The Ultimate Five-Minute Guide to Cyber Security for Your Business



Fact: It's not a matter of if you'll get hacked, but when.



The best defense against a cyber threat is staying up to date with cyber news and best practices.



These slides will show you exactly how to identify and avoid a threat, and what to do if you experience one.



What are four common cyber security risks?

Clicking on spam emails



Careless internet browsing



Poorly constructed passwords



Software that's misconfigured or outdated

Let's start with spam emails...

Email Threats

Hackers can gain access to your confidential information through email.



Email Threats

Email threats are commonly identified as...

Phishing

Spear Phishing

Spoofing

Phishing emails are designed to make you click a corrupted link to download malicious software that cripples your devices or steals your information.



Common signs of a phishing email:

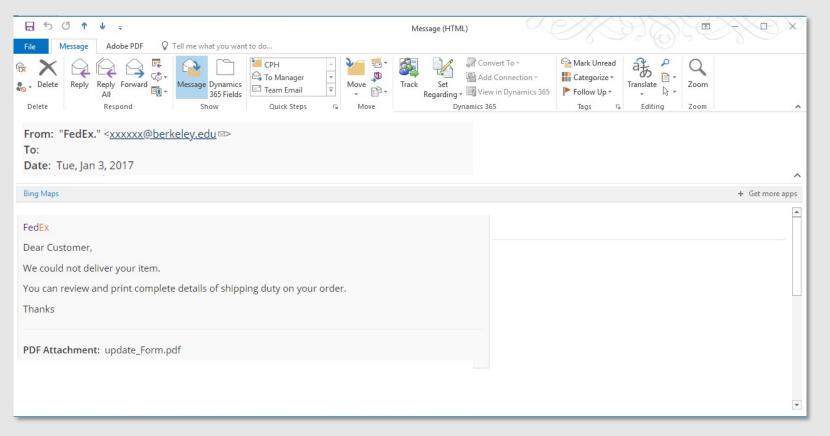
- » Misspelled words or poor phrasing
 - » Phony email address
 - » Phony URL
 - » Request for action



Can you spot the red flags in this example?

