

DANGERS OF THE DARK WEB

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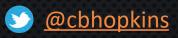






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PARTI What is the Dark Web?





Deep Web

Netbanking

Research Papers

Medical Records

Private forums

Private networks

Hidden wiki

Dark Web

Tor Anomymous
Illegal Information Silk Road



Tor

Illegal Information Silk Road

Dark Web

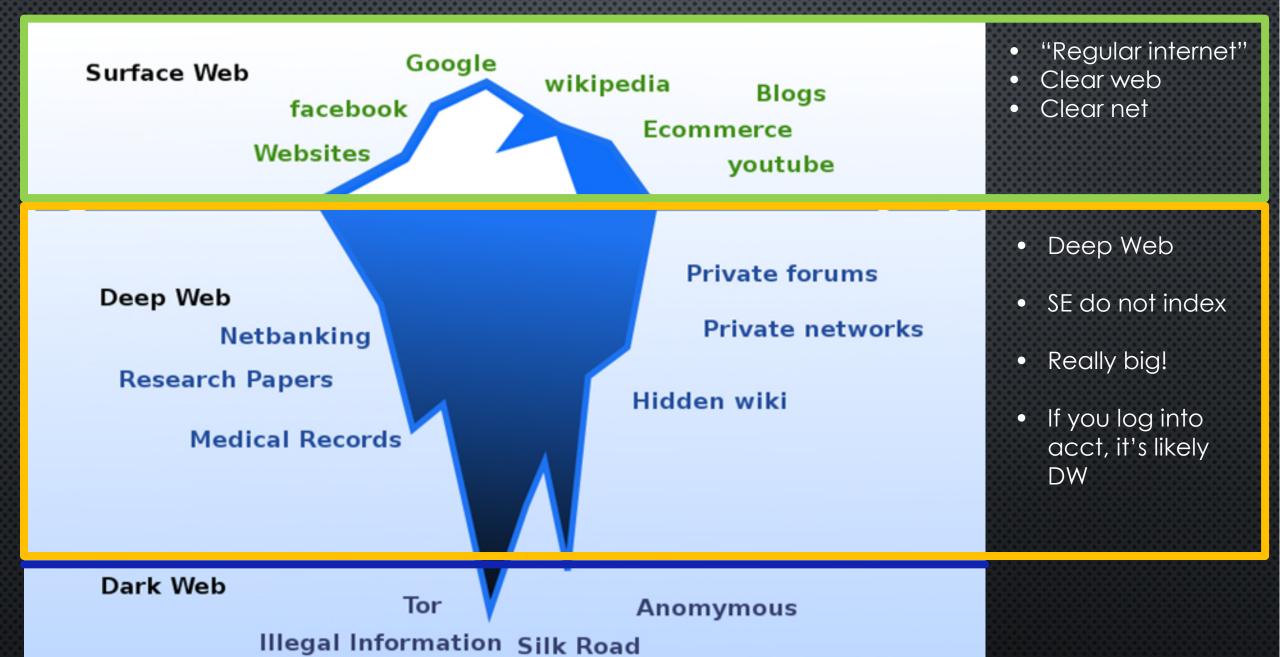
- "Regular internet"
- Clear web
- Clear net

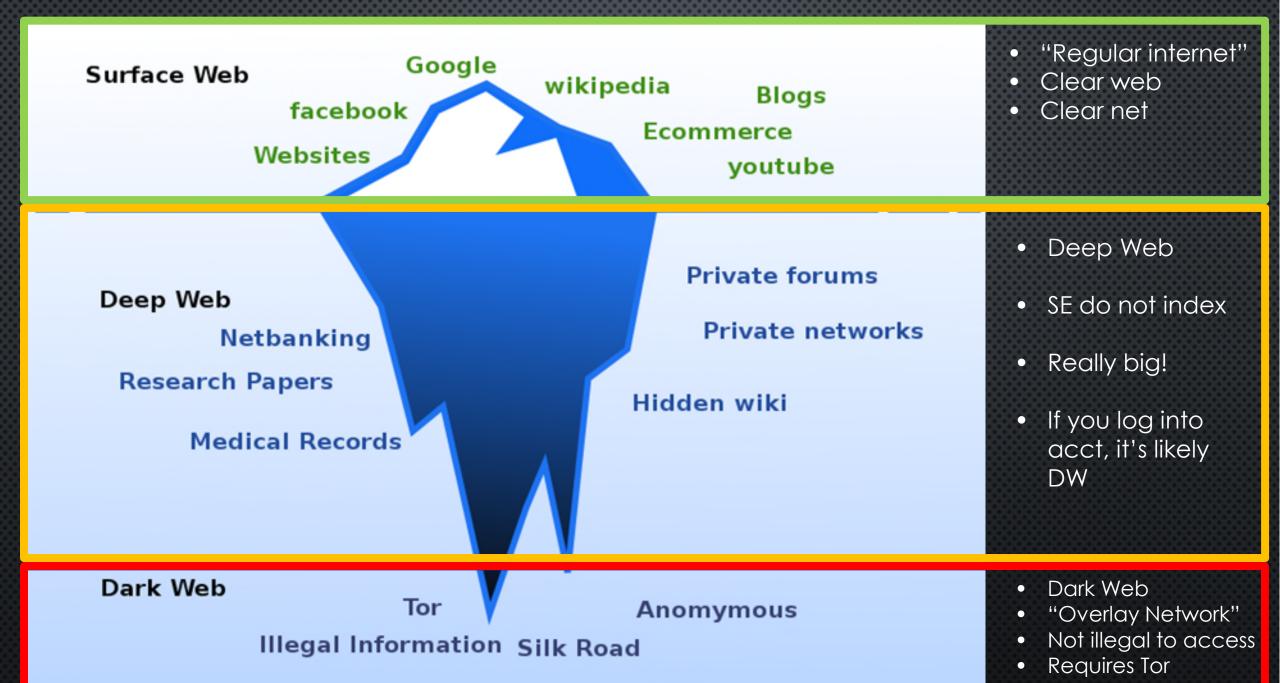
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PARTII Let's Go to the Dark Web



www.TorProject.org



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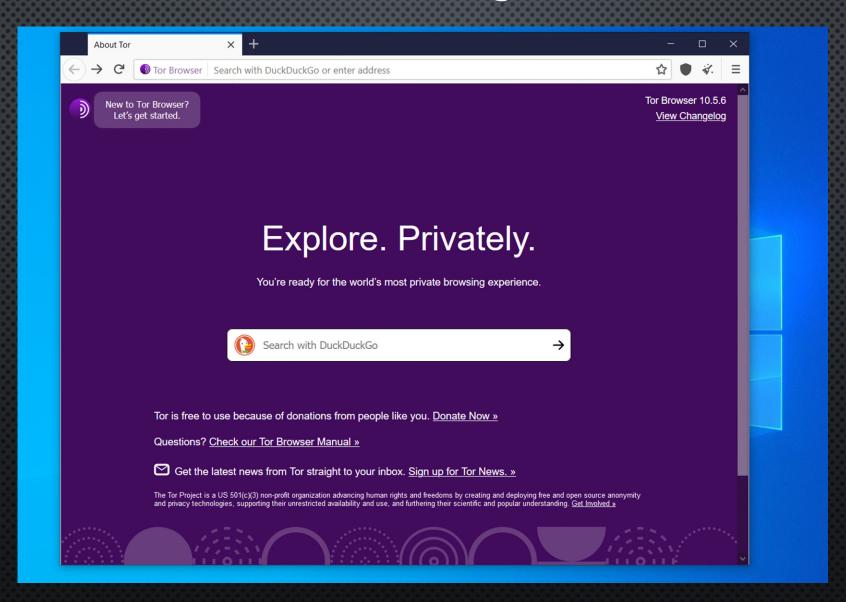
Browse Privately. Explore Freely.

Defend yourself against tracking and surveillance. Circumvent censorship.

