Module 1: Cybersecurity

Learning Outcome

- 1. Have knowledge on common cybersecurity threats online (e.g. phishing, malware, scams) and tips on staying safe online
- 2. Able to spot signs of phishing; create strong passwords and use two-factor authentication (2FA)
- 3. Understand the tips for using E-payment solutions
- 4. Activity: Share 1-2 tips on cybersecurity, use CSA-password checker to check if password is strong, spot signs of phishing etc.

What is Cybersecurity?

- Cybersecurity is the practice of protecting your internet-connected devices and systems from cyber incidents.
- With the increasing population owning a smart device, we are at a higher risk of being exposed to cyber incidents.

Do What's Right: Be Safe



https://tinyurl.com/dwrbs

Watch a video by scanning the QR code above to learn more about staying safe online!

Cyber Incidents in Singapore







S'pore woman loses S\$94,000 to scammers over 3 days, only realises when police calls to tell her

The scammers identified themselves as officers from Singtel and the CSA, and sought her cooperation to catch hackers who supposedly compromised her IP address.

Nigel Chua | ① June 05, 2020, 08:33



用的伎俩, 今年第一季警方至少接到125起相关报案。

涉及会额高达450万元。

Common Cyber Threats

Malware: Short for malicious software, these are programmes devised to compromise the security of a computer system. They can come in the form of:

- Ransomware: This malware locks the files in your computer, rendering your files inaccessible until a ransom is paid.
- **Virus:** A programme that can copy itself and spread quickly like real-life viruses.
- Adware: Devised to pop-up unwanted advertisements on the victim's computer, the pop-ups tend to behave erratically and is tedious to close them.
- **Worm:** The Worm virus is a malicious code that copies itself and makes use of the network to spread to other devices.





- **Trojan Horses:** A malicious programme hidden within a legitimate software. Once downloaded, it will install itself and run automatically.
 - Banking Trojans attempt to steal a victim's banking credentials once their device is infected.

Common Cyber Threats

Common signs and symptoms of infection:

- Slowing down of your computer, programmes and internet connection
- Unanticipated frequent system or programme crashes
- Unexpected decrease in disc space
- Your screen is bombarded with pop-ups of unwanted advertisements
- Blocked access to your own system and ransom is demanded
- Friends complaining of receiving strange messages from you

Cyber Threats can also come in the form of a Phishing Attack. They are often designed to appear as though they are from familiar persons or companies, such as your bank or e-mail service provider.



Online Scams on the Rise



<u>www.scamalert.sg</u> was launched by the police and the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), as part of an anti-scam public education campaign.

Top 5 Scams Types (Jan-Mar 2020)

Internet Love Scam



CASES 175 AMOUNT LOST \$6,651,277

Cheating Involving E-commerce



CASES 1,159 AMOUNT LOST \$1.354.820

Credit-for-Sex Scam



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AMOUNT LOST
\$613,188

Loan Scam



AMOUNT LOST \$1,675,431 Social Media Impersonation Scam



AMOUNT LOST \$1,094,981 Visit <u>www.scamalert.sg</u> to learn more about:

- What is a scam?
- Different types of scams.
- Stories shared by others of their experiences.
- News of scams.
- Helpline and resources (blog/posters/videos).

What is a Scam?

Scam: Scheme or swindle to cheat a person of their money and valuable possessions. Perpetrators may also use phishing tactics to scam victims.

Scammers often lie to the victims in order to trick them into handing over their personal and bank account details. e.g. Tech support impersonation scam

Scammers call the unsuspecting victim and claim that they are officers from government agencies or even service providers



They will claim they are investigating suspicious activities in the victims' computer or network.



The victims will be asked to install remote desktop access software applications on their computers.



