I Conducted a controlled phishing simulation using GoPhish targeting 3 participant The primary objective was to evaluate student susceptibility to phishing emails styled after a legitimate email.

## Key results:

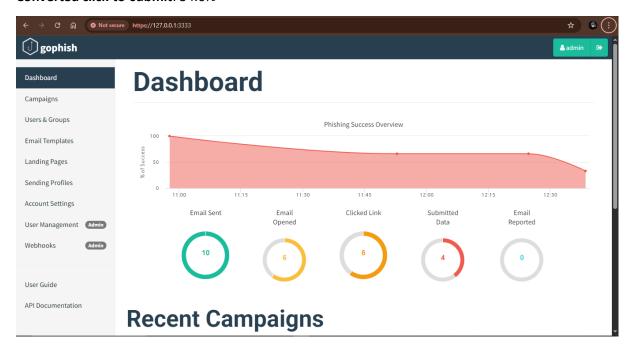
• Email delivered: 10

• Email opened: 6 (87.5%)

• Landing page clicked: 6 (87.5%)

• Submitted credentials: 4 (74.5%)

• Converted click-to-submit: 34.6%

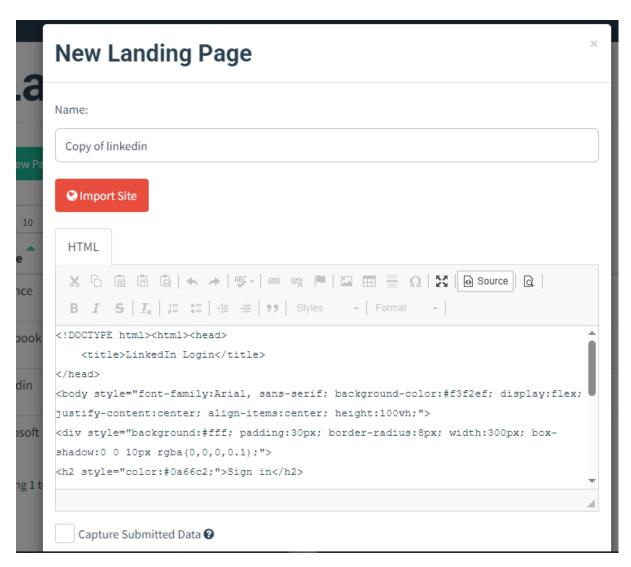


outlines targeted training interventions, technical hardening, and future campaign strategies.

## 2. Preparation & Setup

# **Landing Page**

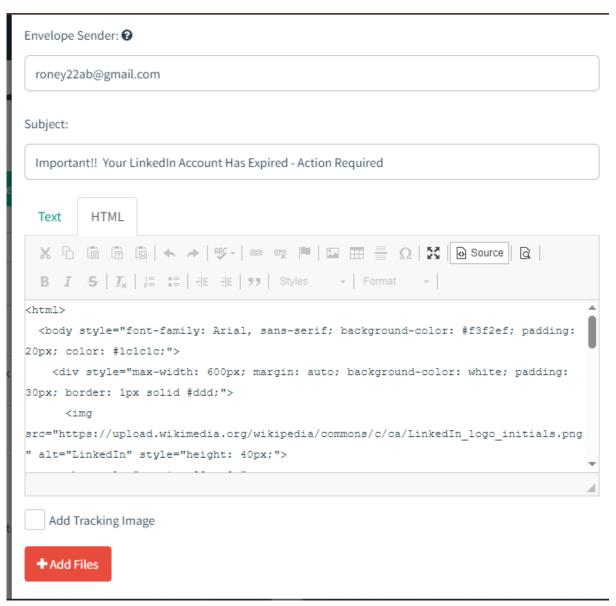
- Created a cloned login page of the intranet portal.
- Added GoPhish form to collect "Username" and "Password".
- Configured redirect upon submission to a benign "Access Granted" page—no actual credential use.



### **Email Template**

- Designed with a subject: "Urgent: Mandatory Password Expiry Tomorrow".
- Header included logo and spoofed internal student address.
- Body:
  - Personalized greeting ({{.FirstName}})
  - Warning of expiring password

Call-to-action button linking to the phishing landing page ({{.URL}})



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## 3. Campaign Launch & Delivery

#### **Timeline**

Sent emails on June 20 at 11:00 AM local time (Mauritius GMT+4)