Download Tor Browser **↓**

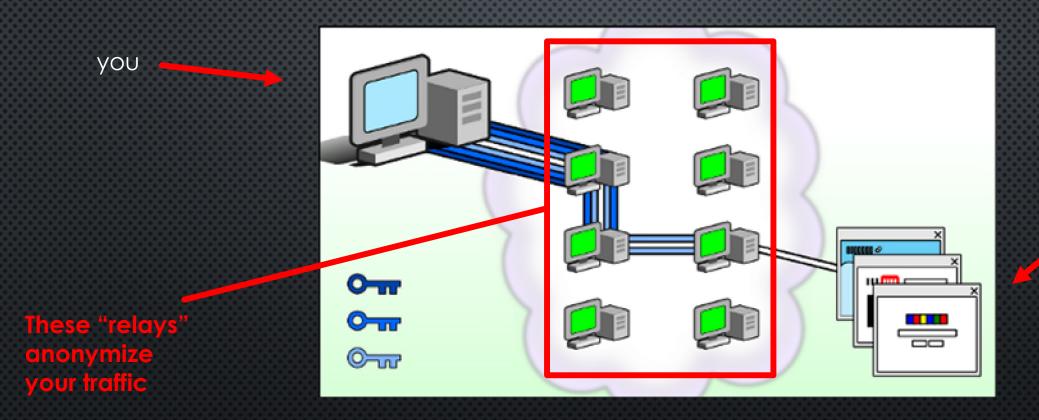
Tor looks like a regular browser











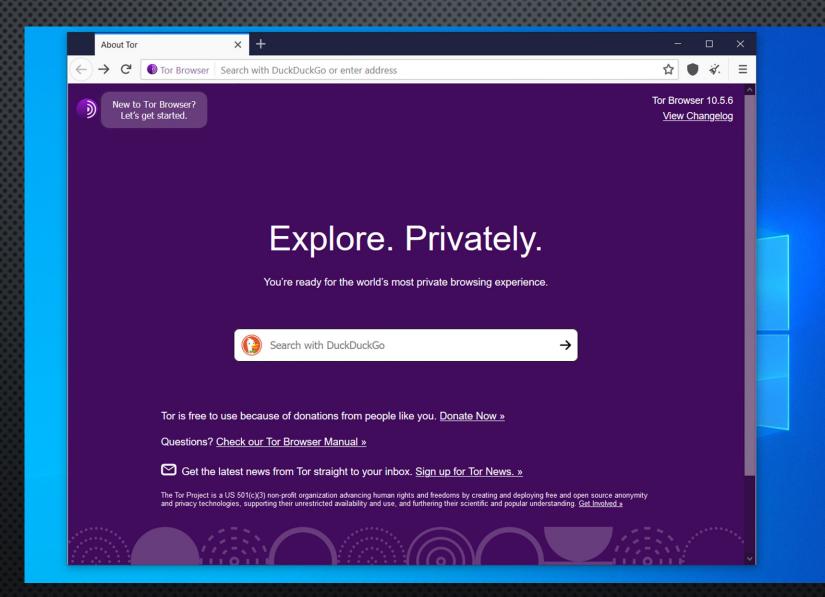
Website (regular website OR onion site which is overlayed on top of the regular internet

... and it is anonymized

(your ISP sees your on Tor, that's it)

OK, I'm on Tor. Now what?

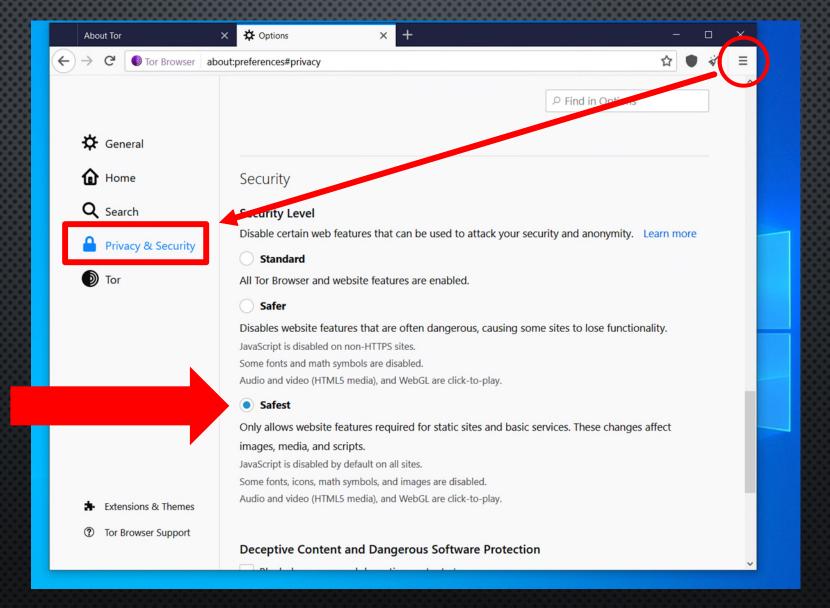




"Safest" Setting on Tor

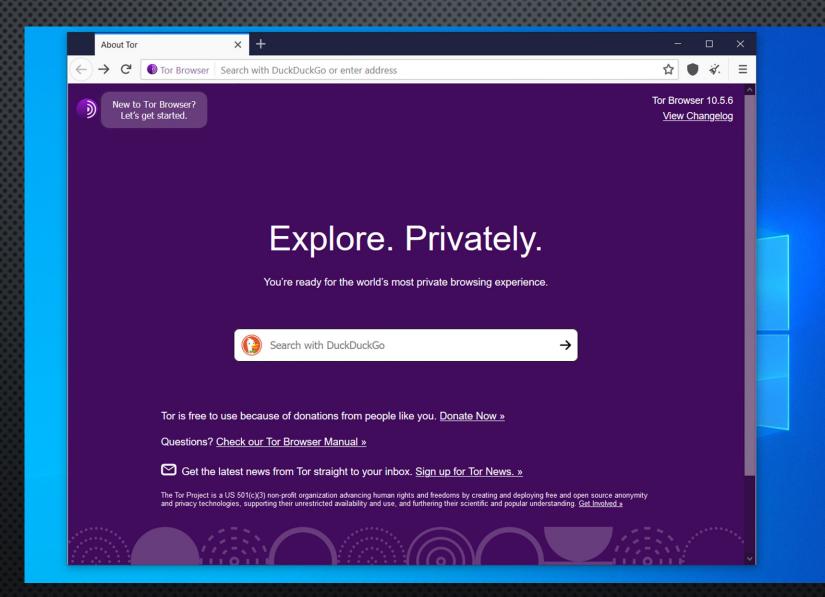


Inside Tor settings, go here



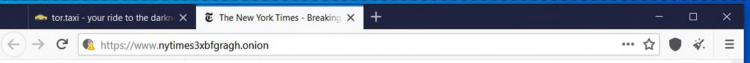
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Fed Signals It Will Soon Pull Back From Pandemic Stimulus Measures

- The Federal Reserve said it could soon slow its large-scale purchases of government-backed debt and indicated it might raise interest rates in 2022.
- The statement suggests policymakers are preparing to pivot away from full-blast monetary help as the business environment recovers from the pandemic.



Jerome Powell, the Federal Reserve chair. Sarahbeth Maney/The New York Times

Some activists say that

President Biden's plan for donating an

additional 500 million

vaccine doses is not

enough.

Economy Updates

- Follow the Elizabeth Holmes trial with our reporters in the courtroom.
- Wall Street rebounds from a four-day slump as the Fed signals its next move.

In a day of meetings with Democrats, President Biden sought to bridge party chasms over his economic agenda.

LIVE

Biden Urges Global Leaders to 'Go Big' on Covid Response

President Biden called on other world leaders, pharmaceutical executives and philanthropists to band together to fight the pandemic. Here's the latest.



A coronavirus vaccination drive in Medan, Indonesia, last week. Dedi Sinuhaji/EPA, via Shutterstock Opinion

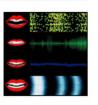
BRET STEPHENS

New York's Superstar

Progressive Isn't A.O.C.

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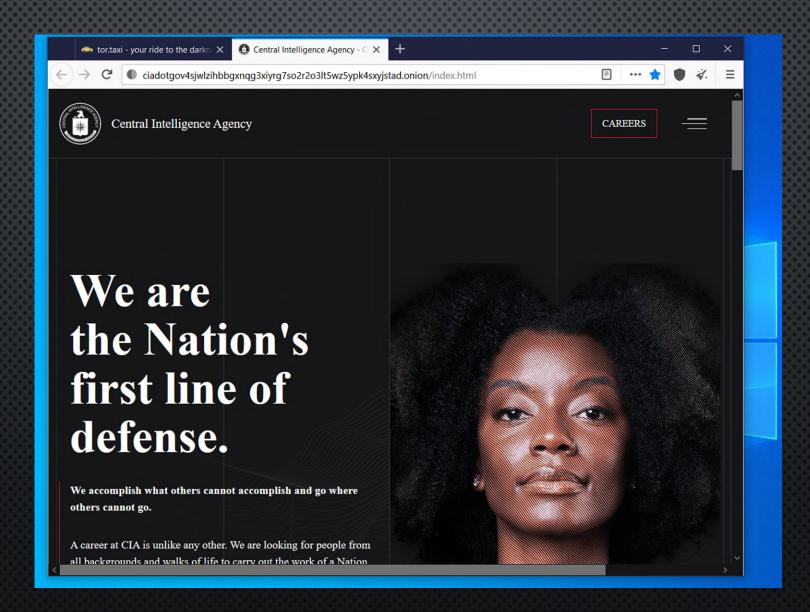
Voice Assistants Don't Understand



Moderna vs. Pfizer: Both vaccines are highly effective, but one seems to be more protective over the long term.

