



## Spotting a Phishing Attack

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**Phishing emails** — fraudulent correspondence designed to trick people into divulging personal information — are the most common type of online attack.

### Some Phishing Facts

- **Nearly half** of all emails sent are phishing attempts.
- **90%** of successful data breaches begin with a phishing email.
- If you haven't received a phishing email, **it's only a matter of time!**

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Consider this example!

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**URGENT MESSAGE: PAYMENT FAILED!**

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It looks like your payment to ABC Ltd. was declined... *or was it?* Let's examine the message more closely on the next screen.



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Next time you're faced with a phishing email, will you outwit the trickster or take the bait?

## Summary

Phishing emails are a common online threat designed to steal personal or sensitive information. In this short lesson, you've learnt how to recognise the warning signs of phishing emails and the importance of always being vigilant. Here are some of the key points you can take away:

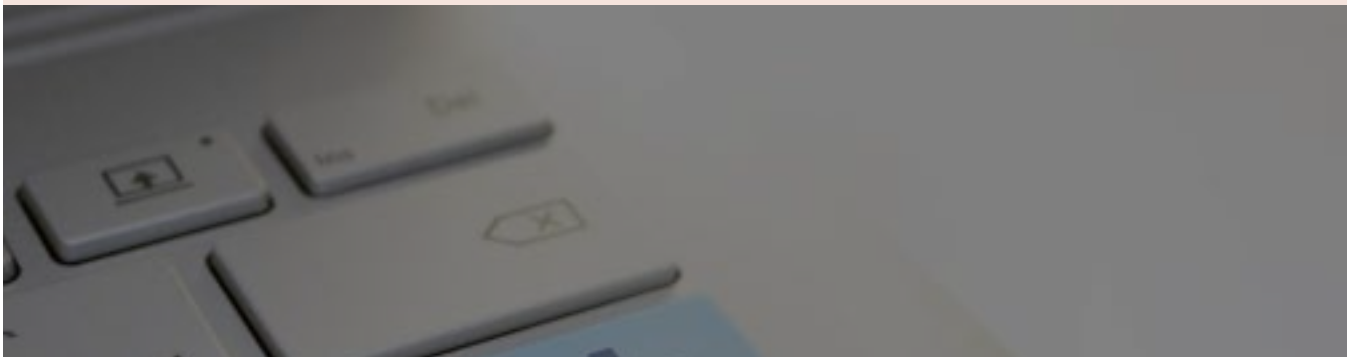
1. **Sense of urgency.** Phishing emails often create a sense of urgency to prompt immediate action.

2. **Look out for errors.** Misspellings, grammatical errors, and generic greetings can indicate a phishing attempt.
3. **Avoid clicking links.** Be cautious about clicking on links in emails and providing personal information.
4. **Regularly review red flags.** Consistently review phishing red flags to protect yourself and your data.

**Stay vigilant and informed to safeguard your personal information from phishing attacks.**

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You're ready to face the phishers. Review phishing red flags periodically to protect yourself and your data, and remember that phishers are *very* good at what they do!





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**Thanks for completing this lesson!**

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