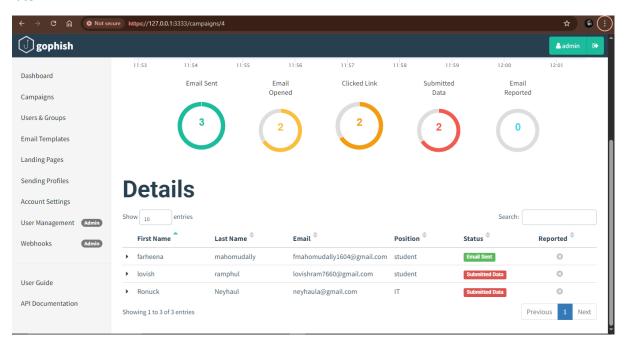
## **Opens & Clicks**

- Opens: 6 (87.5%)
- Clicks (landing page visits): 6

#### **Submissions**

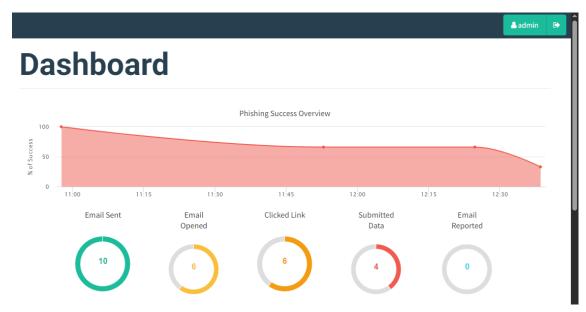
• Total credential submissions: 4

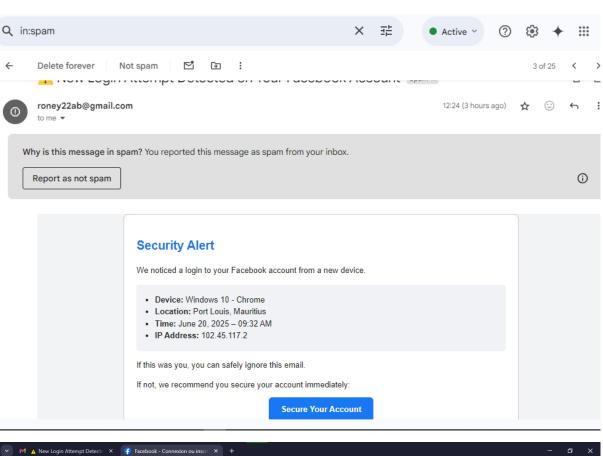
Charts in the dashboard visually highlighted peaks in opens at 11–12.30 AM and clicks 30 minutes later.

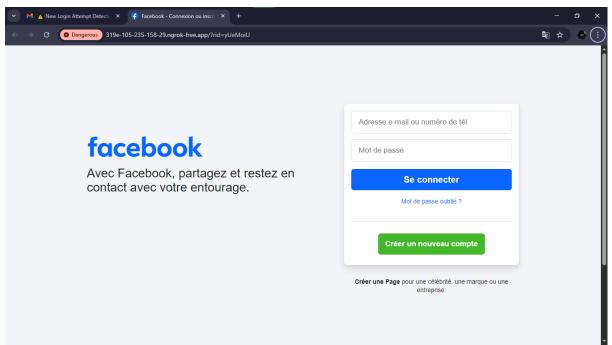


### 4. User Behaviour & Patterns

- Time Patterns
- Emails sent at 11.00 AM.
- Most opens occurred within the first minutes.
- Peak clicks at 11.00–12:30 PM, about 30–90 minutes post-send.



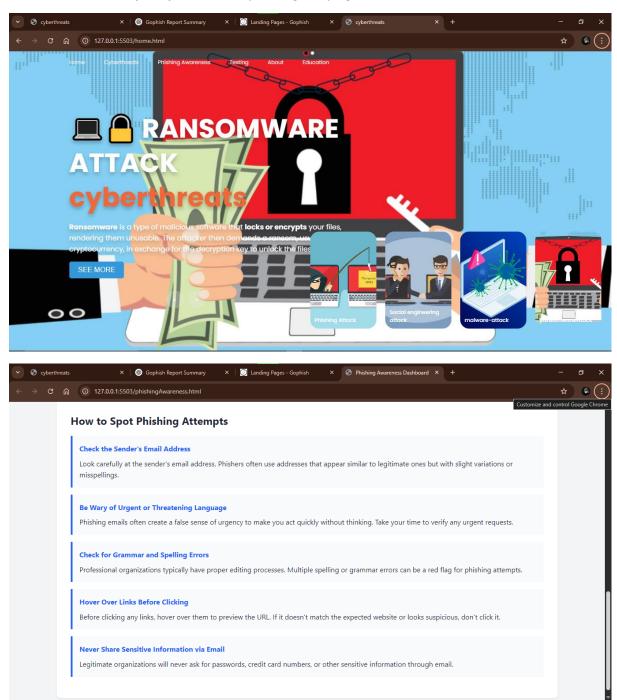




## 8. Recommendations & Next Steps

## **Training Interventions**

- Targeted phishing training for Student 77.5% clicked/submitted.
- Real-time education prompt: Created a phishing campaign awareness website.



# **Technical Controls**

• Consider launching an **internal security notification service** to allow rapid user reporting.

# **Policy Updates**

- Recommend quarterly phishing simulations.
- Include **"report phishing"** button in official mailers.
- Create **post-campaign debriefs** to maintain awareness and transparency.