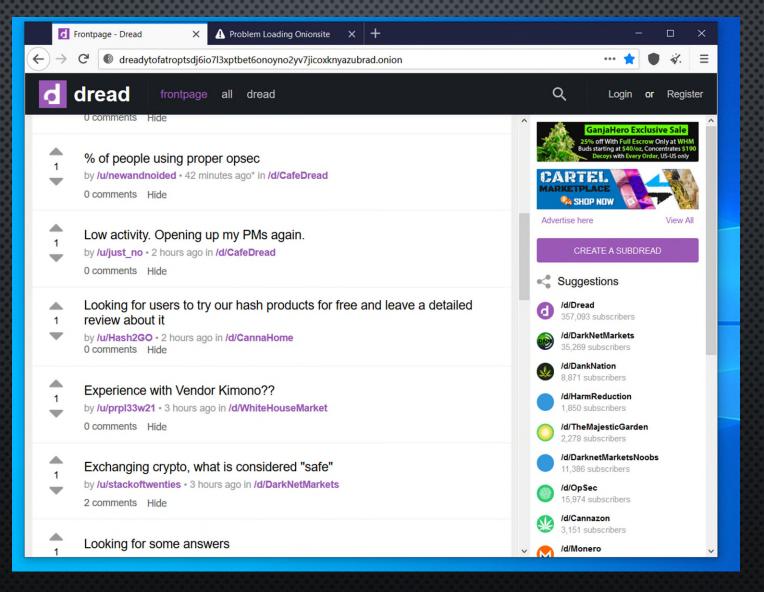






Anonymous Conversations

(mostly "noobs" and scams)





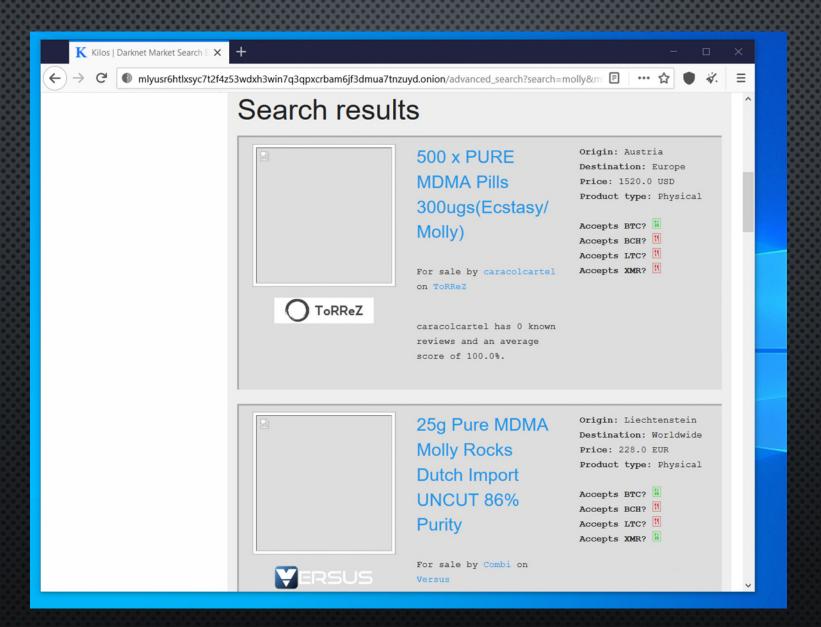
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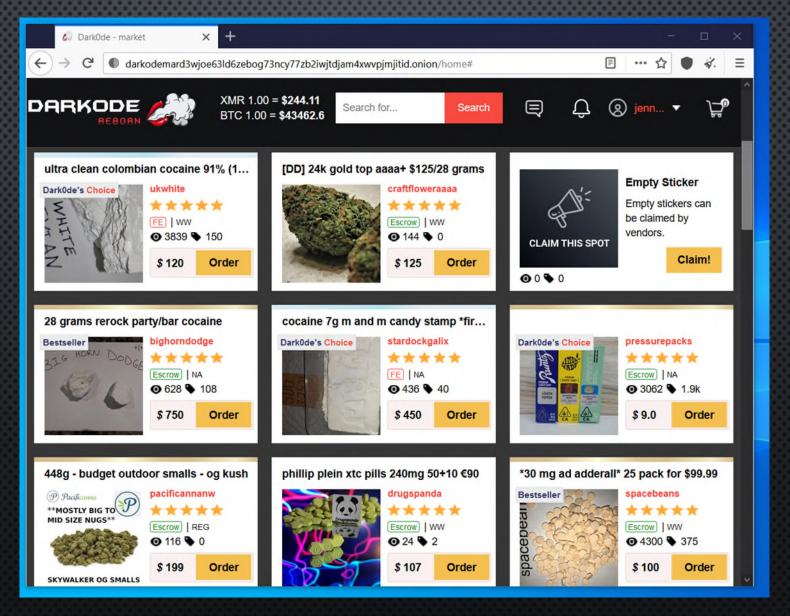
DRUGS





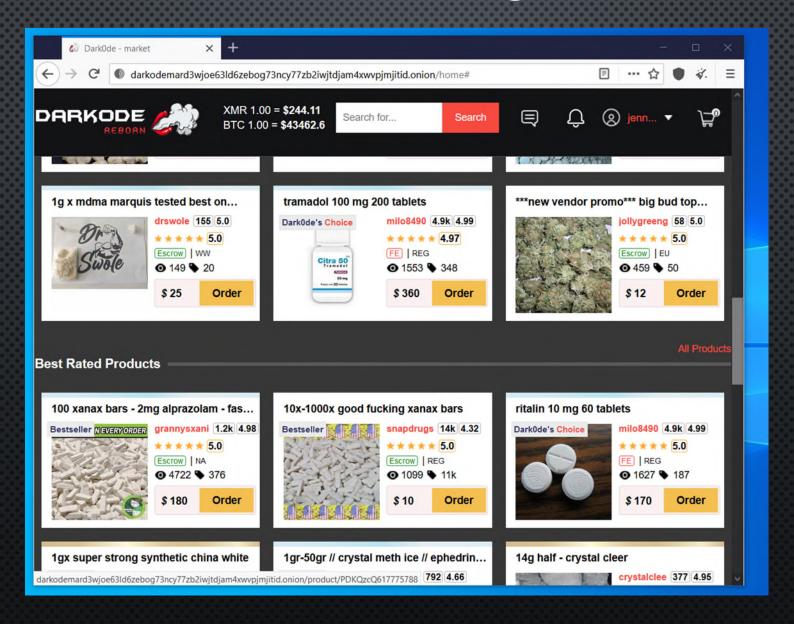
More Drugs...



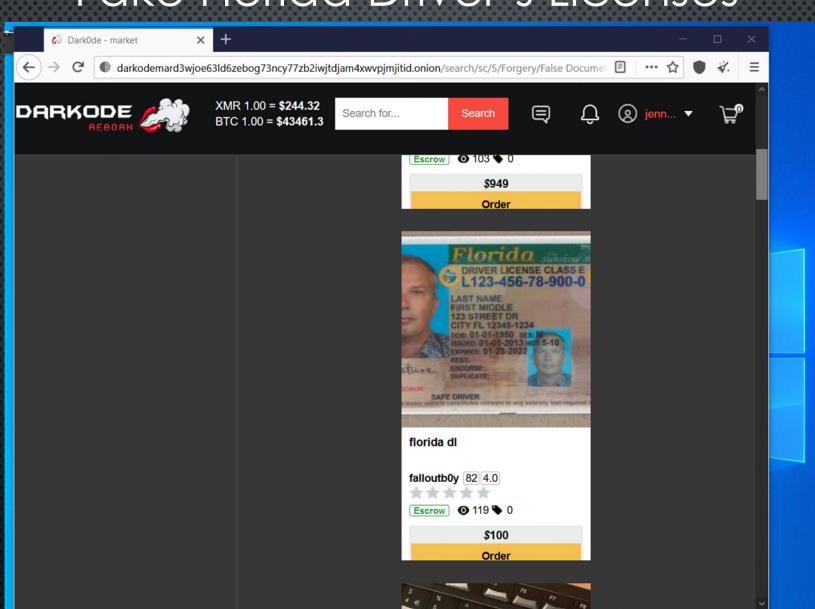


Even More Drugs...





