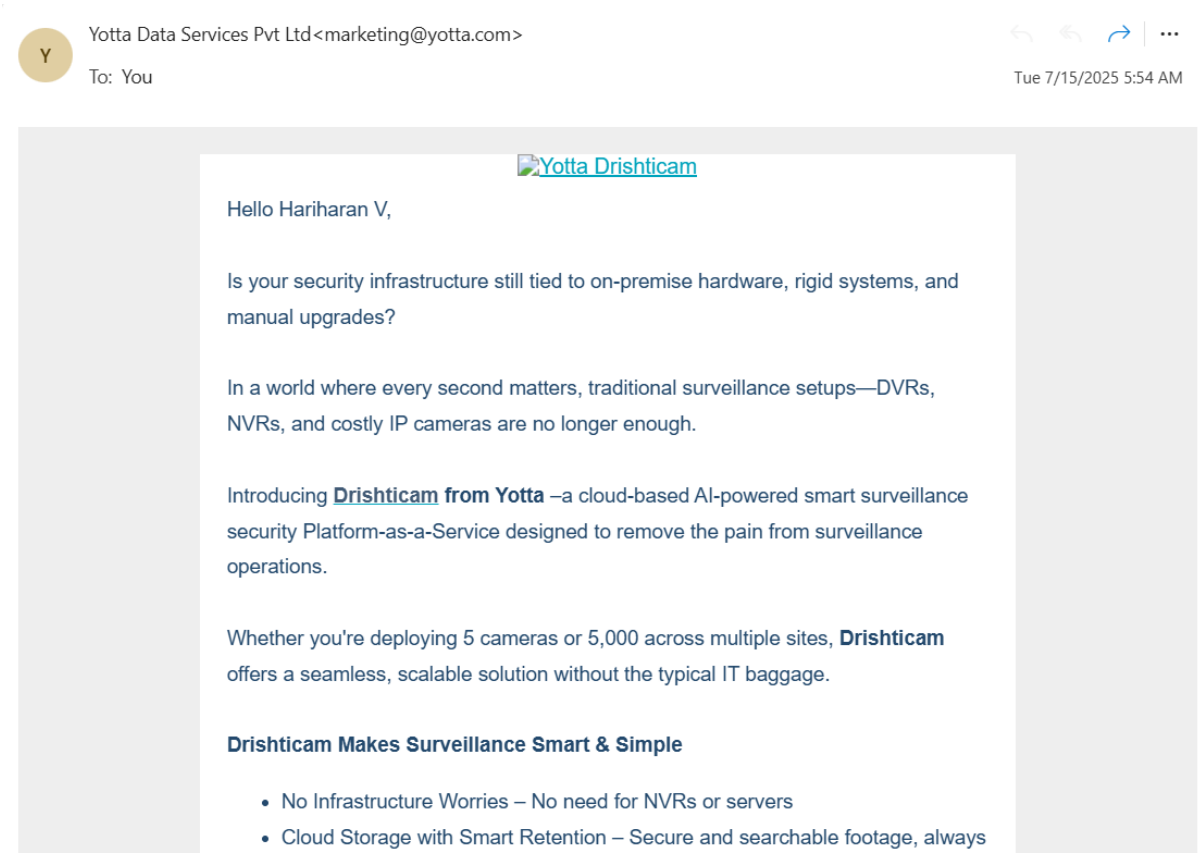
Task 2: Analyze a Phishing Email

Step 1: Obtain a Sample Phishing Email

- Search for phishing email samples from educational or cybersecurity research sites. But I'll choose my own email inbox have 1 spam message.

- You can also use a saved .eml or .txt file from a known phishing incident (in a safe, offline sandbox).



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Yotta Data Services Pvt Ltd<marketing@yotta.com>

To: You

Tue 7/15/2025 5:54 AM

Yotta Drishticam

Hello Hariharan V,

Is your security infrastructure still tied to on-premise hardware, rigid systems, and manual upgrades?