Spear Phishing

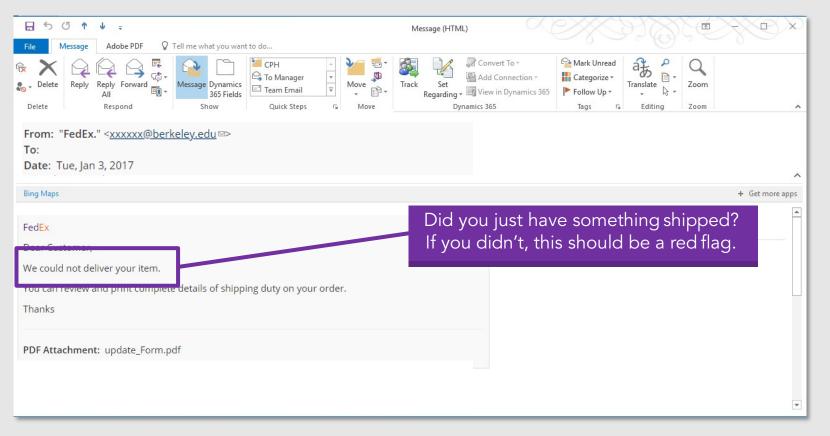
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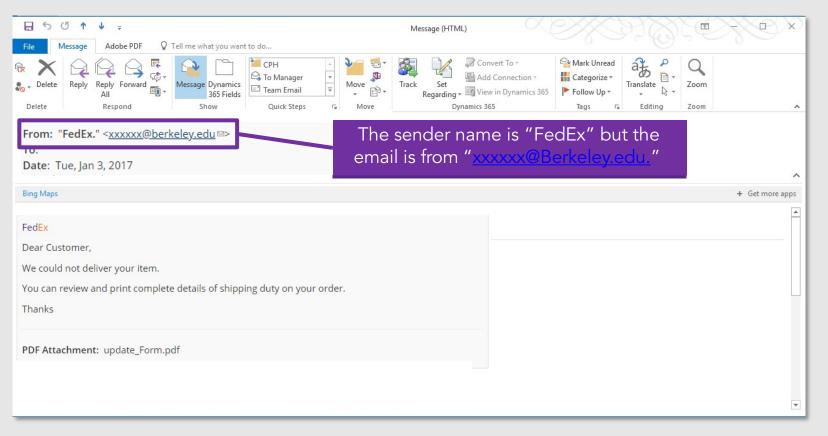
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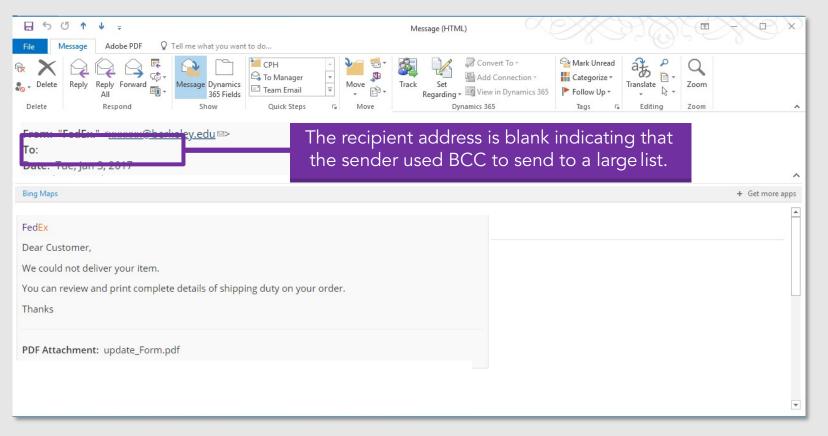
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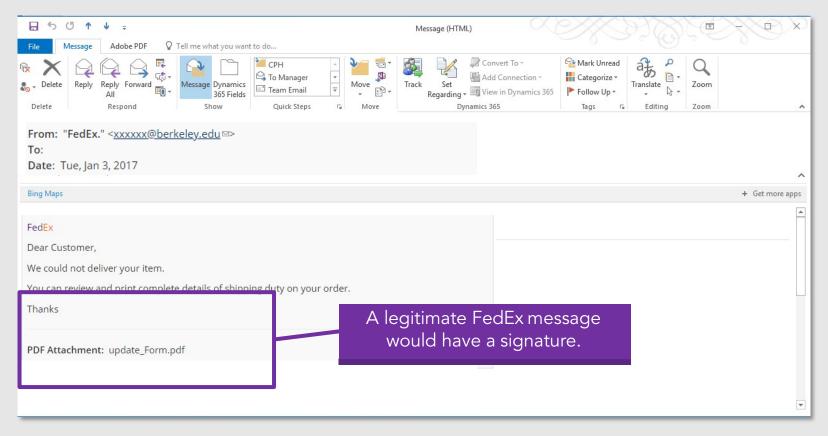
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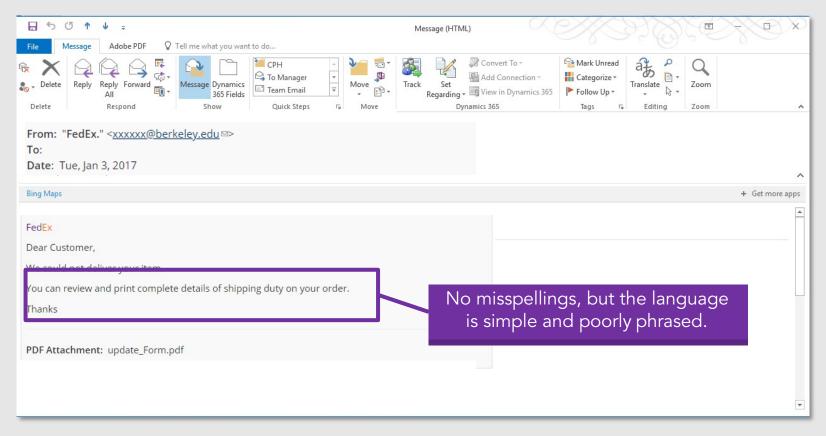
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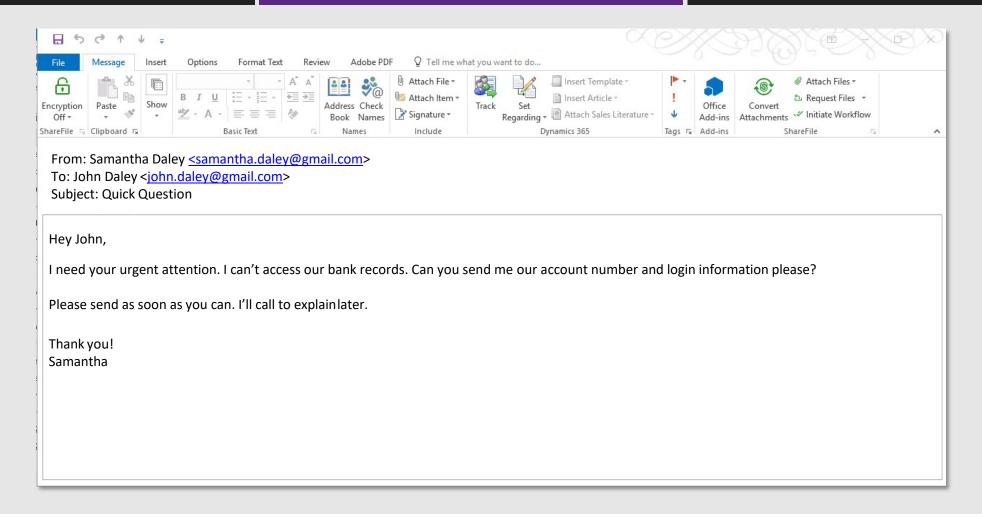
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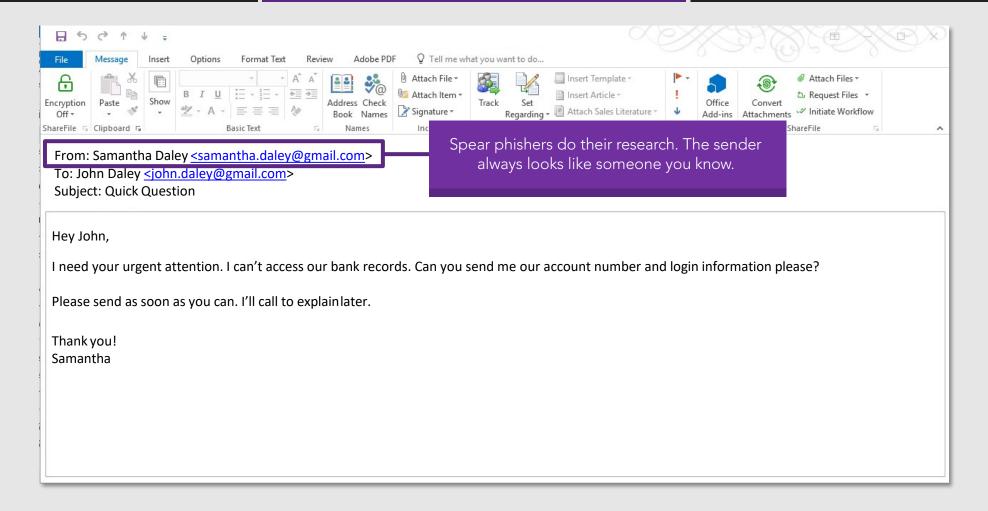