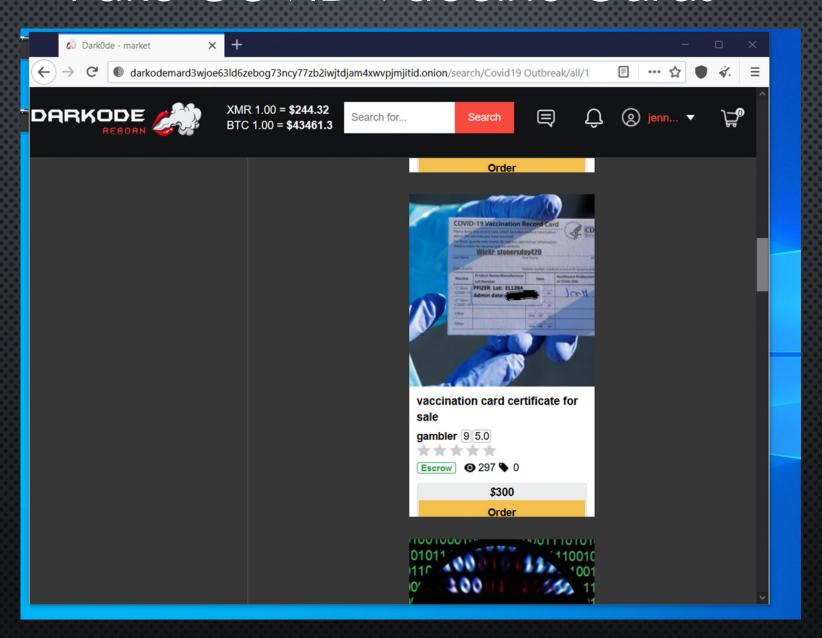
Fake Florida Driver's Licenses





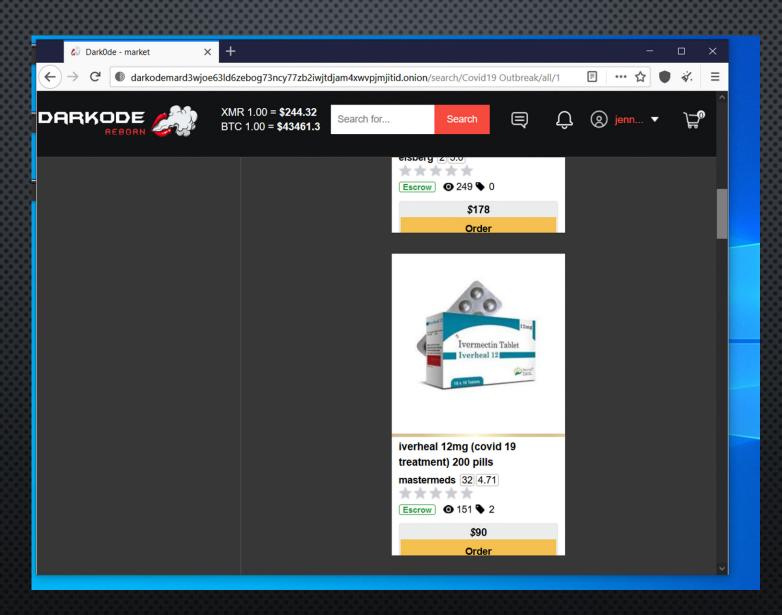
Fake COVID Vaccine Cards





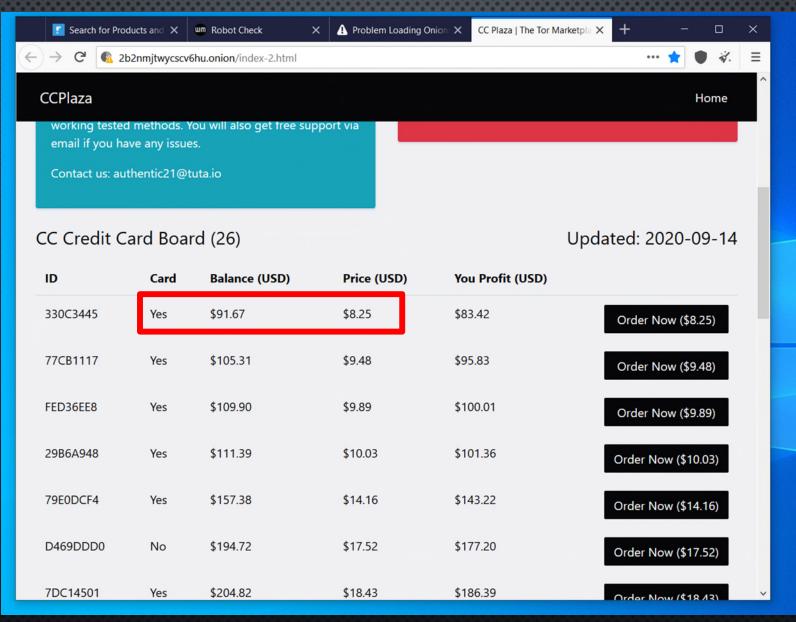
Ivermectin





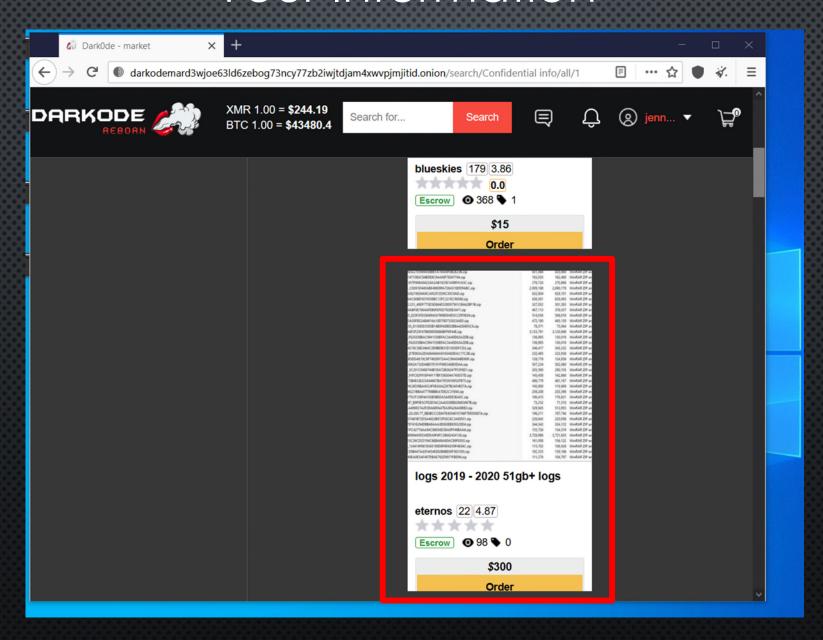
Credit, Gift, Debit Cards





Your Information







PARTIII Three Ways to Get Hacked





Phishing Spear Phishing







- Broad range of tricks based upon relationships
- Ask you to use firm credit card
- Password
- Transfer funds



Phishing is a type of social engineering attack often used to steal user data, including login credentials and credit card numbers. It occurs when an attacker, masquerading as a trusted entity, dupes a victim into opening an email, instant message, or text message.

From: Shawn M. Riley >

SR

To: Christopher Hopkins >

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Re: Request

Today at 8:12 AM

Can you help me with a quick task please?



McDonald Hopkins elects Shawn M. Riley as its next president

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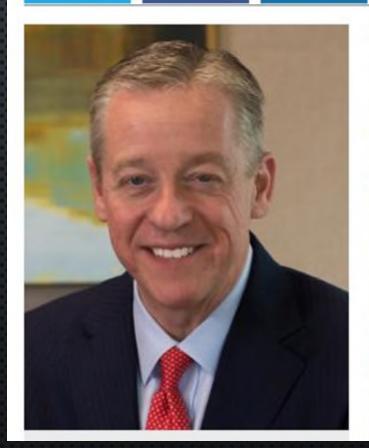


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Cleveland law firm McDonald Hopkins LLC will have a new president this fall.

The business advisory and advocacy firm said it has elected Shawn M. Riley as president, effective Oct. 1. Carl J. Grassi, the firm's current president, will become chairman and will remain on the Executive Committee. according to a news release. The firm said in the release that when Riley becomes president, Grassi will have served for more than nine years as president, a position that is term-limited. "This is a carefully crafted transition that has been in the planning stages for quite some time," Grassi said in a statement. "Shawn has been an essential part of our leadership team during my tenure as president. He is dedicated to the success of our clients, our firm and our communities. We strongly believe in collaboration and the transition will be a smooth one." Riley joined McDonald Hopkins in 1995. Since 2007, he has served as managing member of the Claveland office and has been a



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To: Christopher Hopkins >

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Re: Request

Today at 8:12 AM

Can you help me with a quick task please?







Shawn M. Riley









other

leonardx8@triad.rr.com

Cancel Re: Request Send

MH

To: Shawn M. Riley



Cc/Bcc, From: chopkins@mcdonaldhopkins.com

Subject: Re: Request

On May 27, 2019, at 8:12 AM, Shawn M. Riley <leonardx8@triad.rr.com> wrote:

Can you help me with a quick task please?

SECTION 3



Let's Spot The Fakes!

