PHISHING: STAYING OFF THE HOOK

Phishing stands as the most prevalent form of social engineering — a sophisticated tactic in which a threat actor fabricates a compelling narrative to manipulate you into performing actions on their behalf or disclosing private information.

This deceptive technique primarily occurs via email but can also manifest through text (smishing) or phone calls (vishing).

PHISHING EXAMPLE

From:
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 2:40 PM
Subject: Mandatory Action!

This is the last time we will notify you that we'll stop processing incoming emails in your school account, and the reason is you failed to verify your Microsoft account which may lead to the permanent deletion of your account from our database in the next few hours. Kindly take a minute to complete our email verification below. If the above links do not work, please copy and paste the following URL into a Web browser:

<URL Removed>

if you only have one Microsoft Office 365 account, only fill in the only account.

Important Notice- Account disconnection will take place today.
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HOW CAN YOU STAY VIGILIANT?

- Verify the sender's identity
- Exercise caution with links and attachments
- If the email raises suspicion, utilize the **"Report"** button in Outlook or forward it to infosec@uc.edu for further review