



What is Phishing?

Phishing is a type of cyberattack in which attackers trick individuals into revealing sensitive information like passwords, credit card numbers, or login credentials by pretending to be a legitimate entity.

© Objective:

To help users identify, avoid, and report phishing threats effectively.



TYPES OF PHISHING ATTACKS

™ Email Phishing

The most common type. Attackers send fake emails that look real.

© Spear Phishing

Highly targeted attacks using personal information.

☐ Smishing

Phishing attempts sent via SMS/text messages.



Red Flags to Watch For:

- Unfamiliar or spoofed sender address
- Urgent or threatening language
- Spelling or grammar mistakes
- Suspicious links (hover to preview before clicking)
- Requests for sensitive data like passwords or PINs

Tip: Always verify before responding.



Tricks Used by Attackers:

- Urgency: "Reset your password now!"
- Authority: "Message from your bank or CEO"
- Fear: "Your account is compromised"
- Curiosity: "Check your surprise reward!"

Phishing succeeds by playing on emotions — pause before you react.

Social Engineering Tactics

Best Practices to Avoid Phishing

How to Stay Safe

- Don't click links from unknown sources
- Use multi-factor authentication (MFA)
- Report suspicious emails to your IT/security team
- Keep antivirus software and browsers updated
- Regularly check email headers and domain names

Prevention is your best defense



Mini Quiz

Question:

Which of these is a sign of a phishing email?

A. Comes from a known domain

B. Asks for urgent action

C. Contains only images

D. Comes with a privacy policy

Click Here for more of the mini-quiz questions

Conclusion

Final Thoughts

Phishing is one of the most common and dangerous cyber threats, but with awareness, you can avoid it.

- Stay alert
- Stay informed
- Stay secure

GitHub Link

Thank you!