(with remote working, these scams are more likely to work)



Cb, log into Facebook with one click



Facebook

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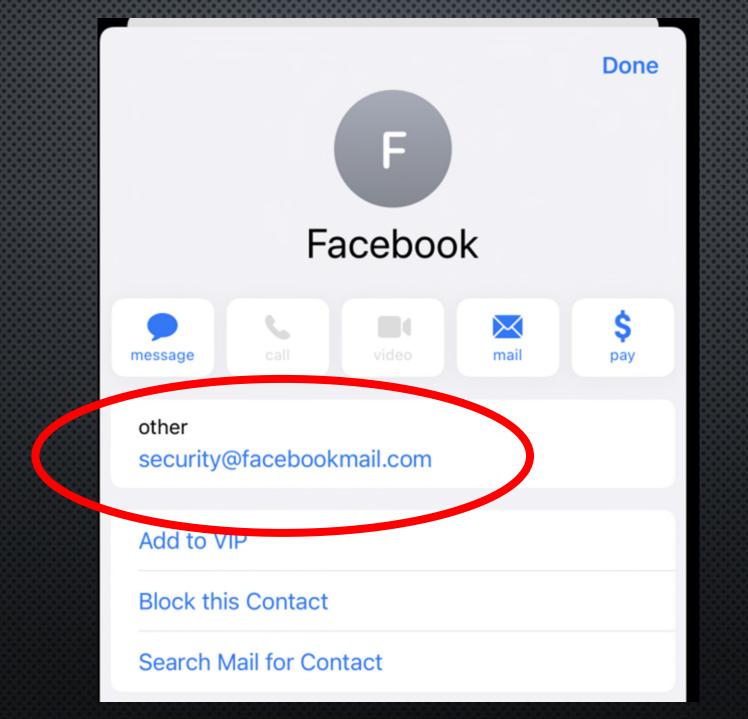
We noticed you're having trouble logging into your account. If you need help, click the button below and we'll log you in.

Log In With One Click

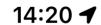
Why did you receive this email?

There was an unsuccessful login attempt on your account. If this wasn't you, let us know.



















From: Chase Bank >

To: Cbh >

Today at 14:16

Re: 2nd attempt for Cbh

Cbh, Chase Bank Has a Surprise For



PO Box 41529,,PMB 78292,Memphis,TN,38174 To opt-out please click here





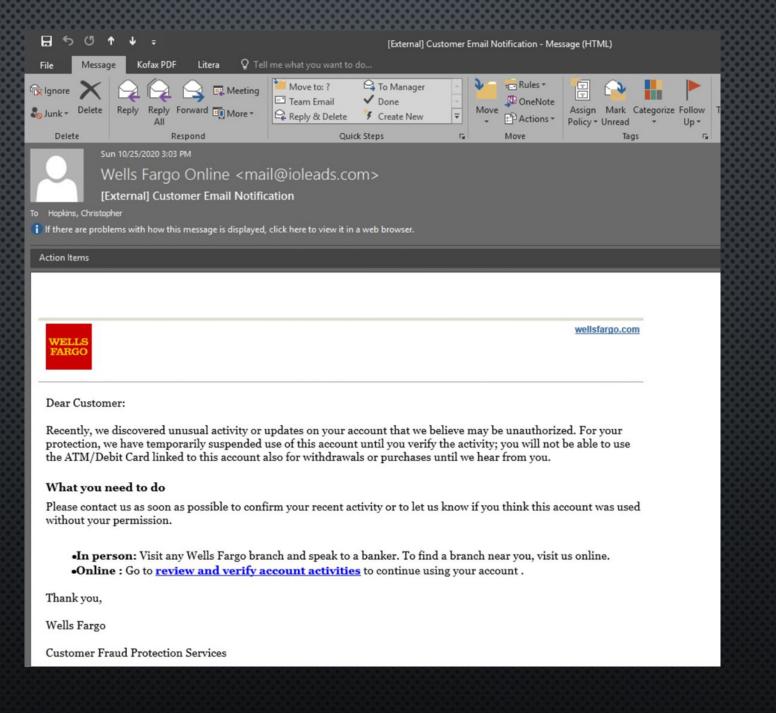


They don't love me that much

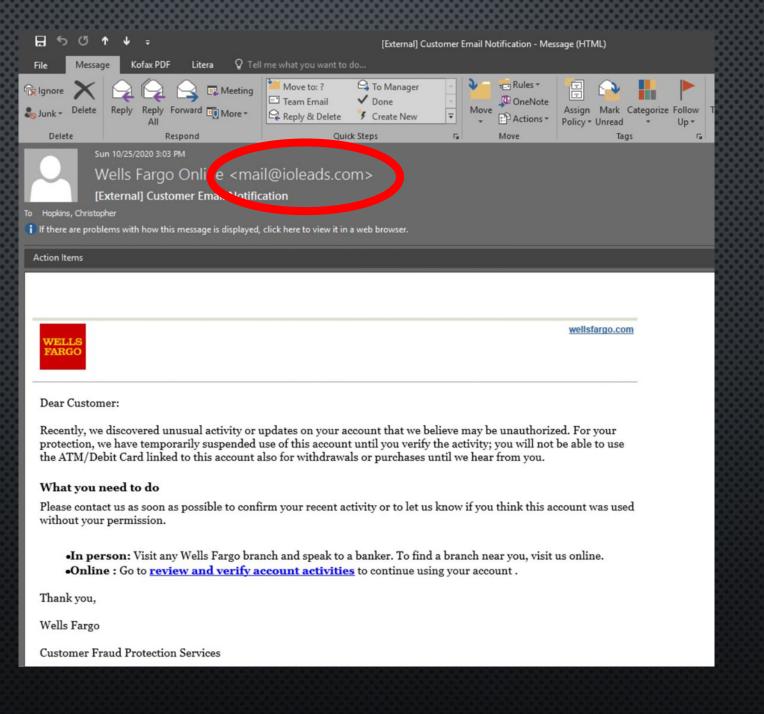
"Private Mail Box" gives you a street address so you don't use a PO Box

No spacing

typos









Irregular Activity -ID# 142114



SunTrust <ey@fuse.net>



Dear SunTrust Online,

We're sorry,

Our account security specialists have noticed unusual activity on your account ,Someone was trying to access your account earlier. We have taken the right security steps to ensure your safety, Your account is locked till you identify your account information for your safety.

To restore your account, please Sign in to Online Banking.

https://onlinebanking.suntrust.com/UI/login

Your account will work as normal after the processed.

Thank you for banking with SunTrust.

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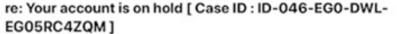


From: Netflix >



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Yesterday at 7:20 PM

Please update your payment details

We're having some trouble with your current billing information. We'll try again, but in the meantime you may want to update your payment details.

Go to Billing

Need help? We're here if you need it. Visit the Help Center or contact us now.

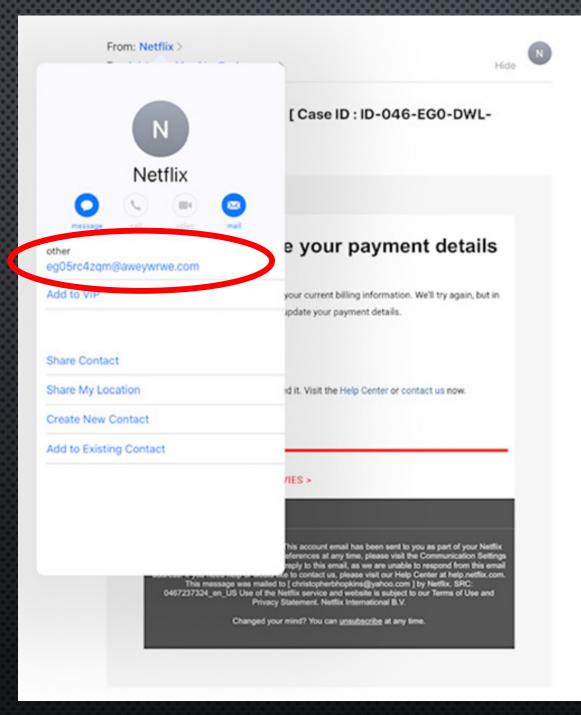
-Your friends on Netflix

VIEW ALL TV SHOWS & MOVIES >

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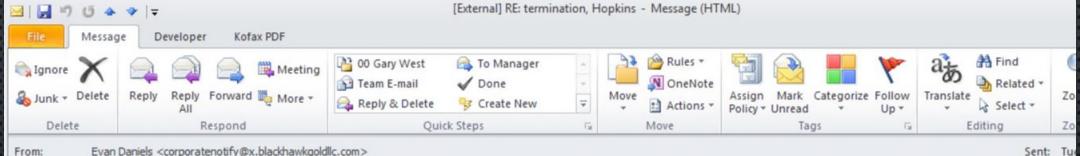




This one was good...

Hit "reply" and make sure you look at the address!





Evan Daniels <corporatenotify@x.blackhawkgoldllc.com> From:

Hopkins, Christopher To:

Cc:

Subject: [External] RE: termination, Hopkins

Hopkins, why i can't reach you on the phone? I am on my way to Mc Donald Hopkins.

