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Thread: Spam/Phishing Email from Paypal [WARNING]

Aura - *February 13, 2014, 1:59 pm*

Hey guys, Aura here with a small warning for you.

So I was checked my email today and noticed I received one from Paypal telling me to update my account information otherwise my account would be limited. What seemed fishy is that the email was apparently sent from my email address to myself. So I read the email carefully and noticed a few grammar errors/mistakes. After that, when I moved my mouse over the hover link, I noticed that the link wasn't redirecting to Paypal at all.

Just thought I would warn you guys as I don't know if it's just a publicity spam email or a phishing attempt. I'm warning you because this email went straight in my Inbox and not in my Spam folder, probably because it was apparently sent from my email address and so Gmail won't take my own email address as a spam one.

Null Byte - *February 13, 2014, 10:14 pm*
Phishing emails aren't anything new, sorry to say. And as Corso noted it seems that your email is in a scammer's database :D have fun!

Mr.Peanut - *February 13, 2014, 10:15 pm*
There's something with phishing emails and bad grammar.. funniest shit ever

Aura - *February 14, 2014, 3:52 am*
I'm just posting this as it can happen to anyone and also because its from "Paypal" and it goes straight in your Inbox, many people can fall for it, that's all.

Corso - *February 14, 2014, 11:04 am*
No idea why my post was scrapped... lol. Anyway as it said, seems your Email was tagged :)

Vanilja - *February 14, 2014, 11:10 am*
Good warning. Will probably help someone.
One tip for everyone.
PayPal never, i mean never say "dear customer" there will always be your first and last name ?

Fatboy Slim - *February 14, 2014, 2:23 pm*
Notice:
-Wrong capitalization.
-Typing errors
-Copy and paste the link while there is no link to copy.

Conclusion:
Phishing mails are easy to spot if you pay close attention.

Haunter - *February 14, 2014, 2:27 pm*
Thanks for looking out for our members old sport.

Gustav. - *February 14, 2014, 4:45 pm*
Thank you for the heads-up, I appreciate it man.

Aura - *February 14, 2014, 5:32 pm*
(Feb 14, 2014 12:04 PM)Corso Wrote: [CITE] No idea why my post was scrapped... lol. Anyway as it said, seems your Email was tagged :)
Yeah I was wondering where your post went haha !

(Feb 14, 2014 12:10 PM)saixen Wrote: [CITE] Good warning. Will probably help someone.
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I think most of the companies will never say "Dear customer" ?

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This. The number of spelling/writing/grammar/etc. errors in this email gave it away

(Feb 14, 2014 03:27 PM)Assaults Wrote: [CITE] Thanks for looking out for our members old sport.
No problem ?

(Feb 14, 2014 05:45 PM)Chief? Wrote: [CITE] Thank you for the heads-up, I appreciate it man.
No problem buddy.

Jagster™ - *February 14, 2014, 9:33 pm*
Dam wonder how they got your email buddy, not good! I would expect to see a lot more of these attempts in the near future, perhaps changing your email on your PayPal to a freshly made one would be better.

Good thing you have an eagle eye to spot these attempts :)

Aura - *February 15, 2014, 7:03 am*
(Feb 14, 2014 10:33 PM)Jagster Wrote: [CITE] Dam wonder how they got your email buddy, not good! I would expect to see a lot more of these attempts in the near future, perhaps changing your email on your PayPal to a freshly made one would be better.

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It's actually pretty easy to get my email address I guess ?
And yeah good thing I'm a bit paranoid on the sides !

Nachfolger - *February 15, 2014, 7:07 am*
Did you ever find out where it went? Or what the website was for? If he is simply just sending people to his website there's nothing wrong with it, but if he is sending to a site that looks like PP then it needs to get reported.

Aura - *February 15, 2014, 7:19 am*

(Feb 15, 2014 08:07 AM)ackerspace Wrote: [CITE] Did you ever find out where it went? Or what the website was for? If he is simply just sending people to his website there's nothing wrong with it, but if he is sending to a site that looks like PP then it needs to get reported.
Yeah I found it, check the second picture in the OP ?

Jagster™ - *February 15, 2014, 8:10 am*
Yah not to mention all those lame $.05 PP Giveaways where people are posting their PP emails on HF lol... easy way to scrape dem address.

Null Byte - *February 15, 2014, 10:42 am*
(Feb 15, 2014 08:19 AM)Aur? Wrote: [CITE] Yeah I found it, check the second picture in the OP ?
Yeah, I don't think I want to trust "golf-club.by" with my PayPal account credentials.

Crashed - *February 16, 2014, 8:23 pm*
(Feb 13, 2014 11:15 PM)Mr.Peanut Wrote: [CITE] There's something with phishing emails and bad grammar.. funniest shit ever
Hahaha, exactly what I was thinking.

"Your Account Will Be Limited, Until We Here From You ."

& plenty other wrong capitalization/grammer errors lol.

Moji - *February 16, 2014, 8:25 pm*
Thank you for the warning Aura, will look out for things likes these ?

Emoticon - *February 17, 2014, 12:07 am*
The horrendous grammar in that e-mail is just... awe-inspiring.
"Your Account Will Be Limited , Until We Here From You ."... if you're going to pretend to be the "Senior Vice President of Customer Service and Operations" at PayPal, at least use the correct word, "hear." It doesn't even look professional at all.

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Aura - *February 17, 2014, 6:42 am*
(Feb 17, 2014 01:07 AM)Xerucide Wrote: [CITE] The horrendous grammar in that e-mail is just... awe-inspiring.
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I have no idea. The only legit link in that email is the "Contact" word that leads to the real Paypal Contact form.

Cyber - *February 17, 2014, 6:46 am*
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Aura - *February 17, 2014, 6:48 am*
(Feb 17, 2014 07:46 AM)Lucky Luciano Wrote: [CITE] I wouldn't believe that email if I were 12 years old lol terrible
Even when we were 12 years old we could see these bad phishing attempts and wouldn't fell for it ?