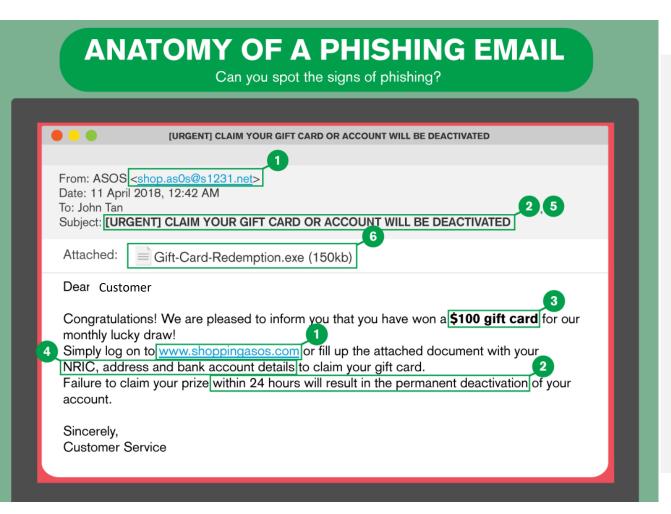
The scammer may request for a transfer of payment to resolve the issue.

For more information, please visit https://scamalert.sg/types-of-scams/

Tips To Protect Yourself From Scams

- Scammers will use topics of interest to lure victims (e.g. COVID-19, low-interest loans, free gifts/vouchers).
- Watch out for calls from an unknown number and prefixed with a plus (+) sign, indicating that it is likely an overseas call.
- Do not follow any instructions to install any software or applications on your device.
- Do not disclose personal or financial details over the phone.
- Do not make any transfers or payment. Government agencies will not ask for your details or request any payment for services rendered over the phone. If unsure, please hang up and contact the agencies directly for verification.

How to Spot Signs of Phishing





Tips To Protect You Against Fake/Phishing Websites

- 1 Check that the URL is correct before login
- 2 Secure website "https" rather than "http"
 "https" Provides an additional layer of encryption
 often used for online payment transactions.
- (i) Secure websites usually have a padlock icon.
 - ⊕ DBS Bank Ltd [SG] | https://www.posb.com.sg
 - Symantec Corporation [US] | sg.norton.com/

- Visit below link or scan QR code to learn more about phishing.
 - How to protect yourself against spam and phishing



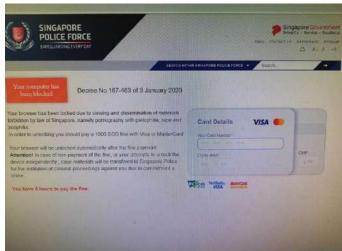
https://tinyurl.com/phishingtips

Purchase or download Apps from official or reliable websites.

Tips To Protect You Against Fake/Phishing Website

- Cyber criminals may also attempt to impersonate Government agencies to request for personal information
- Verify the legitimacy of these emails or websites by contacting the government agency directly.





Tips To Protect You Against Malware

Dos

Use Anti-Virus Software.

Update your software regularly.

If you suspect your account has been compromised, reset your password immediately and check for unauthorised transactions.

Don'ts

Do not open unknown attachments.

Do not trust pop-up windows that ask you to download software.

Do not click on suspicious links or access suspicious websites.

Installing An Anti-Virus App

- Search for anti-virus apps for your mobile phone, i.e. Apple App Store or Google Play.
 - At the minimum, your anti-virus app for your mobile phone should be able to scan and detect malware.
 - Some anti-virus options can only detect and quarantine malware, but may not remove viruses in your device. When searching for a suitable anti-virus app, look out for one which offers malware removal capabilities.
- Some internet service providers (ISPs) offer the service for a small monthly fee. Check with your ISP for details.
- Enable automatic software updates if the option is available so that you have the most up-to-date software to protect against the latest threats.

How To Create A Strong Password

How to create long and random passwords that you can remember easily:

Step 1: Use five different words that relate to a memory that is unique to you (at least 12 characters) e.g. Ihadkayatoastat8am

Be sure not to use personal information such as your name, NRIC or birthdate, or other information that can be obtained easily by doing a search online

Step 2: Use uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols to make it even harder to crack. e.g.lhadKAYAtoastAT8am!

Remember to keep it random by ensuring that your password does not have a pattern and is unpredictable. It should be difficult for others to guess.

What to avoid:

- Using commonly used phrases e.g. Password1234
- Obvious patterns such as capitalising the first letter of the password e.g. Limfamily123
- Replacing a letter with an obvious number or symbol e.g. p@ssw0rd

Think you're ready to set a strong password? Test your skills at:

https://go.gov.sg/csa-pwchecker



Enabling Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)

What is 2FA?

