



# Email Security: Phishing

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# Agenda

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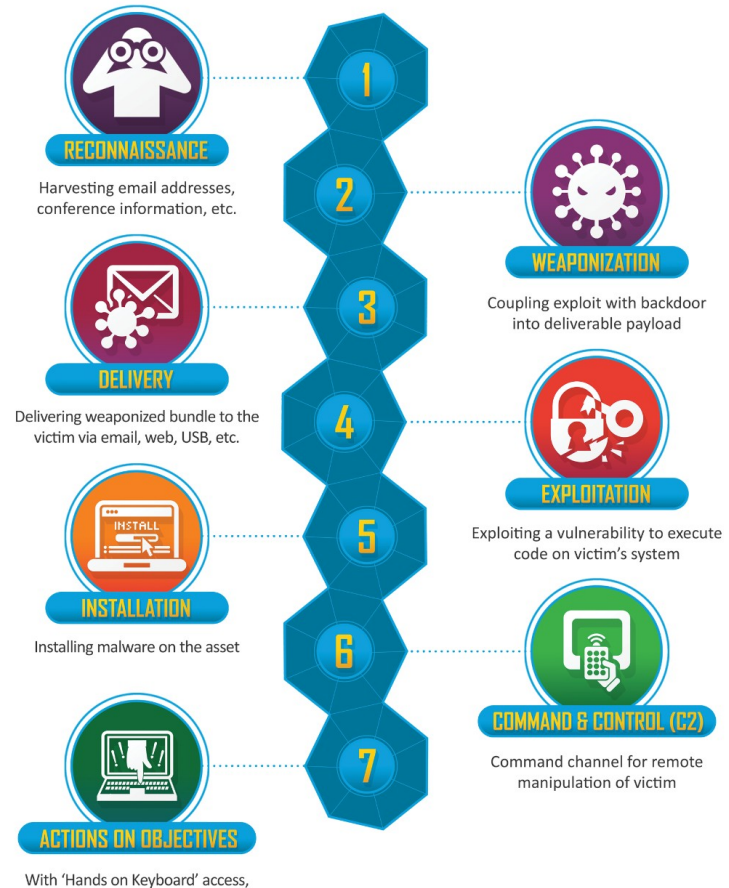


# Phishing: Motivatie

- *"91% of breaches starting with phishing emails" – Cofense*
- *Se situeaza la etapa de **Delivery** din **Cyber Kill Chain***



# Cyber Kill Chain





## Phishing: Motivatie #2 CVSS

- CVSS = **Common Vulnerability Scoring System**
- Oricareii vulnerabilitatii ii se atribuie un scor ce reflecta severitatea
- User-Interaction este o componenta CVSS

# CVSS: User Interaction

Base Score

8.0  
(High)