Because of customer complaint #7592 on you from last Friday, we will process termination process.

here is a copy in PDF: https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-

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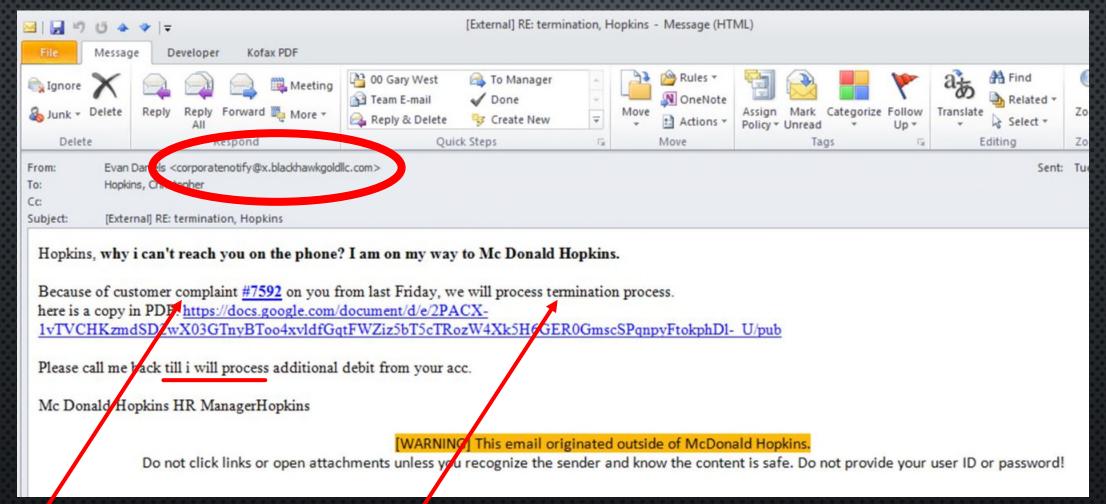
Please call me back till i will process additional debit from your acc.

Mc Donald Hopkins HR ManagerHopkins

[WARNING] This email originated outside of McDonald Hopkins.

Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Do not provide your user ID or password!





Urgency is a hallmark of a scam







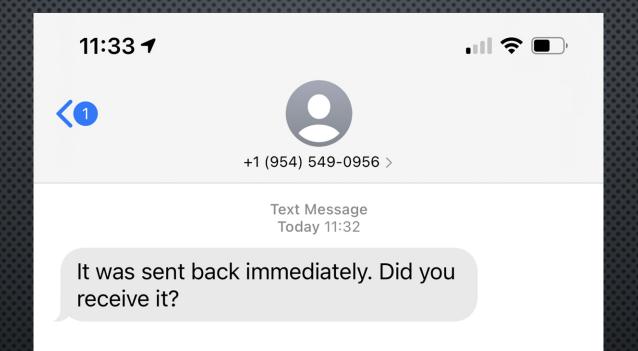




Text Message Today 11:32

It was sent back immediately. Did you receive it?





Don't respond to unknown numbers or texts...

From: Jessica Bloomfield >

To: Christopher Hopkins >





Litigation representative required

Today at 4:22 PM

Hello,

My name is Jessica Bloomfield . I would like to retain your firm

on a

civil litigation matter . Kindly advice if you can take my case.Please let me know if i should send supporting documents so you can review to understand .

Thanks J.Bloomfield







Jessica Bloomfield



message



call



video



mail

other

anglais@evoice.co.uk



12 messages			
Melissa To:	<pre><closingagent2519@gmail.com></closingagent2519@gmail.com></pre>	Tue,	at 11:19 AM
Cc:	<jd4659491@gmail.com></jd4659491@gmail.com>		

Good morning,

Your closing disclosure has been finalized and we're clear to close, You need to have the cash to close wire to our trust account today to avoid closing delay let me know if you can take care of it so i can forward you the wiring instructions.



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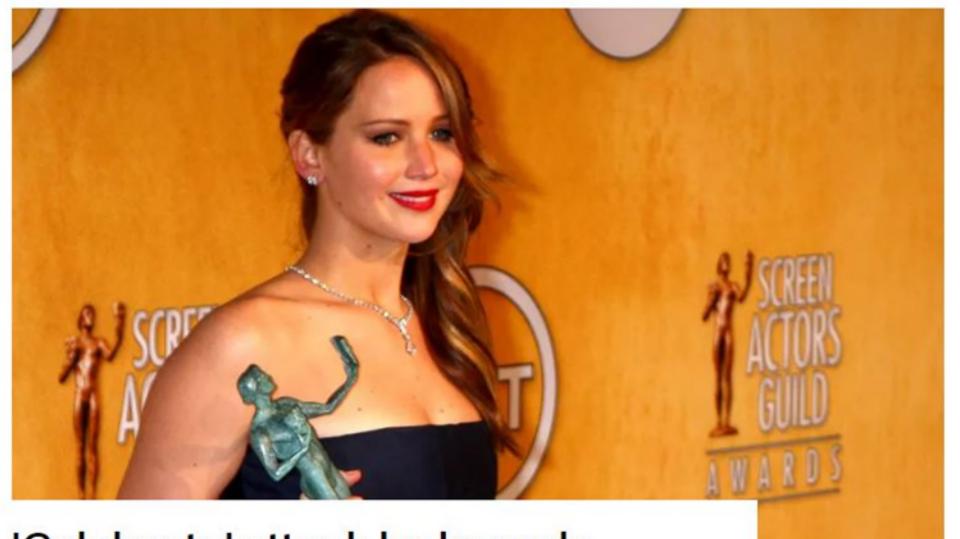
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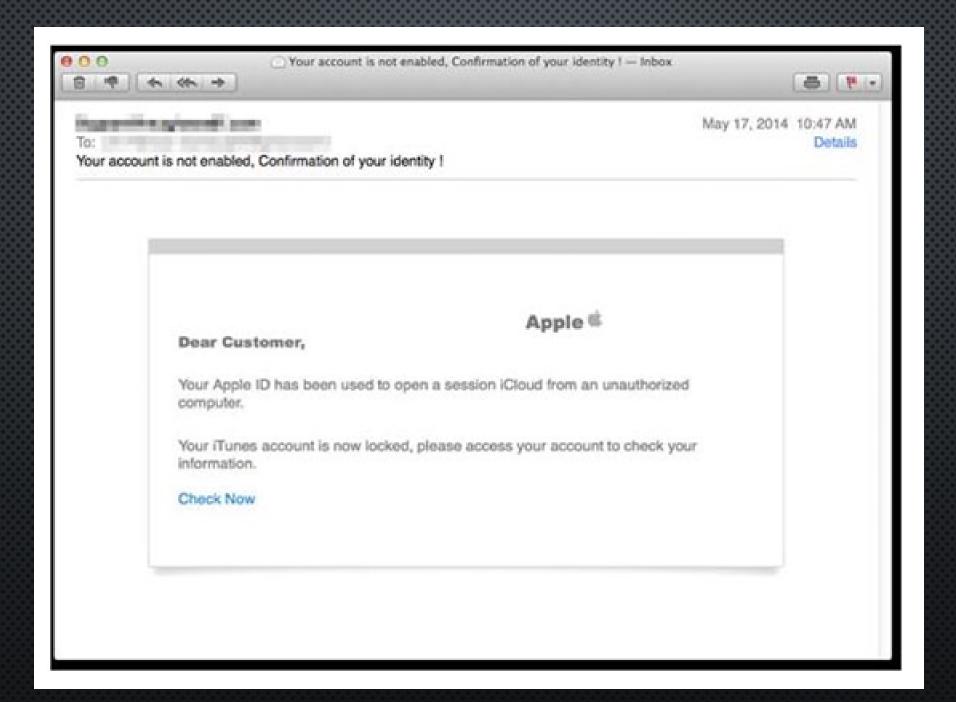
Even Well-Protected People Get Hacked

(hint: you don't need to be famous to be hacked)





'Celebgate' attack leaks nude photos of celebrities





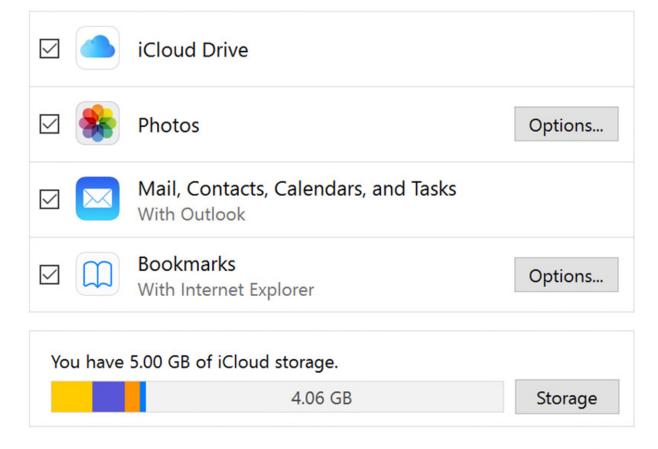




iCloud

John Appleseed j.appleseed@icloud.com

Account details...



iCloud Help

Sign out

Apply

Cancel



Ways To Get Hacked #2

(let's talk about that wifi you're connected to...)