- 2FA uses more than one type of information to identify who you are in order to grant you access to your online account.
- 1st factor usually something that you know, such as a password
- 2nd factor something you have, such as a onetime password (OTP) from a physical OTP token
- Another factor involves biometrics (e.g. fingerprints and face recognition)

A second layer of security ensures that even if a hacker obtains your password, your account is still protected if he is unable to get hold of a second factor

How do I enable 2FA?

- 2FA is readily available for many of your online accounts
- For step-by-step instructions on enabling 2FA for your online accounts, you can refer to <u>TurnOn2FA</u>



Tips for Using E-Payment Solutions

- Use only official apps (e.g. mobile banking app).
- Set up bank transaction notification alerts; by setting up email or SMS notification alerts for your transaction so that you will be notified of any suspicious activity on your accounts.
- After scanning the QR code to make payment,
 - check if the correct apps/websites are launched. The apps/websites should be from the payment vendors.
 - check and confirm that the payment is made to the correct person/business you are buying goods or services from i.e. if the shop name is "ABC Pte Ltd", the app should also show that you are making payment to "ABC Pte Ltd".

More information on SGQR:

https://www.mas.gov.sg/development/e-payments/sgqr



Tips for Using E-Payment Solutions

- Keep your devices updated and clean Ensure that all the internet connected devices (including PCs, smartphones and tablets) are running on the most current version of operating systems (i.e. OS/iOS/Android), and installed anti-virus is also updated.
- Use Strong Password and also Enable 2FA Enabling 2FA is especially important for any online transaction and account log-ins. This will prevent any fraudulent transactions from taking place.
- Keep banking details to yourself Do not save your banking and personal details in your devices and websites. Type the information whenever you are making a transaction. Do not forget to log out every time after using the e-payment.
- **Beware when using Wi-Fi networks** Wi-Fi networks are vulnerable to Wi-Fi spoofing by hackers. Do not make transactions involving personal or confidential information on unsecured Wi-Fi networks.

Other Useful Tips

Be smart when assessing information online

Always check the source of your information, whether it is reliable or trustworthy and cross-check against other reliable sources to verify whether it is indeed a fact and not just an opinion.

Keep personal information to yourself

Don't share your address, phone number or other personal information online. Don't reveal your actual location or when you plan to be somewhere.

For More Information...

- To find out more about essential cybersecurity practices for individuals and organisations,
- visit https://www.csa.gov.sg/gosafeonline
- To subscribe to SingCERT alerts, please visit https://csa.gov.sg/singcert/subscribe
- Keep up with the latest cyber trends and tips by following us at:

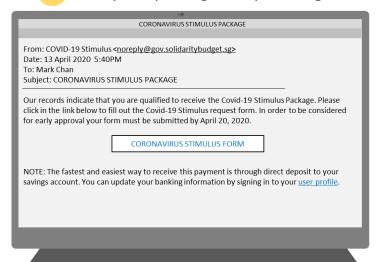


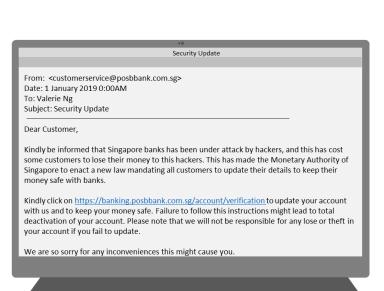
If you wish to provide any information related to scams, or if you have followed through to make payment, please call the Police hotline at 1800-2550-000 or submit it online at www.police.gov.sg/iwitness.

Check your password

- 1 Let's check if your password is secured!
 - Visit https://go.gov.sg/csa-pwchecker
 - Type in your password to check if it is strong.

2 Can you spot signs of phishing?





Password Checker

cosafeonline

It would take

3 years
to crack this password

Too Short

by Daniel Lowe Wheeler

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Your password is quite short, try a strong password of at least 12 characters.

This password strength evaluation algorithm is based on zxcvbn

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Spot Signs of phishing

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