Spear phishing is a more sophisticated form of phishing. It still requests that the recipient downloads a file or clicks on a link, but the sender looks like someone you know.

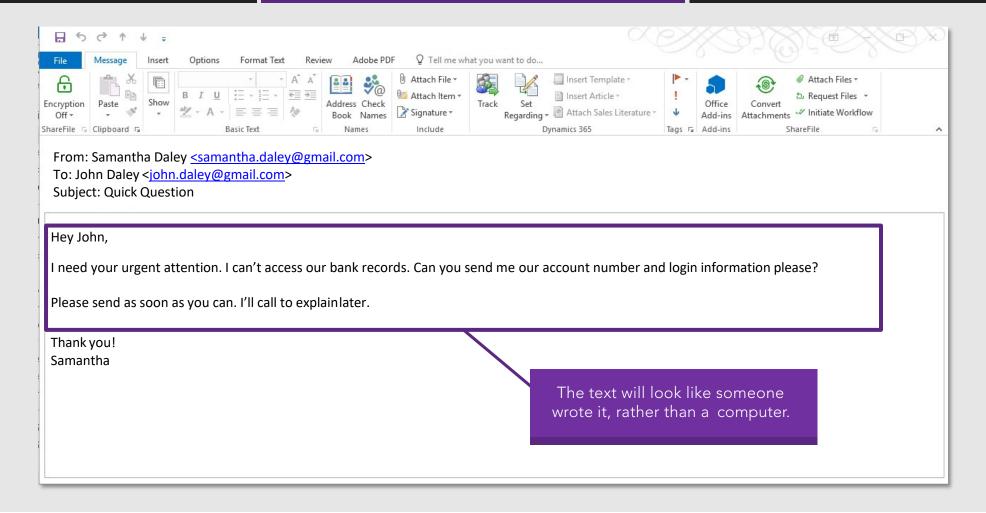
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So how do you know it's a spear phishing scam?

