

The email that almost fooled me

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Text

It was a Tuesday evening, and I was making dinner when a new email landed in my inbox. The email came from my bank, or at least that is what the sender's name said. It said that my account had been blocked and that I had twenty-four hours to confirm my details.

For about ten seconds, I believed every word of it, and that is what still bothers me. My heart was beating faster, my cursor was already moving towards the link, and I was not thinking at all. That is exactly how phishing works: it does not attack your computer, but the person sitting in front of the screen.

Then I stopped and read the message properly, and three small details gave the scam away. The sender's name looked right, but the real address behind it ended in a domain I had never seen before. The message began with "Dear Customer", although my bank always uses my name. And when I moved the mouse over the button, the web address at the bottom of the screen had nothing to do with my bank.

I did not click on anything. Instead, I closed the email, opened my banking app myself and checked my account there. Everything was fine, and there was no hurry, so the next morning I reported the message to my bank and deleted it.

If an email tells you that you must act immediately, that pressure is part of the attack. A real bank will never ask you to confirm your password or your full card number in an email, so you should never send them. Take ten seconds and look at the sender before you do anything else. And if you are not sure, close the message and go to the website yourself.

Slovíčka z článku

Anglicky	Výslovnost	Česky
phishing	/ˈfɪʃɪŋ/	phishing, podvodné vylákání údajů
scam	/skæm/	podvod
sender	/ˈsendə/	odesílatel
to confirm	/kənˈfɜ:m/	potvrdit, ověřit
details	/ˈdi:teɪlz/	údaje (osobní, přihlašovací); též drobnosti, jednotlivosti
account	/əˈkaʊnt/	účet
to block	/blɒk/	zablokovat
link	/lɪŋk/	odkaz
web address	/ˈweb əˌdres/	webová adresa

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domain	/də'meɪn/	doména
to give away	/,ɡɪv ə'weɪ/	prozradit
to report	/rɪ'pɔ:t/	nahlásit, oznámit
password	/'pɑ:swɜ:d/	heslo
pressure	/'preʃə/	tlak, nátlak

Otázky k textu (zakroužkujte správnou odpověď)

1. According to the email, what had happened?

- A) Someone had used the writer's card abroad
- B) The bank had changed the writer's password
- C) The writer's account had been blocked
- D) The writer had been sent money by mistake

2. According to the article, what does phishing really attack?

- A) The person reading the message
- B) The software inside your computer
- C) The bank's own email system
- D) The password stored in your browser

3. Which of these was one of the three details that gave the scam away?

- A) The email arrived very late at night
- B) The email was written in poor English
- C) The email contained no bank logo at all
- D) The address behind the button had nothing to do with the bank

4. What does the article advise you to do if you are not sure about a message?

- A) Reply to the email and ask the bank to confirm it
- B) Close the message and go to the website yourself
- C) Click the link but do not enter your password
- D) Wait twenty-four hours and see what happens

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1. C) The writer's account had been blocked

První odstavec: ve zprávě stálo, že účet byl zablokovaný a že má vypravěč dvacet čtyři hodin na potvrzení svých údajů.

2. A) The person reading the message

Druhý odstavec: „it does not attack your computer, but the person sitting in front of the screen“ – phishing cílí na člověka, ne na techniku.

3. D) The address behind the button had nothing to do with the bank

Třetí odstavec: po najetí myší na tlačítko se dole na obrazovce ukázala adresa, která s bankou neměla nic společného. E-mail navíc přišel v úterý večer, ne pozdě v noci; o špatné angličtině ani chybějícím logu není v textu řeč.

4. B) Close the message and go to the website yourself

Poslední odstavec: „close the message and go to the website yourself“ – banku si otevřete sami z aplikace nebo z ručně napsané adresy, nikdy z odkazu ve zprávě.