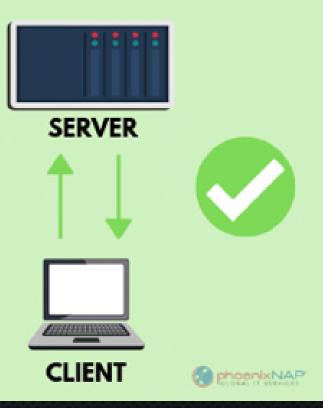
Wifi Pineapple

(Man In The Middle Attack)

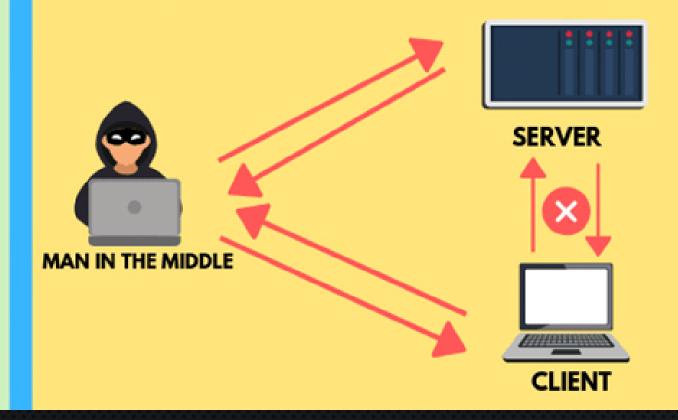


MIDDLE IN THE MIDDLE ATTACK EXAMPLE

NORMAL CONNECTION



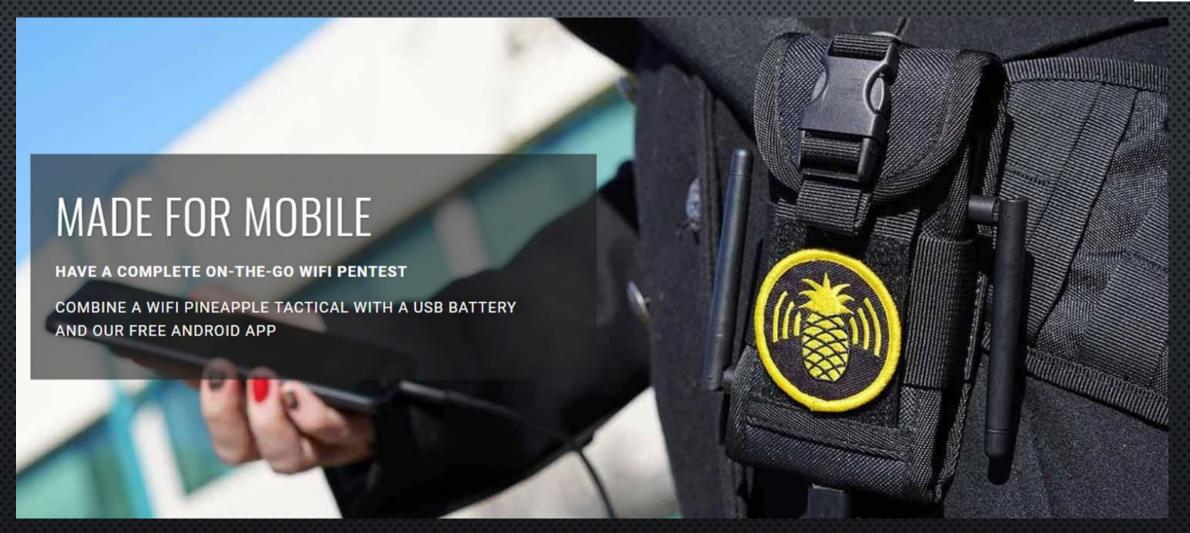
MAN IN MIDDLE CONNECTION









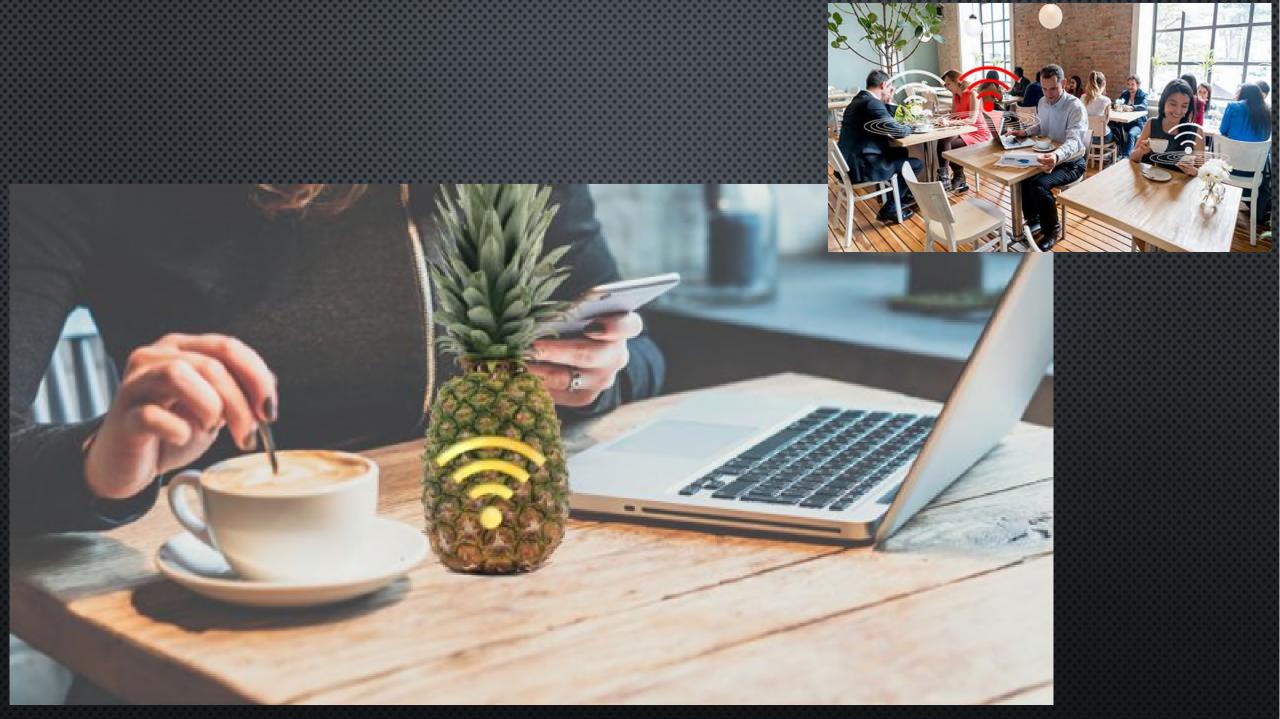








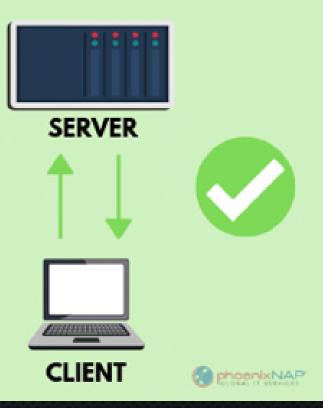
Your device is looking for familiar WiFi



