

Is This Email Legitimate?

Phishing is when a scammer uses fraudulent emails or texts, or copycat websites to get you to share personal information such as account numbers, social security numbers, login IDs, passwords, etc. These items can be then used to steal your money and/or identity.

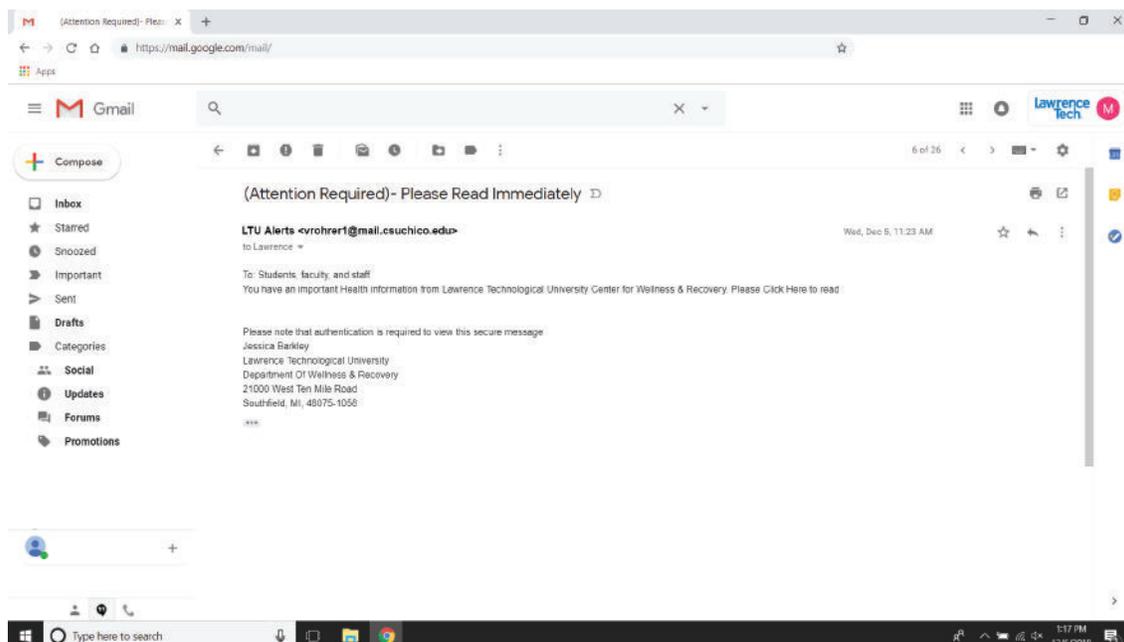
Scammers also use phishing emails to get access to your computer or network then install programs like ransomware that can lock you out of your computer or specific files on your computer. Do not click on a link just to see what's there. Simply accessing a malicious site could result in the compromise of your computer.

If something else about it doesn't seem right, please mark the email as Spam or Phishing attempt or you may contact helpdesk@ltu.edu.

The Phish

Below is a real phish received by many LTU webmail accounts during December 2018. Let's start by clearing up one misconception; the "From" address and "Reply To" address mean nothing. They are merely text fields, and if a mail server isn't configured to check these addresses, the email can say anything the phisher or spammer wants it to say.

The phisher isn't going to give you his or her real email address. The idea is for the email to appear to be legitimately coming from the company it claims to represent, but not an actual address at the company so as to tip them off.



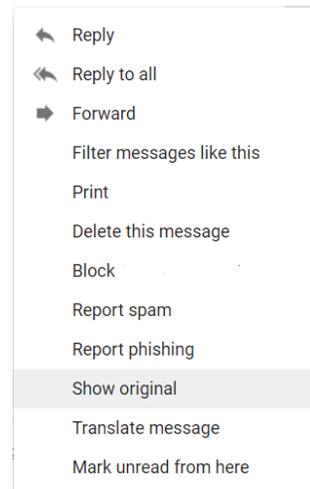
Test 1: Where Did it Really Come From?

Since the “from” and “reply to” addresses can be easily faked, it is important to view the header information. Every email contains a header that lists each mail server that it has passed through. Each entry is set apart with the word "Received" with the top-most entry being the last entry (which should be your mail server.)

IT Services requests that you send the header information to helpdesk@ltu.edu if you suspect an email may be fraudulent. Please used these instructions to obtain the headers, and send them to us for closer examination.

Viewing Headers in LTU Webmail:

1. Log in to Gmail
2. Open the message you'd like to view headers for.
3. Click the down arrow next to Reply, at the top of the message pane.
4. Select Show Original.
5. A new webpage opens



How to copy and send header information:

Below is a portion of the text from the webpage that opens showing the header of your email. Please copy and paste the header information into an email and forward it to helpdesk@ltu.edu.

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Delivered-To:
Received: by 2002:a9d:5f03:0:0:0:0:0 with SMTP id f3csp9350363oti;
Wed, 5 Dec 2018 08:17:00 -0800 (PST)
X-Received: by 2002:a2e:8ec8:: with SMTP id e8-v6mr160985591jl.162.1544026380726;
Wed, 05 Dec 2018 08:13:00 -0800 (PST)
X-Received: by 2002:a2e:8ec8:: with SMTP id e8-v6mr160985081jl.162.1544026379501;
Wed, 05 Dec 2018 08:12:59 -0800 (PST)
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d=google.com; s=arc-20160816;
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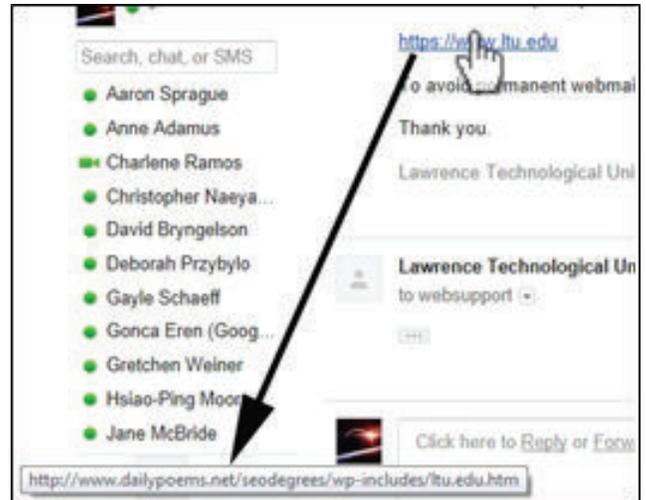
Test 2: If There's a Link in the Email, is it Legitimate?

If the phish has a link for you to click on, as most do, you can check to see what the real link is. When you see a link in an HTML email message, it can be any text the author desires. How can you tell what the link is? There are two ways.

Hover the mouse over the link to display the real link:

Hold your mouse over the link, in a couple of moments the real link address will show. In this example it shows near the bottom left of the browser. As you can see, that link is from dailypoems.net.

Ask yourself, "Should a message from LTU have link about your email status that leads to dailypoems.net?" Absolutely not! Conclusion Spam! Therefore do not click on the link and mark the message as Spam



View the Link Properties:

Internet Explorer:

Right click while the mouse pointer is located somewhere on the message. Select "Properties" from the context menu that comes up. A dialog box opens with the link's information. In this example, once again, you can see that the link is from dailypoems.net.

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