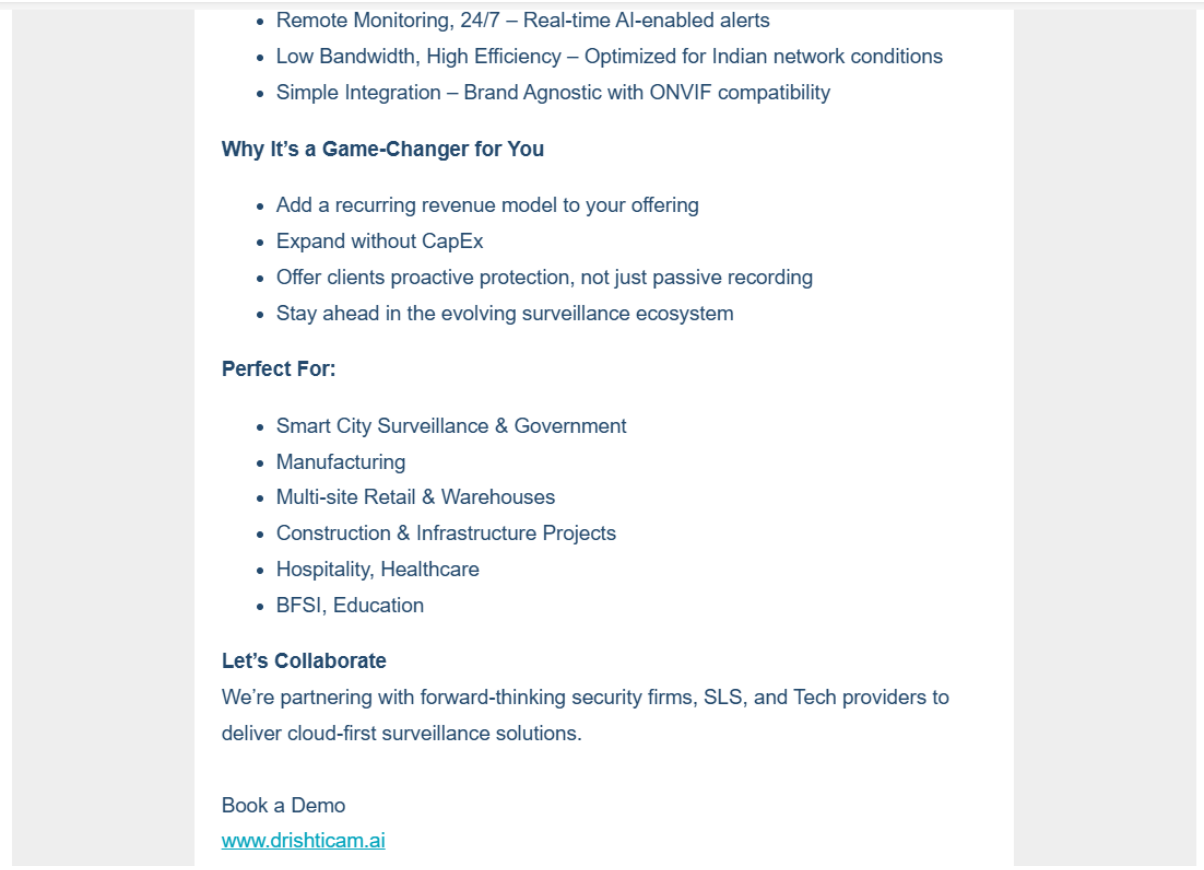
In a world where every second matters, traditional surveillance setups—DVRs, NVRs, and costly IP cameras are no longer enough.

Introducing **Drishticam from Yotta** –a cloud-based AI-powered smart surveillance security Platform-as-a-Service designed to remove the pain from surveillance operations.

Whether you're deploying 5 cameras or 5,000 across multiple sites, **Drishticam** offers a seamless, scalable solution without the typical IT baggage.

