# Phishing Game



### Rules

**Participants**: 2-3 players

**Time**: 30-45 minutes

#### **Player Instructions:**

In this game, there are 6 phishing emails. To win the game, you must identify all of the suspicious parts and explain why they are suspicious. You will get a point for each part you describe correctly.

- 1. Place your marker on the "Start" square. Make your game marker with a paper-ball, eraser or other small object.
- 2. Place the phishing cards Question-side up in the centre of the board. Answer-side has the fish image.
- 3. Take a phishing card from the centre of the board. \*Do not turn the card over until you have finished answering the questions.
- 4. Read the phishing email.
- 5. Underline of highlight the suspicious parts.
- 6. Describe why it is suspicious in the spaces provided.
- 7. Turn over the card and read the answers.
- 8. For each correct answer, move your marker one spot forward. e.g. 4 correct answers, move forward 4 spaces.
- 9. When you are finished all phishing cards, report your score to the trainer.

If you identify any answers not provided on the answers card, your trainer will make the final decision on points.





| 7 POINTS    |  |
|-------------|--|
| From:       | From: GlobalPay <vt@globalpay.com>  Subject: Restore your account Date: February 7, 2014 3:47:02 AM MST</vt@globalpay.com>   |
| Subject:    | To: David  |
| Date:       | 1 Attachment, 7 KB Save V  |
| Date.       |  |
| To:         | Dear customer,   |
| Salutation: | We regret to inform you that your account has been restricted.  To continue using our services plese download the file attached to this e-mail and update your login information |
| Message:    | © GlobalPaymentsInc  |
| Attachment: | update2816.html (7 KB)   |





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- From: Domain looks legitimate, but sender doesn't have a full name
- **Subject:** Subject line is alarming
- Date: Timestamp shows email was send at an unusual hour outside of business hours
- To: -
- **Salutation:** Salutation is generic
- Message: (1) Message requires urgent action.
  - (2) Contains spelling errors "Plese" is misspelled
- Attachment: Unsolicited attachment unrelated to request to update login info



Confirmation of your request from Hotels.com MISC/Scams x **4 POINTS** Nov 14, 2018, 11:38 AM (1 day ago) Hotels.com <Hotelscom@roktpowered.com> From: Hotels Hotel Deals Packages & Flights Groups Customer Service Gift Cards Subject: Hotels.com" Date: New York Hotels Las Vegas Hotels Chicago Hotels Los Angeles Hotels To: COUPON CODE Salutation: Message: Attachment: When you spend \$350 or more

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When you spend \$350 or more

EMLRKUSH21850:SK7CM6

Book now

You must click through this email or book through our app to redeem this coupon.

\*Use by 11:59 PM MT on 01/15/19 for travel by 04/30/19. Can't be used on some hotels. See details below.

Bookings using this coupon are not eligible for Hotels.com™ Rewards.

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#### 4 points + 1 Bonus point

This phishing email is particularly clever. Most of the email looks legitimate. But there are a few signs.

- From: Sender's email domain is
   @roktpowered.com, not hotels.com
- Subject: -
- **Date:** Date and time are normal
- To: -
- Salutation: Normal for an advertisement
- Message: You must click this email the use of must is suspicious and requiring the link to access the coupon
- Attachment/link: Bonus Point: Hover over the link may reveal the url is not Hotels.com

| 6 POINTS    | From: Costco Shipping Agent <manager@cbcbuilding.com> Subject: Scheduled Home Delivery Problem</manager@cbcbuilding.com>   | Hide |  |  |  |
|-------------|--|------|--|--|--|
| From:       | Date: January 6, 2014 10:54:37 PM MST To:  |      |  |  |  |
| Subject:    | Reply-To: Costco Shipping Agent <manager@cbcbuilding.com></manager@cbcbuilding.com>  |      |  |  |  |
| Date:       |  |      |  |  |  |
| To:         | Costco   |      |  |  |  |
| Salutation: |  |      |  |  |  |
| Message:    |  |      |  |  |  |
| Attachment: | Unfortunately the delivery of your order <a href="COS-0077945599">COS-0077945599</a> was cancelled since the specified address of the recipient not correct. You are recommended to complete <a href="this form">this form</a> and send it back with your reply to us. | was  |  |  |  |
|             | Please do this within the period of one week - if we dont get your timely reply you will be paid your money be since your order was booked for Christmas.  |      |  |  |  |

