Don’t Get Scammed!

Warm Up:

With a partner or on your own, separate TYPES of information about yourself into the two categories: Public Information (like a social media username) and Private Information (like a social media password).

Public Information	Private Information
Ex: Social Media username	Ex: Social Media password

Definitions: Fill in the blanks for the definitions provided.

- Personally Identifiable Information (PII): Information that can be used to ______________ an individual’s identity, either alone or when __________________ with other information that is linked or linkable to a specific individual.
- Identity Theft: All types of crime in which someone __________________ and uses another person’s personal data in some way that involves ____________________, typically for economic gain.
- Phishing: Tricking individuals into disclosing _______________________________ by claiming to be a trustworthy entity in an ____________________________________ communication (e.g., internet web sites).

Quick Check-In: What is one tip from the video for avoiding the “bait” in a phishing scam?

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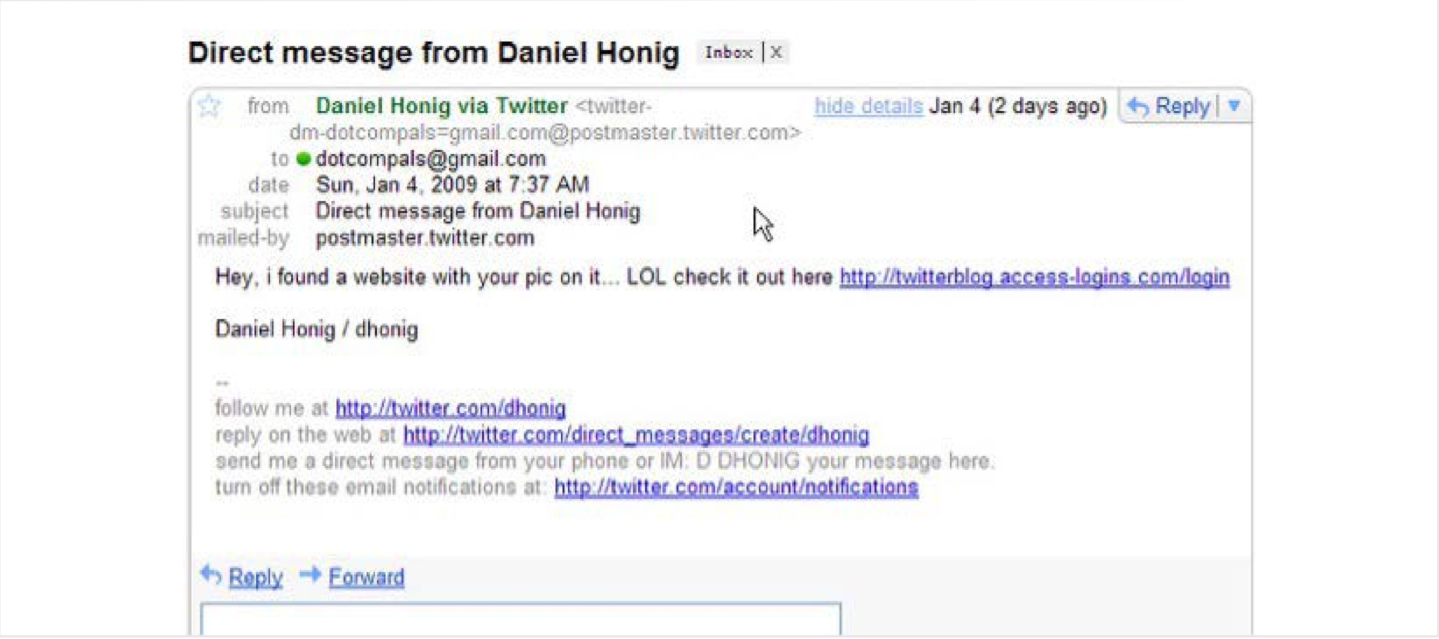
Common Signs of a Phishing Scam:

1. An unfamiliar greeting
2. Grammar errors and misspelled words
3. Email addresses and domain names that don't match
4. Unusual content or request
5. Urgency - "Act Now", "Immediate Action Required", etc.

Practice: Pretend you are writing an email to an online user (but you are a scammer, phishing for information). Use AT LEAST two of the common signs above in your email to the user – remember, the goal is to be very convincing! Make the recipient take the bait!

Catching the Phish Activity

Part One: For each example, circle as many "Red Flags" (signs of a Phishing Scam) as you can. When you're done circling, explain in the provided spaces why each sign was a "Red Flag." Then determine if the Email is Trustworthy or not. **NOTE:** If you could not find any Red Flags, the example might be Trustworthy.



