

PRACTICAL NO-8

Identify one real phishing email

Aim: Identify one real phishing email : A final-year student, Aman, receives a LinkedIn message saying:

“You are shortlisted for a Remote Software Developer role at Google.

Salary: ₹18 LPA.

Pay ₹2,499 as verification fee.

Limited seats. Pay now to confirm.”

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS :-

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- b) List 3 red flags that show it is a scam?
- c) What should he do to verify if a job offer is real?

Solution:

- a) What type of cybercrime is happening here?

Ans: This is a **phishing scam** and **job fraud** where the scammer is trying to steal money by pretending to offer a fake job opportunity.

- b) List 3 red flags that show it is a scam?

Ans: (i) Asking for money (verification fee) for a job.
(ii) Creating urgency with phrases like “Limited seats” and “Pay now”.
(iii) Offer seems too good to be true without interviews or verification.

- c) What should he do to verify if a job offer is real?

Ans:

- Check the recruiter's profile and whether it is officially linked to Google.
- Visit Google’s official careers website to confirm if the job exists.
- Contact Google support or HR through official channels, not through the suspicious message.
- Avoid paying any money and report the message to LinkedIn.