1. They demand an urgent action that would require sharing confidential information or a wire transfer.

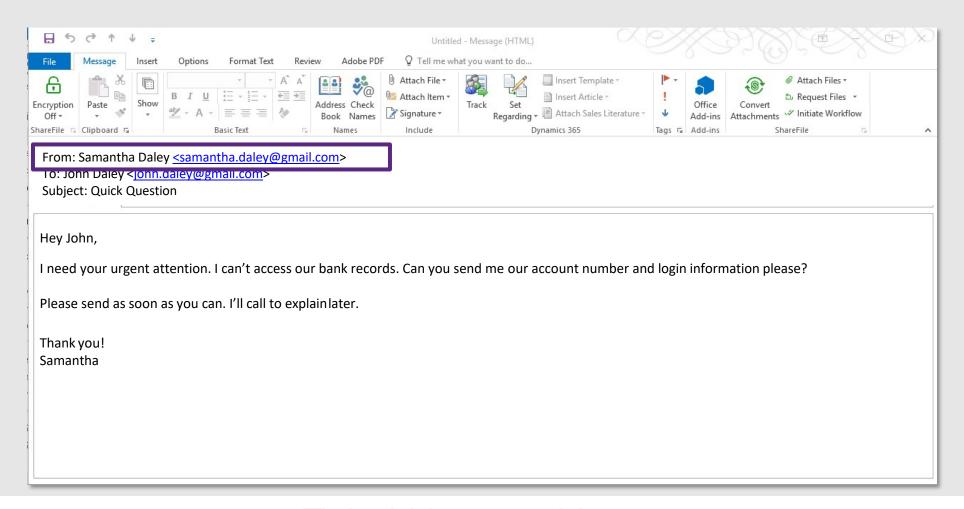
2. They ask something that the real sender would not likely ask of you.

If you suspect the sender is a spear phisher, call the sender to confirm that they really sent it.

Spoofing is the act of disguising a fake email address with a real one.

So an email shows up in your inbox and the sender looks like this...

Spear Phishing

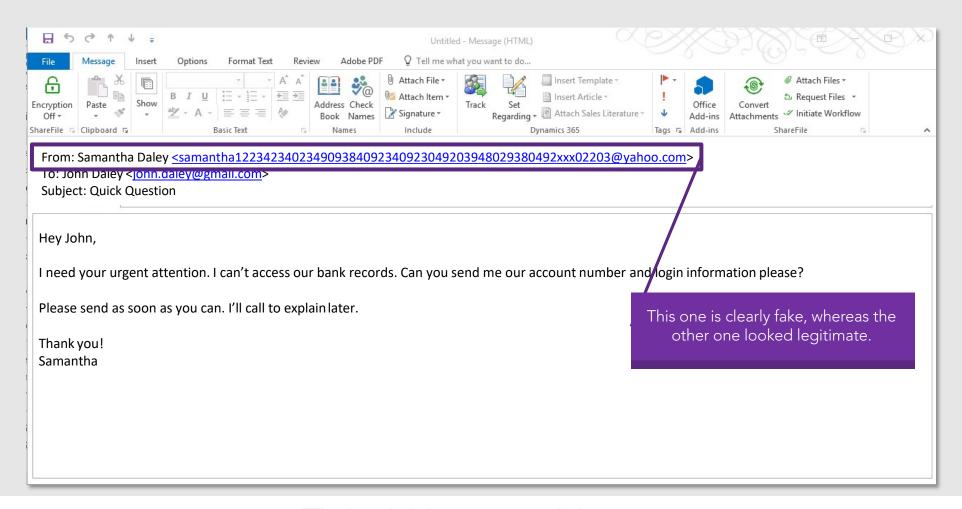


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Rather than this...

Spear Phishing



Spoofers use mail workarounds to make it look like a legitimate email source.

This puts the recipient's guard down and entices them to give in to the spoofer's demands.

Email Threats

The only way to avoid being a victim of a phishing, spear phishing or spoofing hack is to think before you click.



Email Threats

If you recognize the signs, delete the email and alert IT support team (if you have one).

Internet Threats

Clicking on the wrong website can cause a slew of security issues as well.

Internet Threats

This could result in harmful spyware or malware being installed on your computer.

Internet Threats

Browse on websites that start with https:// rather than http:// to ensure you have a secure connection.

Let's discuss this notorious threat...

Ransomware is a malicious software that holds your data for ransom. It downloads to your computer, cuts off access to your data, and demands that you pay a certain amount of money to restore it.

It can get into your computer through unprotected websites, spam emails and more.

Here's what it looks like when it takes over...



http://www.newsweek.com/ransomware-attacks-rise-250-2017-us-wannacry-614034

What do you do if you get a ransomware message?

Unplug your computer immediately. This stops malware from spreading to other devices.

Alert your IT support team.

Keep calm and let your IT support handle the rest.

How do you protect yourself from cyber threats?

Update Your Security Software

This includes enabling two-factor authentication and checking to make sure notifications are being sent to the right place.



Update Your Workstation

Keep up on your operating system and workstation updates. They'll protect you from known vulnerabilities.



Switch Up Your Password

Password safety standards say you should be using phrases rather than words in your passwords.



Stay Alert To New Threats

Then share them with your employees and coworkers they don't make a costly mistake.



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