

Current Email Job Scams



Division of Information Technology

Job Scams

There are two main varieties - High volume



High volume (commodity) scams

- Very generic content
- Call to action: email interest to an external account
- Sources:
 - External free mail address (gmail, yahoo, hotmail)
 - Internal compromised accounts
- 10,000 - 70,000+ messages in a campaign
- Attacker tries to switch target to an alternate channel
 - Personal email account
 - Phone/Text number
- Seems to be geared toward identity theft
- Hard to gauge response rate

High Volume Example



Hello there,

An opportunity has arisen with a Semi-Retired International Business Consultant (Lawrence Tant) who is seeking a remote part-time personal assistant. The position offers a weekly compensation of 550 dollars. If you are interested in this part-time role, please get in touch with him using your personal email address (not your school email) at his private email, which is provided here (lawrencetant1@yahoo.com). You can request for the job description from him

Career Center

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High Volume Example: Follow up



Hello [NAME],

Thanks for your interest in the job position, I'm looking for a personal assistant, someone who is reliable, trustworthy, responsible, Proactive, Organized, Flexible and also possesses Interpersonal skills.

To confirm the acceptance of this position, you are to provide the needed information below.

Full names:

Address:

City:

State:

Country:

Zip:

Cell:

Thanks in anticipation.

Lawrence Tant
Operations Manager
ZOA Energy LLC.

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Low volume, industry specific

- Confirming interest in a specific position
- Sent from cousin or look-a-like domains hosted with Google
 - flexradiocareers[.]com vs flexradio.com
 - acsindustriescareers[.]com vs acsindustries.com
 - austin-ind-jobs[.]us vs austin-ind.com
- Targets 1 or 2 people
- Intent is unclear (identity theft vs advanced fee)
- High likelihood of response

Low Volume Example



We kindly request that you confirm your interest in the Junior Software Engineer (Remote) position by responding with a clear **"YES"**. A timely response from you will indicate your dedication to this opportunity.

Note: Failure to respond promptly may result in the withdrawal of your application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Recruiter

Austin Industries

Typical Working Hours:

M-F 9:00AM-4:30PM EST