Direct message from Daniel Honig

from Daniel Honig via Twitter <twitter-dm-dotcompals=gmail.com@postmaster.twitter.com>

Jan 4 (2 days ago)

to dotcompals@gmail.com

date Sun, Jan 4, 2009 at 7:37 AM

subject Direct message from Daniel Honig

mailed-by postmaster.twitter.com

Hey, i found a website with your pic on it... LOL check it out here http://twitterblog.access-logins.com/login

Daniel Honig / dhonig

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follow me at http://twitter.com/dhonig

reply on the web at http://twitter.com/direct_messages/create/dhonig

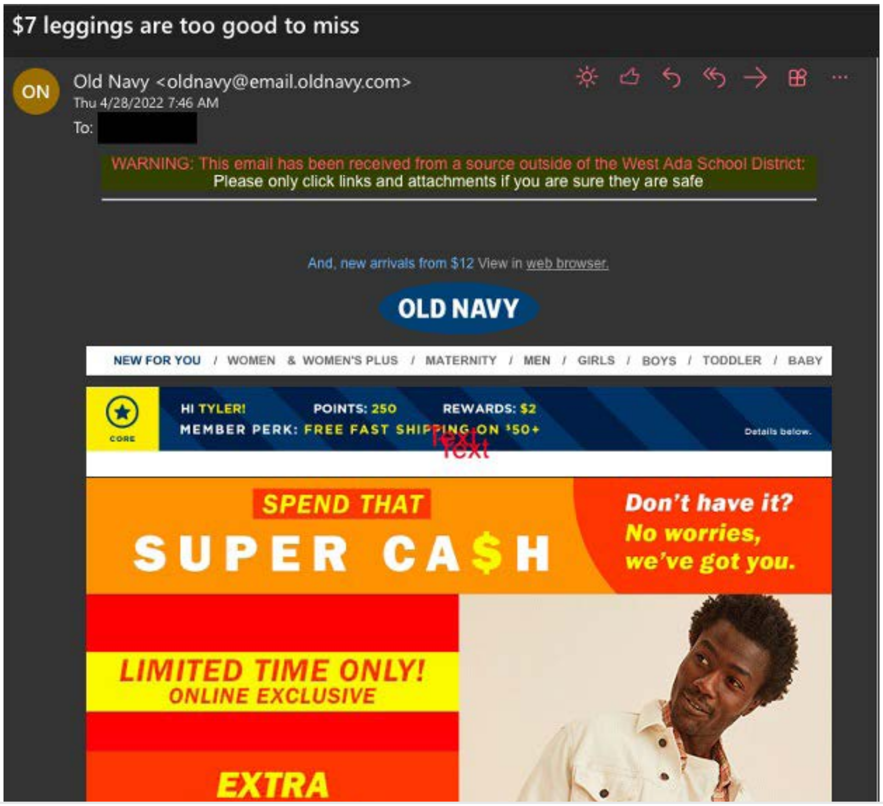
send me a direct message from your phone or IM: D DHONIG your message here.

turn off these email notifications at: http://twitter.com/account/notifications

Red Flags Found

Is This Email Trustworthy? Explain.

Catching the Phish Activity



$7 leggings are too good to miss

Old Navy <oldnavy@email.oldnavy.com>
Thu 4/28/2022 7:46 AM
To: [redacted]

WARNING: This email has been received from a source outside of the West Ada School District:
Please only click links and attachments if you are sure they are safe

And, new arrivals from $12 View in web browser.

OLD NAVY

NEW FOR YOU / WOMEN & WOMEN'S PLUS / MATERNITY / MEN / GIRLS / BOYS / TODDLER / BABY

CORE HI TYLER! POINTS: 250 REWARDS: $2
MEMBER PERK: FREE FAST SHIPPING ON $50+ Details below.

SPEND THAT SUPER CA$H

Don't have it? No worries, we've got you.