Drishticam Makes Surveillance Smart & Simple

- No Infrastructure Worries – No need for NVRs or servers
- Cloud Storage with Smart Retention – Secure and searchable footage, always



- Remote Monitoring, 24/7 – Real-time AI-enabled alerts
- Low Bandwidth, High Efficiency – Optimized for Indian network conditions
- Simple Integration – Brand Agnostic with ONVIF compatibility

Why It's a Game-Changer for You

- Add a recurring revenue model to your offering
- Expand without CapEx
- Offer clients proactive protection, not just passive recording
- Stay ahead in the evolving surveillance ecosystem

Perfect For:

- Smart City Surveillance & Government
- Manufacturing
- Multi-site Retail & Warehouses
- Construction & Infrastructure Projects
- Hospitality, Healthcare
- BFSI, Education

Let's Collaborate

We're partnering with forward-thinking security firms, SLS, and Tech providers to deliver cloud-first surveillance solutions.

Book a Demo
www.drishticam.ai

Step 2: Examine Sender's Email Address

- Open the email in a viewer or text editor.

- Check if the <display name> matches the <email address>.

- Look for suspicious domains, typos (e.g., amaz0n.com instead of amazon.com), or free email services like Gmail or Yahoo claiming to be a company. In My mailmarketing@yotta.com.

Step 3: Check Email Headers

- Use an <online header analyser> like:

- [Google Admin Toolbox Messageheader](https://toolbox.googleapps.com/apps/messageheader/)

- [MxToolbox Email Header Analyzer](https://mxtoolbox.com/EmailHeaders.aspx)

- Paste the raw header from the email into the tool.

-> Look for:

- Sender IP mismatch

- SPF/DKIM/DMARC failures

- Time zone inconsistencies

Header Analyzed

Email Subject: Smarter Surveillance Starts Here – Meet Yotta's Drishticam

Analyze New Header

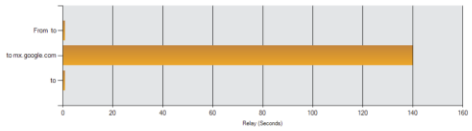
Copy/Paste Warning
Copy/Pasting a header works for most people, but sometimes it can cause problems with things like DKIM Validation. For the best results, use our Email Deliverability tool

Delivery Information

- DMARC Compliant
  - SPF Alignment
  - SPF Authenticated
  - DKIM Alignment
  - DKIM Authenticated

Relay Information

Received Delay:	**139 seconds**



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SPF and DKIM Information

dmarc:yotta.com Show Solve Email Delivery Problems

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v=DMARC1; p=quarantine; rua=mailto:dmarc@yotta.com
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spf:yotta.com:158.247.18.144 Show

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Dkim Signature Error:
No DKIM-Signature header found - more info

Dkim Signature Error:
There must be at least one aligned DKIM-Signature for the message to be considered aligned. - more info

Headers Found

Header Name	Header Value
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To	
Subject	Smarter Surveillance Starts Here – Meet Yotta's Drishticam
Thread-Topic	Smarter Surveillance Starts Here – Meet Yotta's Drishticam
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Received Header

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Step 4: Identify Suspicious Links or Attachments

- Check if the email contains links or attachments (PDFs, ZIPs, EXEs, etc.).

- Do not click — hover over the link to inspect the real URL.

- For attachments, check file type and avoid opening unless in a safe virtual machine or sandbox.

-> But I Didn't Have any attached phishing link and Attached an Normal Link :- https://drishticam.ai/

Step 5: Look for Urgent or Threatening Language

- Phishing emails often use psychological pressure tactics.

- Examples include:

* Your account will be suspended!"

* Act now or lose access!

* We've detected suspicious activity!

Step 6: Check for Mismatched URLs

- Hover over hyperlinks and compare them to the visible text.

- If the visible link says https://bank.com but the hover reveals http://malicious.com/redirect, it's suspicious

Step 7: Verify Grammar and Spelling

- Phishing emails often contain:
  * Misspelled words
  * Awkward grammar
  * Unprofessional formatting
  * Compare with official communication from the alleged organization.

Step 8: Summarize Phishing Traits

- List all the indicators you observed, for example:

* Sender spoofing

* SPF failure in headers

* Suspicious link: https://drishticam.ai/

* Urgent tone: "Final Warning!"

* Poor grammar

Conclusion:-

You should now be able to confidently detect phishing characteristics, understand common red flags, and enhance your email threat analysis skills.