

8. Identify one real phishing email : A final-year student, Aman, receives a LinkedIn message saying:

“You are shortlisted for a Remote Software Developer role at Google.

Salary: ₹18 LPA.

Pay ₹2,499 as verification fee.

Limited seats. Pay now to confirm.”

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS :-

- a. What type of cybercrime is happening here?
- b. List 3 red flags that show it is a scam?
- c. What should he do to verify if a job offer is real?

1. What type of cybercrime is happening here?

The cybercrime happening here is Phishing, specifically a Job Offer Scam or Recruitment Fraud.

- **Phishing:** The core crime is an attempt to fraudulently acquire sensitive information (in this case, money via a "fee") by masquerading as a trustworthy entity (Google/LinkedIn) in an electronic communication.
- **Job Offer Scam:** This is the specific method. The criminals exploit the victim's desire for employment (especially at a high-profile company like Google) to trick them into paying money or revealing personal details.

2. Three Red Flags That Show It Is a Scam

1. **Verification Fee Demand**
 - o Legitimate companies like Google never ask for money to offer a job.
2. **Unrealistic Salary for a Student (₹18 LPA)**
 - o Such a high package without interviews or proper selection is suspicious.
3. **Urgency & Pressure Tactic**
 - o Phrases like “Limited seats” and “Pay now to confirm” force quick decisions — a common scam trick.

3. What Should Aman Do to Verify If the Job Is Real?

- Check the official Google Careers website for the job listing.
- Verify the sender's LinkedIn profile (company email, verified badge, real connections).
- Never pay any registration or verification fee.
- Contact Google's official HR support through their website.
- Ask for a formal offer letter from an official company email domain (e.g., @google.com).

