**Phishing:** Phishing is a technique used by nearly every adversarial group out there to gain initial access to a user or a network. It is a very simple and very effective technique that can also be very easy to spot. Phishing works by imitating a legitimate email in order to get the user to take action by clicking on a link. This link can mean all sorts of trouble for the user and the network infrastructure as a whole. The link can often download malicious content and plant a virus in order to steal information about the user and the network as a whole. This is why it is important to recognize phishing attempts and report them to your information technology staff.

**Task:** Take a look at the 7 emails given. Select all of the options that you believe makes this email illegitimate

Read these emails as if you are a community college student studying engineering at the College of DuPage and this is your school email.

All school emails are lastNameFirstInitial@dupage.edu

**Answers Select the features that makes this email illegitimate (multiple choice, select all that apply):**

**Email 1:**

A) WARNING ! (Account Closure Alert Loading)

B) Your account will be cancelled at 22/10/2020 because you have been ignoring the update messages sent to you.

C) Click here to Update with a hyperlink

D) None of the Above

E) A B and C

**Email 2:**

A) [ymunoz2255@eagle.fgcu.edu](mailto:ymunoz2255@eagle.fgcu.edu) is a weird email

B) Kindly send a text to Mr. Joseph on (702)420-7452 “I’m interested in the position.” This is too informal for an application process.

C) Why are they contacting me via my school email about a job posting for the “Disability of Health and Human Services” I never applied for this.

D) There is no legitimate company that this email is on behalf of

E) Foreign Sounding Name

**Email 3:**

A) Assistant Needed Urgently!!!

B) Asking you to apply to a high paying job and your name is not even on the email.

C) I am a College student with no relevant experience why would they email me asking me to be an assistant for $800 a week.

D) I think this is real I know a Clerc Therese

E) Academy Career Opportunity is way too generic

**Email 4:**

A) University of DuPage is not a real school

B) Email on your school email asking you to activate your school email.

C) Spelling Errors

D) Poor Formatting

**Email 5:**

A) DUPAGE.EDU User?

B) <http://upgraddupage/edu> misspelled and not properly formatted

C) Allen is an IT guy here this might be real

D) Email on you school email asking you to update your account

E) DUPAGE Mail Team?

**Email 6:**

A) Sean is in my English class this must be important

B) FOR YOUR ATTENTION!!!

C) Wait I know Sean knows my name, why did he not use it in the email that is this urgent?

D) Usually we handle document sharing via a direct attachment or sharing on google drive. Why is there an extra link I need to click and why is he so adamant that I SIGN IN WITH MY EDU EMAIL?

**Email 7:**

A) Action Require

B) Random guy asking me to preform email validations on my perfectly working school email