

Practical 8: Identify Phishing Attack

Aim

To identify phishing attempts through digital messages.

Objectives

- To detect cybercrime
- To recognize scam elements

Materials Required

- Provided phishing example

Procedure

Read message text

Carefully go through the entire message to understand its content and intent. Make note of any unusual requests or unfamiliar senders.

Identify suspicious elements

Look for spelling errors, urgent demands, unknown links, or too-good-to-be-true offers. These signs often indicate potential scams or malicious intent.

List cybercrime type

Based on the suspicious elements, categorize the message as phishing, fraud, malware attempt, etc.

This helps in understanding the nature and threat level of the cybercrime.

Write verification steps

Suggest ways to confirm authenticity, such as checking the sender's email, contacting the **official source, or scanning links.**

These steps help prevent falling victim to cyberattacks.

OUTPUT:-

a) What type of cybercrime is happening here?

Ans:- This is a phishing scam where the attacker pretends to be a trusted company to trick the victim into paying money and possibly sharing personal details.

b) List 3 red flags that show it is a scam?

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1. Verification fee demanded

Real companies never ask for money to offer a job.

2. Unrealistic salary offer

₹18 LPA for a remote role via a random LinkedIn message is too good to be true, especially without interviews.

3. Urgency and pressure

Phrases like *Limited seats* and *Pay now to confirm* are used to rush the victim into making a mistake.

c) What should he do to verify if a job offer is real?

Ans:- What should he do to verify if a job offer is real?

1. Check the official company website

Visit Google's official careers page and search for the same job role.

2. Verify the sender's profile

Check if the LinkedIn account is verified, has genuine connections, and is linked to an official company email (e.g., @google.com).

3. Never pay any fee

Do not send money or share personal details before proper interviews and official offer letters.