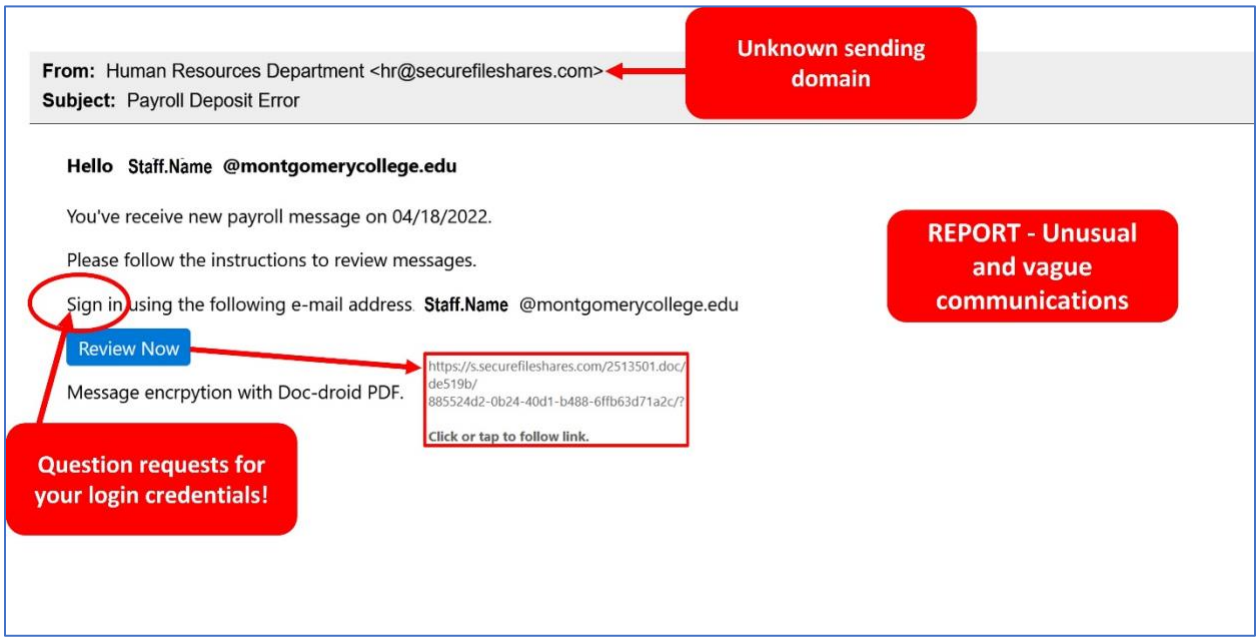
April Phishing Results: Payroll Deposit Error

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) recently completed a simulated phishing scenario titled, *Payroll Deposit Error*. The subject is a sensitive topic, and the attacker knows this is a sure win to get you to click on the link and enter your password. This email was from an unknown sender and provided a link for the recipient to "sign in" to review messages. The lack of detail and payroll topic are tactics attackers use to lure the recipient into responding in haste without thinking.

988 employees reported the phishing scenario to the Phishtrap. **Nice work MC!**

504 employees clicked the link within the training email.
Did you click? *In a real-world phishing attack you would have given up your MyMC login credentials.*

Please review the clues within the email to help you identify this message as suspicious:



What should you do if you suspect an email may be a phishing attempt?

Let IT Security analyze the email for you - **REPORT** the email! The Report Phishing button within your email client allows you to quickly report suspicious emails to IT Security. Learn how to

access the Phishing Reporter button when using Office 365 at home. If you accidentally clicked on a link or attachment in a suspicious email, contact the IT Service Desk immediately.

Follow these additional tips to avoid phishing scams:

- Log in to your Workday instance to view any messages related to your account.
- Check your emotions. Do not be curious and investigate the link – REPORT the email.
- Keep your MC business limited to your MC email address and use your personal email address for personal business.
- Always verify! If you know the sender, but the email seems out of context, follow up with a quick phone call.
- Trust your instincts. If the email content, sender, and link or email attachment seems suspicious, do not open it. Play it safe and REPORT it.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this process, please contact the IT Service Desk:

- by email at itservicedesk@montgomerycollege.edu
- by web chat on OIT's web page
- by phone at 240-567-7222

Please do not reply to this email, as this mailbox is not monitored. Thank you.

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