**Attack Vector (AV)**  
☒ Network (N) ☐ Adjacent (A) ☐ Local (L) ☐ Physical (P)

**Attack Complexity (AC)**  
☒ Low (L) ☐ High (H)

**Privileges Required (PR)**  
☐ None (N) ☒ Low (L) ☐ High (H)

**User Interaction (UI)**  
☐ None (N) ☒ Required (R)

**Scope (S)**  
☒ Unchanged (U) ☐ Changed (C)

**Confidentiality (C)**  
☐ None (N) ☐ Low (L) ☒ High (H)

**Integrity (I)**  
☐ None (N) ☐ Low (L) ☒ High (H)

**Availability (A)**  
☐ None (N) ☐ Low (L) ☒ High (H)

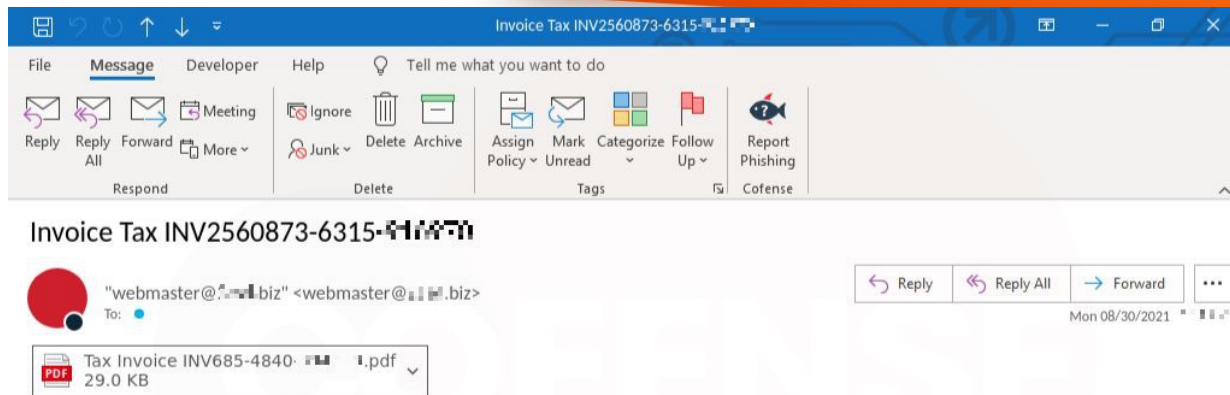


## Diverse tipuri de phishing

- Categori in functie de:
  - Tactici
  - Tematica
  - Tehnici
  - Destinatar



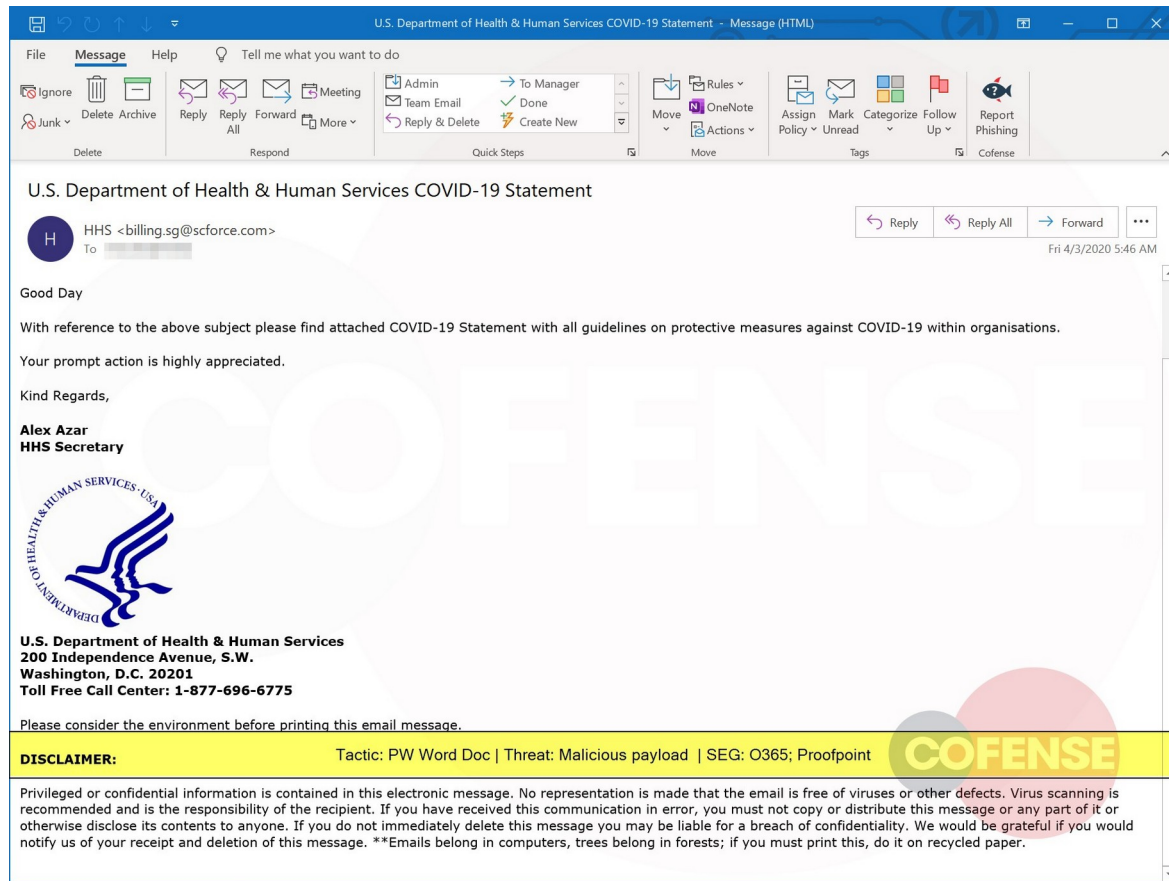
# Example: #1



**Tactic: PDF Attachment | Threat: Revenge RAT | SEG: Proofpoint**

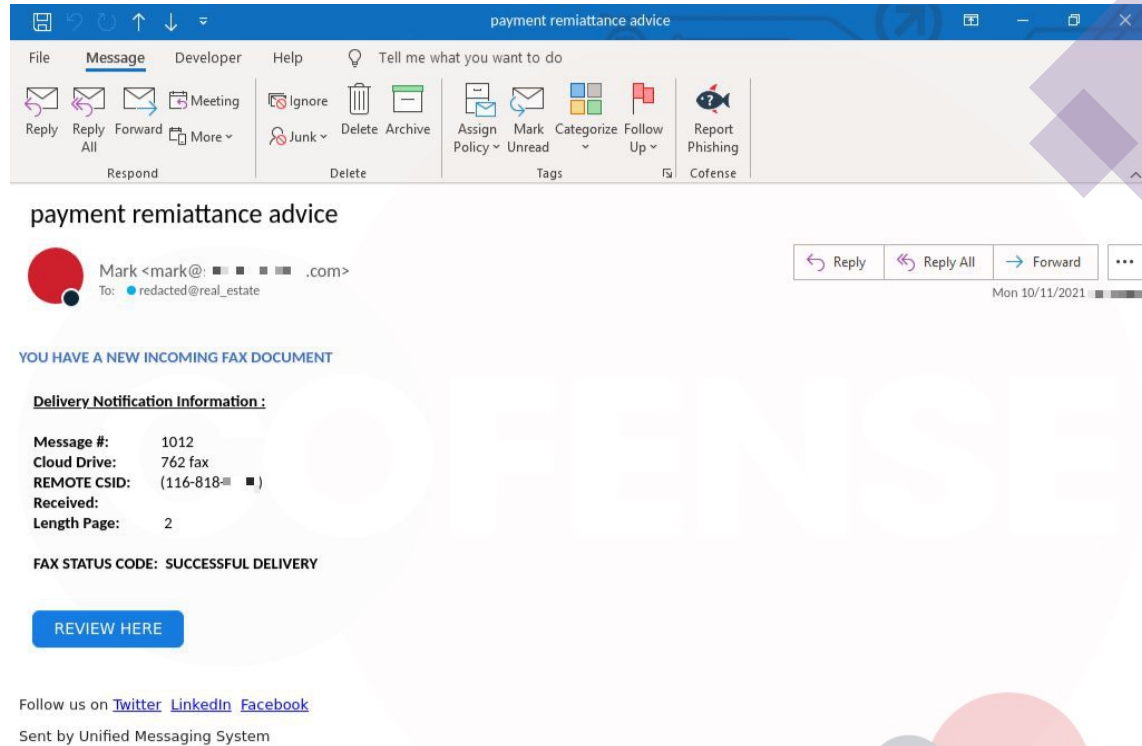
