

PhishSCAN

Privacy Policy

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PhishSCAN is committed to maintaining the privacy and trust of its users. This Privacy Policy outlines how data is collected, processed, and safeguarded when you use the PhishSCAN platform, including the website, browser extension, and associated APIs. The system processes URLs submitted by users for the sole purpose of evaluating their legitimacy. No personally identifiable information (PII) such as names, passwords, browsing history, or payment details is collected. Submitted URLs are analyzed in real time and temporarily stored in session memory to facilitate accurate scanning and allow the user to review their recent history. These records are automatically cleared once the session ends. In some cases, PhishSCAN may consult external services such as PhishTank or OpenPhish to cross-check whether a URL is part of a known phishing database. Only the URL string is transmitted for this purpose, and no additional user information is shared. By design, the browser extension operates on a localhost connection during academic use, ensuring that sensitive data never leaves the user's own machine. Data security is central to the platform's design. If deployed in production, additional safeguards would include encryption of communications, anonymization of user inputs, and strict access controls for administrators. Users also retain the ability to clear their scan history at any time, reinforcing their ownership of submitted data. PhishSCAN does not sell, rent, or trade user data with third parties. Any research or reporting conducted using the system is anonymized and focuses on system performance rather than individual user activity. By using PhishSCAN, you consent to the handling of data as described in this policy. If you have questions or concerns regarding privacy practices, you may contact the PhishSCAN team directly using the details provided in this document. This Privacy Policy may be updated periodically to reflect changes in system design, legal requirements, or best practices. Continued use of the platform after updates implies acceptance of the revised policy.