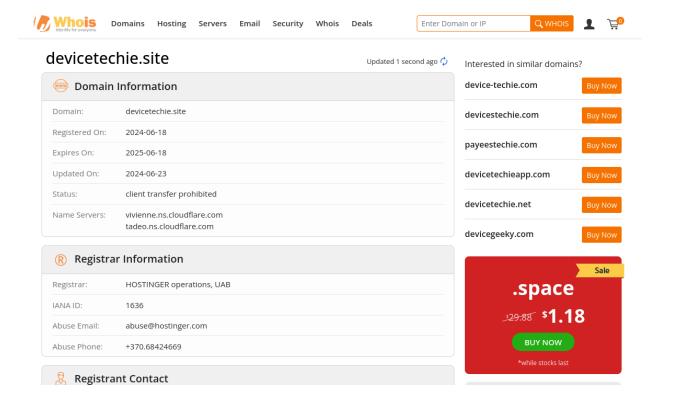
• **Domain**: devicetechie.site

A WHOIS lookup revealed

Registrar: HOSTINGER operations, UAB

Registered On:2024-06-18

The domain appears to be newly registered and lacks a solid reputation, which is consistent with common phishing infrastructure.



4. Threat Intelligence Analysis

4.1 IP Address Reputation

- IP Address: 23.83.223.169
- The IP address did not return any reports on AbuseIPDB. However, attackers often rotate IPs and domains, so absence of prior activity does not imply trustworthiness.

4.2 Indicators of Compromise (IoCs)

- Email Header Anomalies: Missing DKIM/DMARC, mismatched Return-Path and sending server
- Malicious URL: The URL embedded in the email links to a suspicious domain.
- **Unusual Return-Path Domain**: post@abssmartkraft.no is a non-standard and suspicious domain name.

5. Conclusion & Recommendations

5.1 Conclusion

Based on comprehensive email header inspection, authentication failures, and third-party threat intelligence scans, I assess this email to be a **confirmed phishing attempt**. The email was crafted to trick recipients into clicking a potentially malicious link hosted at devicetechie.site The domain and IP involved exhibit red flags consistent with phishing infrastructure.

5.2 Recommendations

- 1. **Immediate Quarantine**: Ensure the email is removed from all user inboxes.
- 2. **Block Indicators**: Add devicetechie.site and 23.83.223.169 to all perimeter security blocklists (firewall, proxy, email gateway).
- 3. Report to Authorities:
 - o Report the phishing attempt to Microsoft via the Security & Compliance Center.
 - o Submit indicators to APWG and Google Safe Browsing.

- 4. **Security Awareness Campaign**: Notify users about this phishing attempt and reinforce phishing awareness training.
- 5. **Enhance Email Filtering**: Strengthen email gateway rules to enforce strict DMARC/DKIM/SPF policies.
- 6. **Threat Hunting**: Initiate monitoring of internal logs and endpoints for any interaction with the flagged domain/IP.

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