# Example: #2

•Ref:<https://cofense.com/real-phishing-examples-and-threats/>



# Exemple: #3

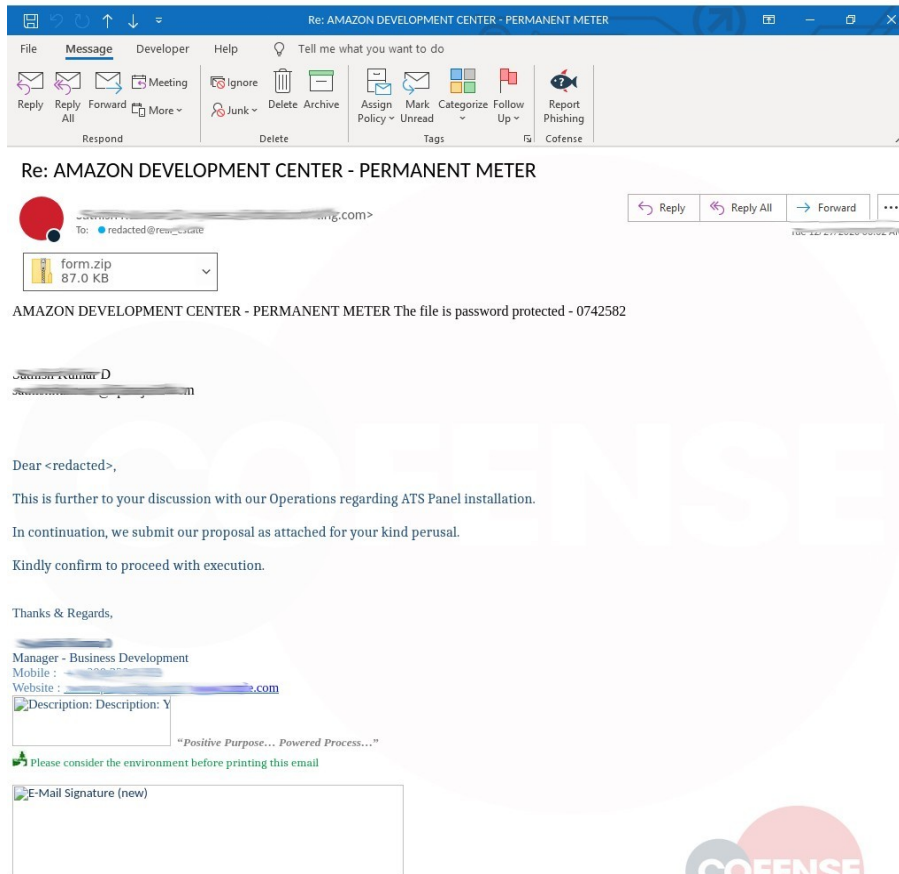
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Tactic: Link | Threat: Ave\_Maria Stealer | SEG: Symantec  
MessageLabs; Proofpoint

# Exemple: #4

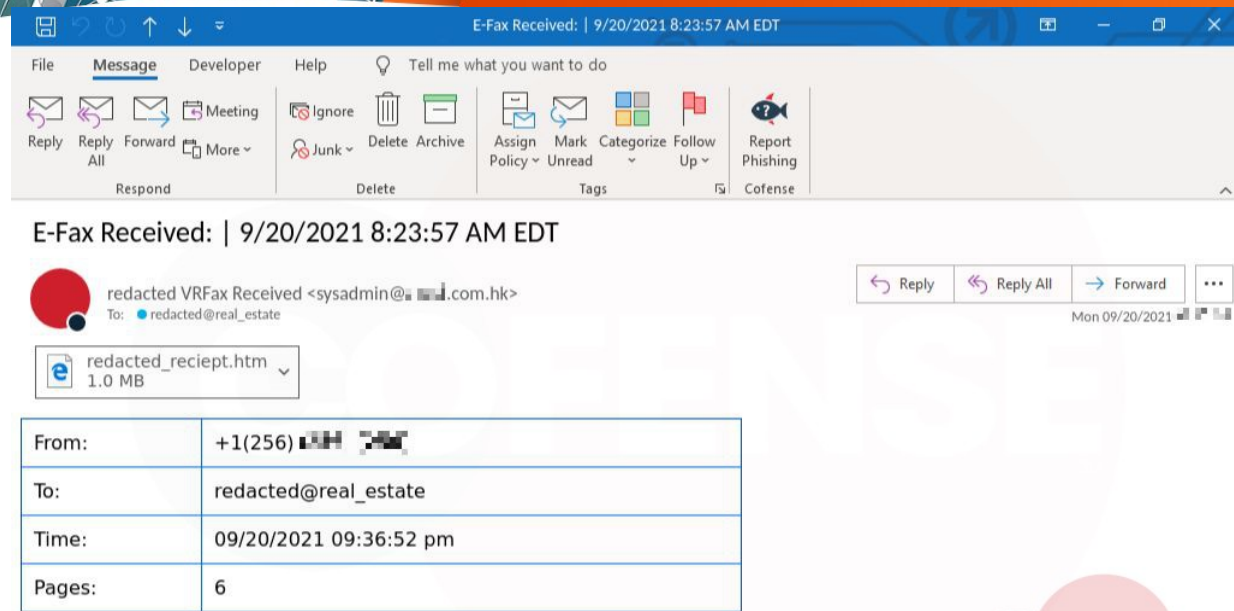
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Tactic: Encrypted ZIP Attachment | Threat: Emotet | SEG: Proofpoint



