



PHISHING AWARENESS GUIDE



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WHAT IS PHISHING?





- Phishing is a cybercrime where attackers pretend to be trustworthy entities to trick you into revealing sensitive data like passwords, credit card numbers, or personal info.
- Often delivered via **email**, **SMS**, **social media**, or **fake login pages**.









WHY IT'S EFFECTIVE

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- Relies on **human error**, not system flaws.
- Uses urgency, fear, and curiosity to manipulate you.
- Victims include individuals, employees, and even CEOs (Business Email Compromise).

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TYPES OF PHISHING

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Туре	Explanation	Example
Email Phishing	Mass emails pretending to be from a company	Fake "PayPal" login email
Spear Phishing	Targeted email using personal info	HR email asking for salary data
Whaling	Targets executives	Fake email to CFO to approve payment
Smishing	SMS with malicious link	"Your bank account is frozen"
Vishing	Voice calls pretending to be official	Fake IRS call asking for payment
Clone Phishing	Legit email is copied, link replaced with fake one	A resend of a real invoice with fake link











PREVENTION TOOLS & TECHNIQUES

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VIRUSTOTAL

Scan links/files before opening

https://www.virustotal.com/gui/home/upload

GOOGLE SAFE BROWSING

Check a URL reputation

https://transparencyreport.google.com/safe-browsing/search









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EXTENSIONS

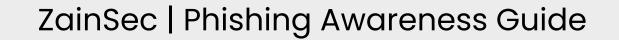
- <u>uBlock Origin</u>
- Bitdefender TrafficLight
- Netcraft Anti-Phishing Toolbar

TRAINING

- <u>TryHackMe Phishing Labs</u>
- KnowBe4 simulations
- Google Phishing Quiz











BEST PRACTICES TO STAY SAFE

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- 01
- Never click suspicious links or download unverified attachments
- Use **strong passwords** and change them regularly

- 02
- Always **verify** sender **details** (email domain, signature)
- Use **2FA** (Two-Factor Authentication) on all accounts

- 03
- Keep software & browsers updated
- Don't trust messages that create urgency ("Your account will be deleted!")





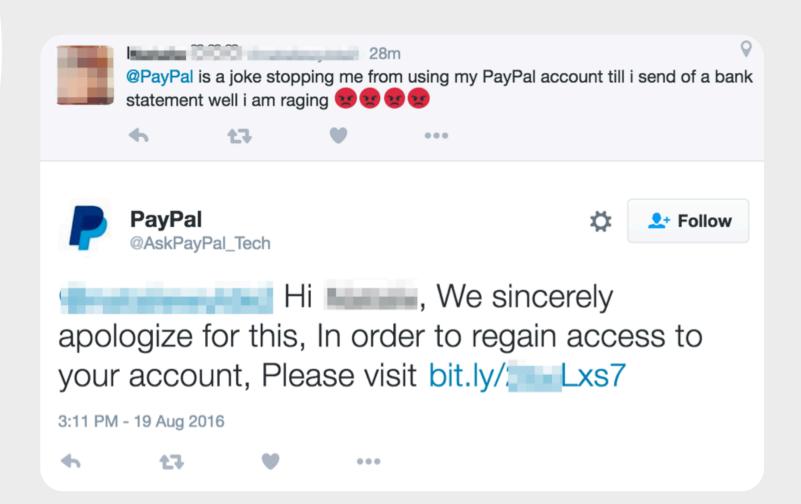




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REAL-WORLD EXAMPLES

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Text Message Fri 29 Jan, 14:35

HMRC:A tax rebate of £432.68 has been issued to you for an over payment in year 19/20. Please click link to proceed: https://hmrc.taxrebate.details-auth-sec.com









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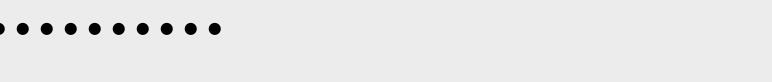
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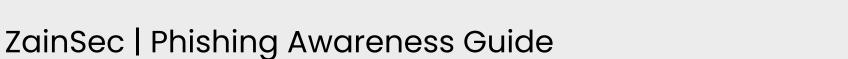
DONT ever click on such links!















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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Google Phishing Quiz:

https://phishingquiz.withgoogle.com/

VirusTotal:

https://www.virustotal.com/

Cyber Aware (UK):

https://www.cyberaware.gov.uk/

OWASP Phishing Guide:

https://owasp.org/www-community/phishing

YouTube: How Phishing Works -

https://youtu.be/1ldG_MZ4e9s









CONCLUSION

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- Phishing is not just a technical issue it's a human attack.
- Awareness, tools, and caution are your best defense.
- Share this knowledge with friends, classmates, and coworkers.

"Think before you click."

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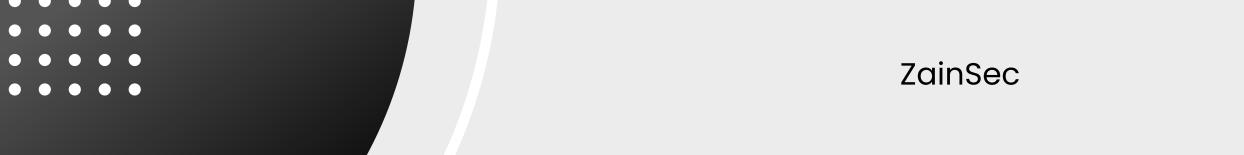
Time for a quick check can you spot phishing?

Take the quiz!



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THANK YOU

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