LIMITED TIME ONLY! ONLINE EXCLUSIVE

EXTRA

Red Flags Found

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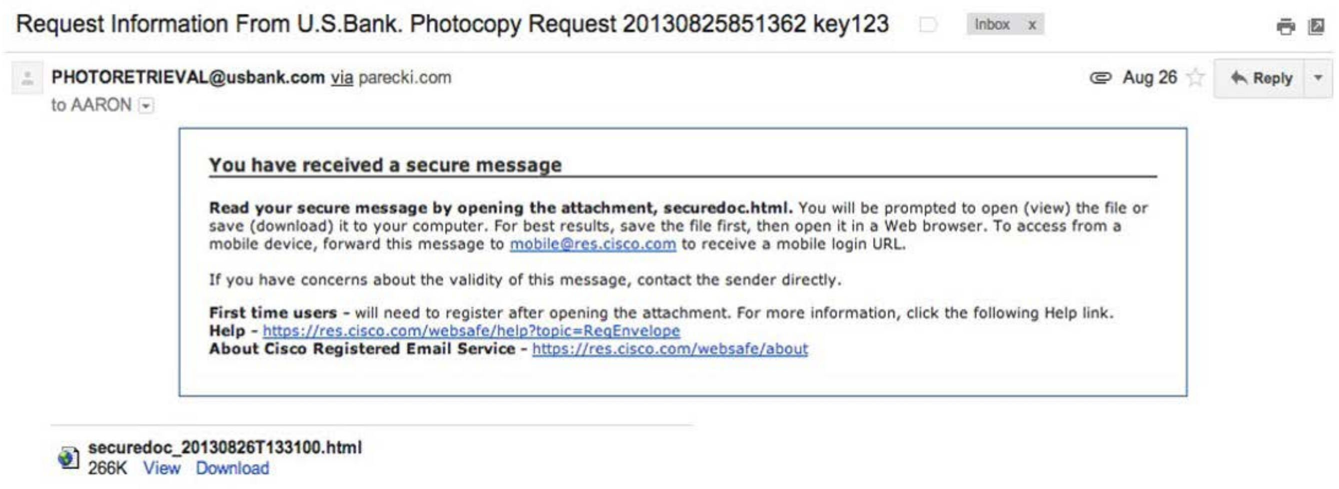

Request Information From U.S.Bank. Photocopy Request 20130825851362 key123

PHOTORETRIEVAL@usbank.com via parecki.com

to AARON

You have received a secure message

Read your secure message by opening the attachment, securedoc.html. You will be prompted to open (view) the file or save (download) it to your computer. For best results, save the file first, then open it in a Web browser. To access from a mobile device, forward this message to mobile@res.cisco.com to receive a mobile login URL.

If you have concerns about the validity of this message, contact the sender directly.

First time users - will need to register after opening the attachment. For more information, click the following Help link.
Help - https://res.cisco.com/websafe/help?topic=RegEnvelope
About Cisco Registered Email Service - https://res.cisco.com/websafe/about

securedoc_20130826T133100.html
266K View Download

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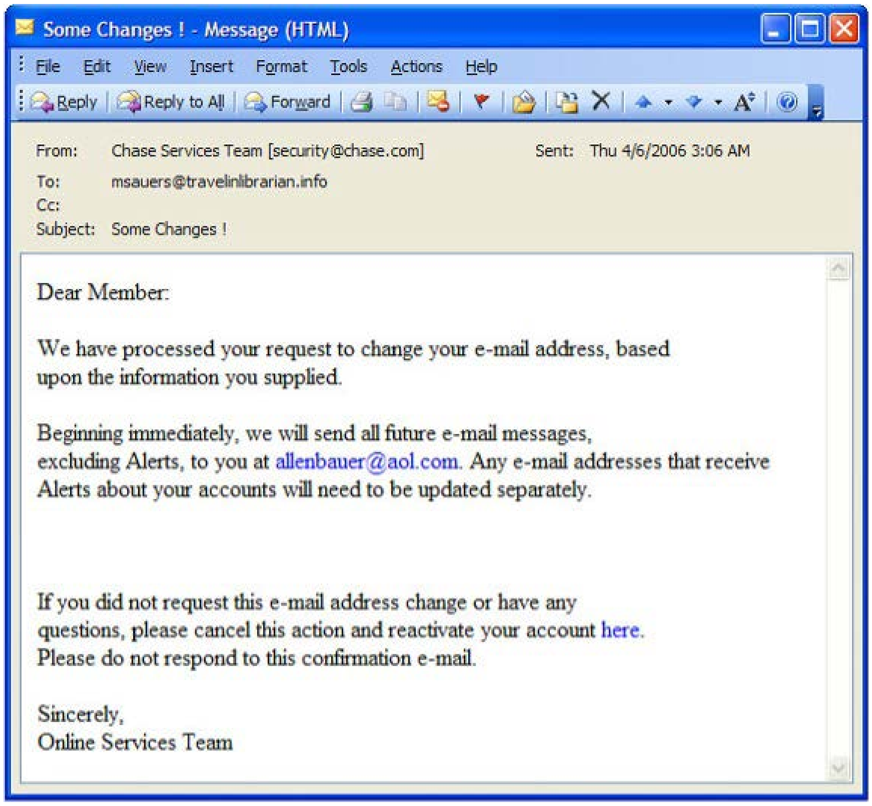

Some Changes ! - Message (HTML)
File Edit View Insert Format Tools Actions Help
Reply Reply to All Forward

From: Chase Services Team [security@chase.com]   Sent: Thu 4/6/2006 3:06 AM
To: msauers@travelinlibrarian.info
Cc:
Subject: Some Changes !

