**Phishing Attack Report**

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# **1. Overview**

## **1.1 Purpose**

# **2. What is a Phishing Attack?**

## **2.1 Definition**

Phishing - fraudulent practice of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers.

## **2.2 How does it work?**

An individual is sent an email that looks like it’s coming from a reputable company. This email can say a number of topics including:

1. Fill out a survey and be entered in a raffle to win a new Playstation 4.
2. Your account may be in danger. Please click the link to change your password.

After the individual clicks the link, they are taken to a website that looks like a reputable company. The user will fill out any information that they are prompted to fill such as name, password, address, etc. After they submit this information, the data is now in the hands of the phishers.