# Example: #5



**Tactic: HTML Attachment | Threat: Credential Phishing | SEG: Proofpoint; Mimecast**



# Efectuarea unui atac

- Diverse tool-uri:
  - Social Engineering Toolkit
  - The Harvester
  - Recon-ng
  - PHPMailer
  - Online Spoofing Tools

```
root@kali:~# theharvester
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Warning: Pycurl is not compiled against Openssl. Wfuzz might not work correctly when fuzzing SSL sites. Check Wfuzz's documentation for more information.

```
*****
*                                     *
*  TheHarvester Ver. 3.0.0           *
*  Coded by Christian Martorella     *
*  Edge-Security Research            *
*  cmartorella@edge-security.com     *
*                                     *
*****
```

Usage: theharvester options

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-d: Domain to search or company name
-b: data source: baidu, Bing, BingAPI, Dogpile, Google, GoogleCSE,
    GooglePlus, Google-Profiles, LinkedIn, PGP, Twitter, Vhost,
    VirusTotal, ThreatCrowd, Crtsh, Netcraft, Yahoo, all
-s: start in result number X (default: 0)
-v: verify host name via DNS resolution and search for virtual hosts
-f: save the results into an HTML and XML file (both)
-n: perform a DNS reverse query on all ranges discovered
-c: perform a DNS brute force for the domain name
-t: perform a DNS TLD expansion discovery
-e: use this DNS server
-p: port scan the detected hosts and check for Takeovers (80,443,22,21,8080)
-l: limit the number of results to work with(bing goes from 50 to 50 results,
    google 100 to 100, and pgp doesn't use this option)
-h: use SHODAN database to query discovered hosts
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Examples:

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theharvester -d microsoft.com -l 500 -b google -h myresults.html
theharvester -d microsoft.com -b pgp
theharvester -d microsoft -l 200 -b linkedin
theharvester -d apple.com -b googleCSE -l 500 -s 300
```

## The Harvester: Recon tool



# Email spoofing

- Structura unui email - 2 componente:
  - Envelope / P1 Header
  - Header and Body / P2 Header





# Email spoofing

- P1 header:
  - MAIL FROM: user@domeniu.com
  - RCPT TO: user2@domeniu2.com
- P2 header:
  - FROM: user@altdomeniu.com
  - TO: user2@domeniu2.com



# Protectii

- SPF: (Sender Policy Framework)
- DKIM: (DomainKeys Identified Mail)
- DMARC (Domain-based Message Authentication Reporting and Conformance)



# Exemplu protectii

Authentication-Results: spf=pass (sender IP is 54.240.11.150)  
smtp.mailfrom=amazonses.com; s.unibuc.ro; dkim=pass (signature was verified)  
header.d=amazonses.com;s.unibuc.ro; dmarc=none action=none  
header.from=netacad.com;compauth=pass reason=102  
Received-SPF: Pass (protection.outlook.com: domain of amazonses.com designates  
54.240.11.150 as permitted sender) receiver=protection.outlook.com;  
client-ip=54.240.11.150; helo=a11-150.smtp-out.amazonses.com;