Dear Member:

We have processed your request to change your e-mail address, based upon the information you supplied.

Beginning immediately, we will send all future e-mail messages, excluding Alerts, to you at allenbauer@aol.com. Any e-mail addresses that receive Alerts about your accounts will need to be updated separately.

If you did not request this e-mail address change or have any questions, please cancel this action and reactivate your account here. Please do not respond to this confirmation e-mail.

Sincerely,
Online Services Team

Red Flags Found

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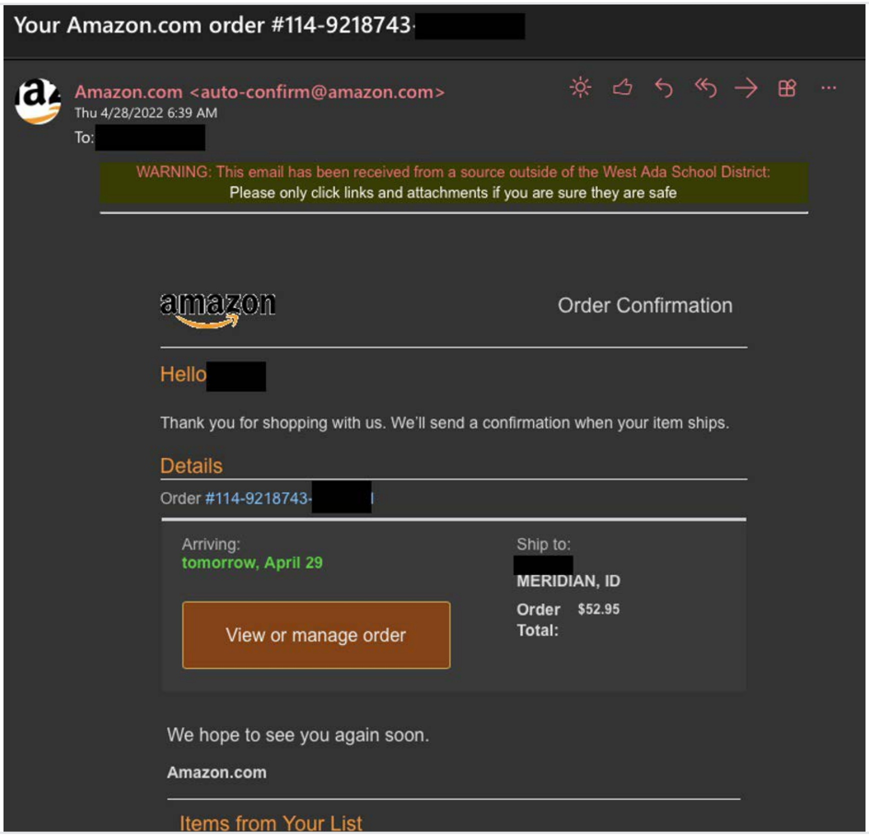

Your Amazon.com order #114-9218743-[redacted]

Amazon.com <auto-confirm@amazon.com>
Thu 4/28/2022 6:39 AM
To: [redacted]

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Order Confirmation

Hello [redacted]

Thank you for shopping with us. We'll send a confirmation when your item ships.

Details

Order #114-9218743-[redacted]

Arriving:
tomorrow, April 29

Ship to:
[redacted]
MERIDIAN, ID

Order Total: $52.95

We hope to see you again soon.

Amazon.com

Items from Your List

Red Flags Found

Is This Email Trustworthy? Explain.

Catching the Phish Activity

Part Two: Apply the same test to your actual emails. Open your school or personal email inbox. Identify 3 emails in your inbox at random and apply the "Catching a Phish" process to each one.

Email #1 Subject: ______________________________

Red Flags Found **Is This Email Trustworthy? Explain.**

Email #2 Subject: ______________________________

Red Flags Found **Is This Email Trustworthy? Explain.**

Email #3 Subject: ______________________________

Red Flags Found **Is This Email Trustworthy? Explain.**

Exit Ticket

Choose one of the following questions to answer (complete sentences) in final reflection of the activity.

- **What is the difference between private and public information?**
- **What is phishing, and what are the common signs of a phishing scam?**
- **Could you identify the trustworthiness of an email?**