

Excerpt: Phishing and Spear Phishing¹⁸

The Threat

Phishing is a high-tech scam that uses e-mail to deceive you into disclosing personal information. It puts your personal information and your organization's information at risk. Spear phishing is a type of targeted phishing that appears to be directed towards a specific individual or group of individuals.

Indicators

The following are suspicious indicators related to phishing and spear phishing:

- ▶ Uses e-mail
- ▶ May include bad grammar, misspellings, and/or generic greetings

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