# Spoofer email

Hop1	Submitting host	Receiving host
1		emkei.cz (Postfix, from userid 33)
2	emkei.cz (101.99.94.155)	HE1EUR04FT063.mail.protection.outlook.com (10.152.27.52)
3	HE1EUR04FT063.eop-eur04.prod.protection.outlook.com (2603:10a6:209:8c:cafe::9d)	AM6PR10CA0106.outlook.office365.com (2603:10a6:209:8c::47)
4	AM6PR10CA0106.EURPRD10.PROD.OUTLOOK.COM (2603:10a6:209:8c::47)	AM9PR03MB6979.eurprd03.prod.outlook.com (2603:10a6:20b:285::8)
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# Phishing la nivel enterprise

- Campanii de phishing
- **SOC** – Security Operations Center
- Echipa de **incident-response** pentru mitigare



# Actiuni de mitigare in SOC

- Blocarea sender-ilor in **Security Email Gateway (SEG)**
- Blocarea url-urilor/domeniilor in IPS, AV, EDR
- Blocarea hash-urilor corespunzatoare atasamentelor
- Resetarea credentialelor compromise
- Reimage la host-uri infectate (sau analiza de tip forensics)



# Threat Intelligence

- **Threat intelligence (TI)** - informarea in legatura cu ultimile amenintari si motivatii ale atacatorilor
- Vrem sa aflam trend-uri si statistici despre phishing pentru a ne apara mai bine

# PhishStats

## Top 50 Titles - Current Year

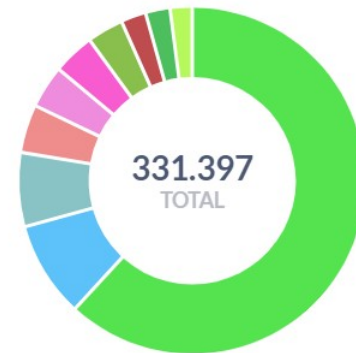
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7.251	WhatsApp Group Invite
5.099	Log into Facebook
4.909	Undangan Grup Whatsapp
3.839	Facebook
3.774	Suspected phishing site   Cloudflare
3.213	Sign in to your account
3.208	Sign in
3.137	Amazon 27th anniversary celebration !
2.574	Verification   Royal Mail Group Ltd
2.356	Amazonサインイン
2.117	Этот домен припаркован компанией Timewe
2.024	Netflix
1.986	Login

## Top 10 IPs - Search

Count	IP
15.325	198.54.115.30   NAMECHEAP-NET, US
14.109	199.188.201.33   NAMECHEAP-NET, US
7.624	199.34.228.53   WEEBLY, US
7.424	199.34.228.54   WEEBLY, US
5.809	87.251.76.135   HOSTKEY-AS HOSTKEY B.V., NL
4.783	151.101.65.195   FASTLY, US
4.730	151.101.1.195   FASTLY, US
3.669	185.30.164.4   FNXTech FNX Tecnologia LTDA, NL
3.344	74.220.219.183   UNIFIEDLAYER-AS-1, US
2.813	5.57.226.202   SERVIHOSTING-AS ServiHosting Networks S.L., ES

## Top 10 TLDs - Current Year

- com
- org
- ru
- cn
- net
- xyz
- app
- top
- co
- tk







# Resurse/directii viitoare

- Cofense: <https://cofense.com>
- SANS: <https://www.sans.org/emea/>
- INE: <https://ine.com>
- Security Blue Team: <https://www.securityblue.team>
- TryHackMe: <https://tryhackme.com>
- HackTheBox: <https://www.hackthebox.eu>



# Recomandari certificari

- GIAC: <https://www.giac.org> (GCIH, GCFA, GREM, GNFA etc.)
- Offensive Security: <https://www.offensive-security.com> (OSCP, OSWE, OSED etc.)
- eLearnSecurity: <https://elearnsecurity.com> (eJPT, eCPPT, eWPT, eCTHP etc.)

# Multumesc Q&A

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