Turn over to read answers

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- From: (1) Sender's email domain is
   @cbcbuilding.com, not Costco, (2) logo is incorrect
- Subject: -
- **Date:** Sent outside of normal company hours
- To: -
- **Salutation:** no salutation
- Message: (1) Contains numerous grammatical errors / odd phrasing – e.g. you will be paid your money back lass 21%, (2) Contains punctuation errors – e.g. dont
- Attachment: -



Best Buy 7601 Penn Avenue South, Richfield, MN 49584-7655

| 3 POINTS    | Subject:<br>Date:   | Special Order Delivery Properties December 20, 2013 11:00 daye   | roblem             |            |            |             | Hid   |
|-------------|---|--|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|---|
| From:       |   | Best Buy <bestbuyinfo@< td=""><td>fashionlab.com.ua&gt;</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></bestbuyinfo@<> | fashionlab.com.ua> |            |            |             |   |
| Subject:    |   |  |                    |            |            |             |   |
| Date:       | BI  | ST   |                    |            |            |             | sy Buy ID: 00202446<br>certificate(s) available |
| To:         | BL  | ΙΫ́  |                    |            | WEEKLY DEA | ALS         | GIFTS   |
| Salutation: | Tvs   | Computers & Tablets  | Cell Phones        | Appliances | Cameras    | Video Games | Audio   |
| Message:    | Sir/Madam,  Your order BBY-4983814314 has not been delivered because the specified address was not correct.  Please fill this form and send it back with your reply to this message.  If we do not receive your reply within a week we will pay your money back less 17 because your order was reserved for the time of Christmas holidays. |  |                    |            |            |             |   |
| Attachment: |   |  |                    |            |            |             |   |
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- From: Sender's email domain is @fashionlab.com.au, not Best Buy
- Subject: -
- Date: -
- **To:** Generic salutation
- Salutation: -
- Message: Contains multiple grammatical errors
- Attachment: -



| 4 POINTS    | Subject: Information Date: August 26, 2013 1:25:12 AM MDT  |  |  |  |
|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| From:       | To: dave  Reply-To: Manager Daniel Bridges <daniel_bridges33@gulfslipformpaving.com></daniel_bridges33@gulfslipformpaving.com> |  |  |  |
| Subject:    |  |  |  |  |
| Date:       | USPS.COM   |  |  |  |
| To:         |  |  |  |  |
| Salutation: |  |  |  |  |
| Message:    | Notification  Our courier couldnt make the delivery of parcel to you at 20th August.   |  |  |  |
| Attachment: | Print label and show it in the nearest post office.  Print a Shipping Label NOW  |  |  |  |
|             | USPS   Copyright 2013 USPS. All Rights Reserved.   |  |  |  |

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- From: (1) Sender's name includes numbers, (2)
   Sender's email domain is
   @gulfslipformpaving.com, not USPS
- **Subject:** Vague this is because the entire email is a link. Clicking anywhere in the email would take you to the link
- Date: -
- To: -
- Salutation: -
- Message: Punctuation errors e.g. couldnt,
- Attachment/Link: Tries to force you to use link,
   no URL provided or alternate method of contact



### **4 POINTS** From: Subject: Date: To: Salutation: Message: Attachment:

From: "Bank"<payment@epayment.com>

Subject: Re: new payment on your account

Date: March 24, 2014 10:39:01 AM MDT

Reply-To: <bankwiretransferdepartment@gmail.com>

Please find attached bank slip for new payment on your account.

Regards,

Account Department.



new payment.zip





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- From: Reply to address is an @gmail account
- **Subject:** Urgent / alarming
- Date: -
- To: -
- Salutation:
- Message: Too brief, does not provide information, unprofessional
- Attachment: Zip file Suspicious

