How to Spot a Phishing Email

Generic subject line
Legitimate emails usually have detailed subject lines. A vague subject line can be a key indicator of a phishing scam.

Suspicious URL
Hover over links included in emails to see the actual destination of the URL.

Improper use of copyright
Watch for improper use of copyright information. This is used to make the phishing email look official.

From: Webmail Master Security (webmastersecurity@webmail.com)

Subject: Urgent Email

Dear Webmail User,

You are required to authenticate your account below to continue sending and receive messages. We strongly advice you to upgrade now to protect your web/Domain and avoid termination. Follow link to verify your email address immediately.

Failure to update might process your account as inactive, and you may experience termination of services or undue errors. Please comply with new server requirements and read through the attached privacy policy.

Wondering why you got this email?

This email was sent automatically during routine security checks. We are trying to protect your account so you can continue using services uninterrupted.

Thanks,
Webmail Master

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