

How to Spot a Phishing Email

Generic subject line

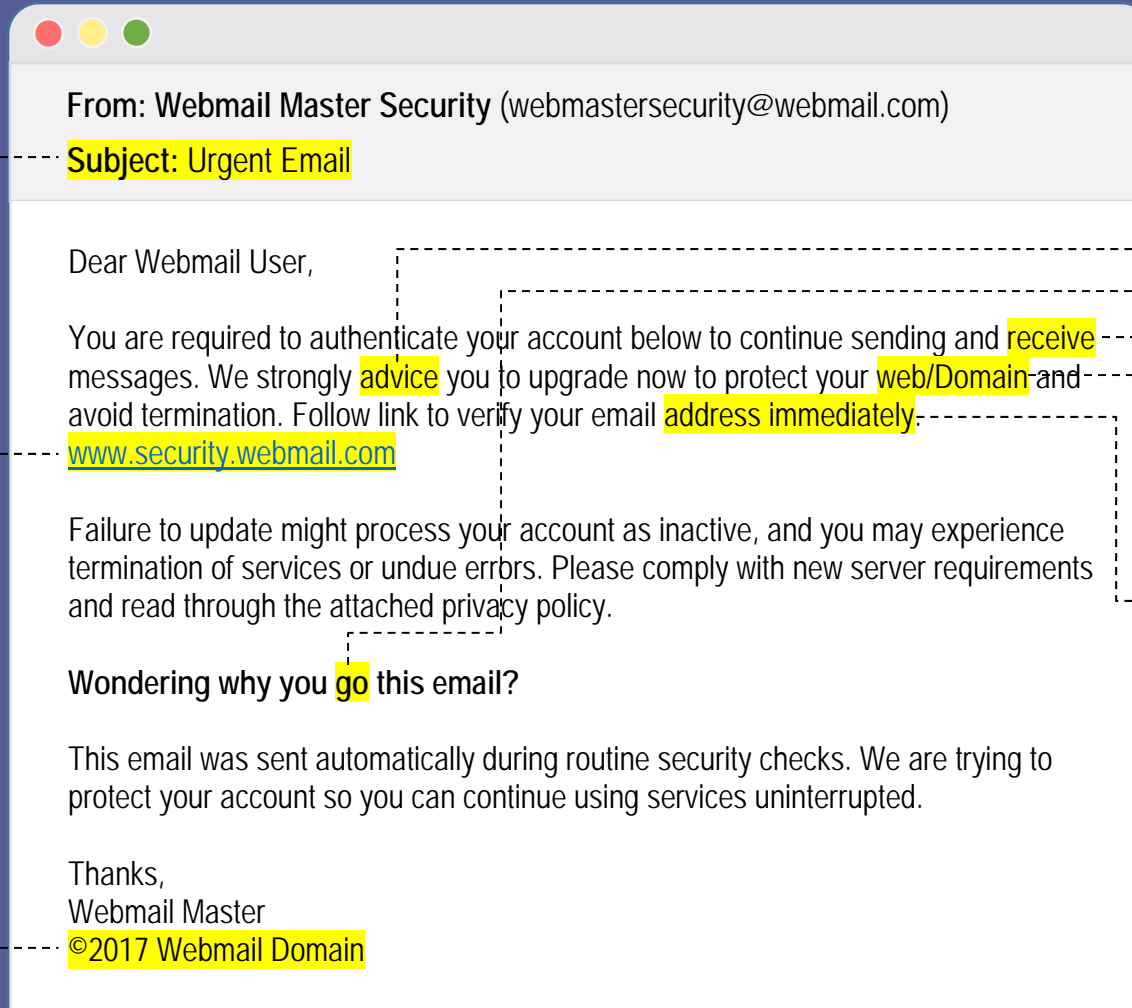
Legitimate emails usually have detailed subject lines. A vague subject line can be a key indicator of a phishing scam.

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.



Bad grammar/spelling

Phishing emails often contain misspelled words and bad grammar. This is a sign that the email did not come from a professional organization or a real person you may know.

Unnecessary urgency

Use your intuition and if something "feels" wrong, consider calling the organization or office directly to validate the email.

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