

✓Phishing Email Analysis Report

Task: Analyze a Phishing Email Sample

Objective: Identify phishing characteristics in a suspicious email

Tools Used: Email client screenshot, manual analysis

□ Email Snapshot Summary

Field	Value
From	support@msupdate.net
Subject	Microsoft account password change
Recipient	ethan@hooksecurity.co
IP Address	77.196.86.10
Platform	iOS
Browser	Safari
Links in email	Password reset, review security, security tips, opt-out

□ Phishing Indicators Found

#	Indicator	Details
1	Suspicious Sender Domain	The email is from @msupdate.net — this is not an official Microsoft domain (should be @microsoft.com).
2	Generic Content	The email refers to "ethan@hooksecurity.co" but doesn't use a full name or personalized greeting.
3	Fear-based Language	Warnings like " <i>your account has been compromised</i> " push urgency.
4	Multiple Links	Includes links with text like "Reset password", "Review your security info", which may redirect to phishing sites.
5	No Digital Signature	There's no DKIM, SPF, or verification info shown — raises doubts about authenticity.
6	Unknown IP Mention	The IP 77.196.86.10 could be used to confuse or scare the recipient into acting.

✗Why This Email is Suspicious

- **Microsoft will never send account alerts from an unverified domain** like msupdate.net.
- Phishing emails often **mimic security alerts** to scare users into clicking fake password reset links.
- URLs should be hovered and verified before clicking — here, link destinations are unknown and unverified.

- Legitimate emails will have **DKIM/SPF pass, correct branding, and digital signatures.**
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Conclusion

This email is a **probable phishing attempt**.

It contains **spoofed sender address, fear-inducing language, and suspicious links** to trick the user into resetting a password on a fake site. Such emails should be **reported and deleted immediately**.

