CYBER SECURITY KEYPOINTS

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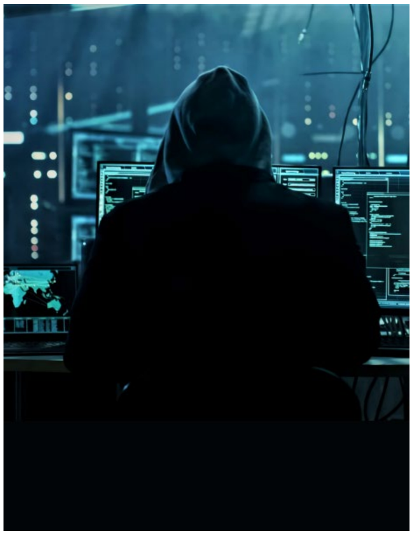
How to Spot a Phishing Email

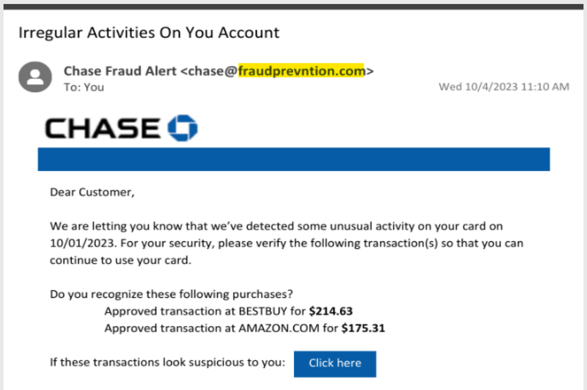
- Check the sender. Verify the sender's email address and name.
- Beware of urgency. If the email creates a sense of urgency, especially regarding sensitive information or immediate action, it may be fake.
- Look for spelling and grammar errors. Typos, awkward phrasing, and grammatical mistakes are red flags.



PHISHING

Phishing is a cyberattack in which an attacker attempts to trick individuals into revealing sensitive information, such as passwords, credit card numbers, or personal identification. This is typically done through deceptive emails, messages, or websites that impersonate trusted entities.

The Fake Financial Alert



Irregular Activities On You Account

Chase Fraud Alert <chase@fraudprevntion.com>
To: You
Wed 10/4/2023 11:10 AM

CHASE

Dear Customer,

We are letting you know that we've detected some unusual activity on your card on 10/01/2023. For your security, please verify the following transaction(s) so that you can continue to use your card.

Do you recognize these following purchases?
Approved transaction at BESTBUY for **$214.63**
Approved transaction at AMAZON.COM for **$175.31**

If these transactions look suspicious to you: Click here

Knowledge is Power

Although phishing is a common attack method, threat actors' tricks and tactics always improve, so users won't always recognize the common red flags; that's where security awareness training comes in.

In a world where phishing emails will continue to be a favored weapon of threat actors, your best defense is knowledge. Make it a habit to educate yourself, share this knowledge with those around you, and become an invaluable line of defense against today's clever hackers.

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