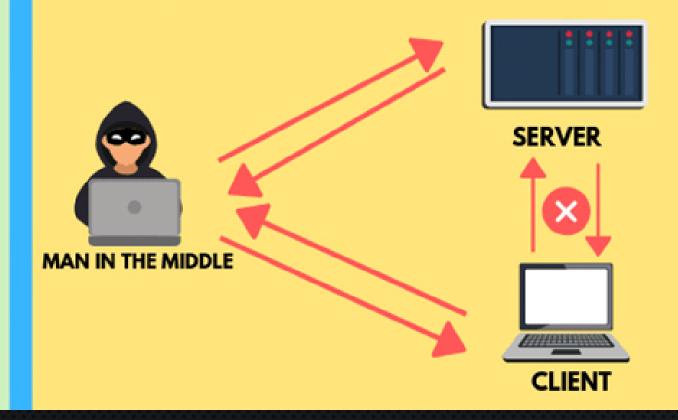


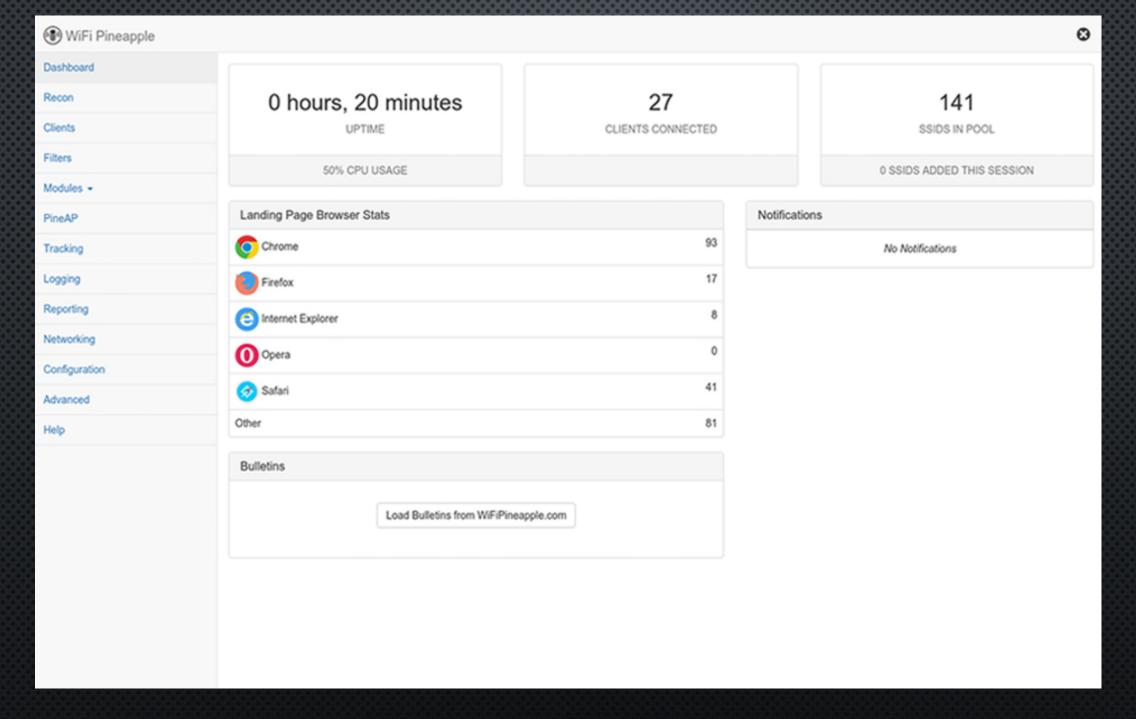
MIDDLE IN THE MIDDLE ATTACK EXAMPLE

NORMAL CONNECTION



MAN IN MIDDLE CONNECTION













- WIFI PINEAPPLE TETRA -

ULTIMATE AMPLIFIED DUAL-BAND POWERHOUSE

- WIFI PINEAPPLE NANO -

SIMPLE POCKET-SIZED WIFI PENTEST COMPANION

\$200

\$100



Ways To Get Hacked #3

(let's talk about that wifi you're connected to...)

Data Breach!





T-Mobile Hacker Who Stole Data on 50 Million Customers: 'Their Security Is Awful'

A 21-year-old American said he used an unprotected router to access millions of customer records in the mobile carrier's latest breach

60M records exposed: Fitbit, Apple, Google health info leaked in massive data breach

BY CHARLIE FRIPP, KOMANDO.COM · SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

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Data Privacy







Financial institutions clear hurdle in Sonic data breach case

Wearable Fitness Trackers the Target of a Data Breach

In Compliance

September 22, 2021

TOP 10 WORST DATA BREACHES IN 2021

LATEST NEWS TECH NEWS

by Madhurjya Chowdhury / September 23, 2021

OPINION

Florida's lagging effort on cybersecurity puts us all at risk | **Editorial**

Staff vacancies and a lack of urgency leave the state vulnerable.



Not Just Liability: ETHICS



4-1. CLIENT-LAWYER RELATIONSHIP RULE 4-1.1 COMPETENCE

A lawyer must provide competent representation to a client. Competent representation requires the legal knowledge, skill, thoroughness, and preparation reasonably necessary for the representation.

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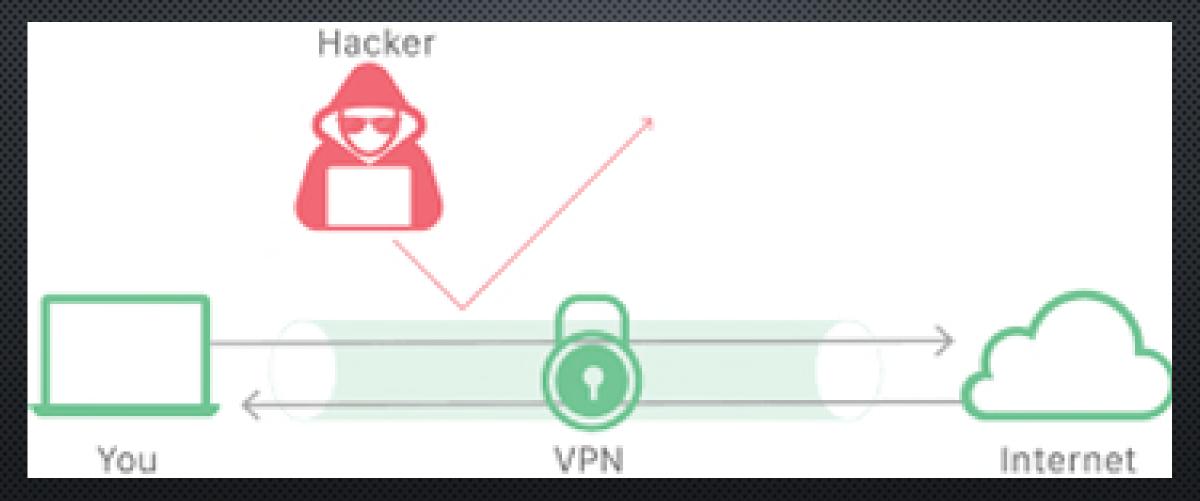
Maintaining competence

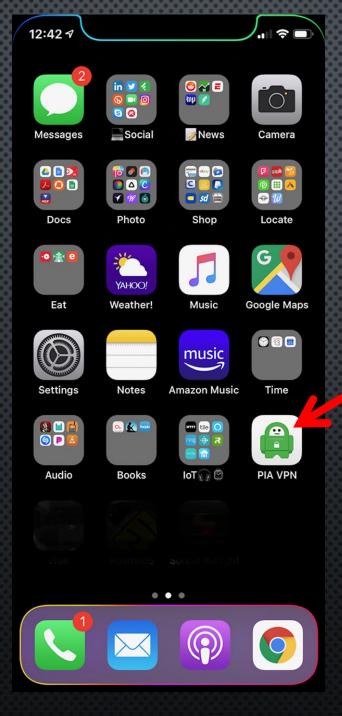
To maintain the requisite knowledge and skill, a lawyer should keep abreast of changes in the law and its practice, engage in continuing study and education, including an understanding of the benefits and risks associated with the use of technology, and comply with all continuing legal education requirements to which the lawyer is subject.



SOLUTION #1: Virtual Private Network (VPN)









12:44 🖊





Settings



Christopher Hopkins

Apple ID, iCloud, iTunes & App Store



Airplane Mode



Wi-Fi





Bluetooth



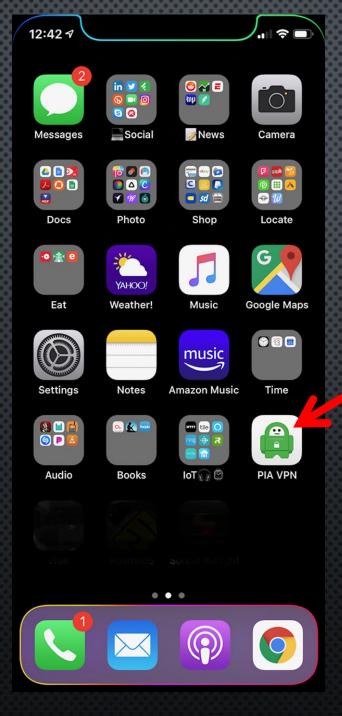


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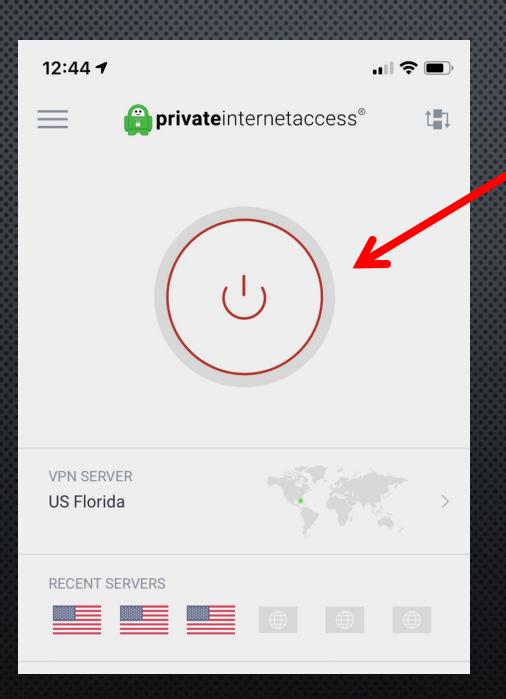


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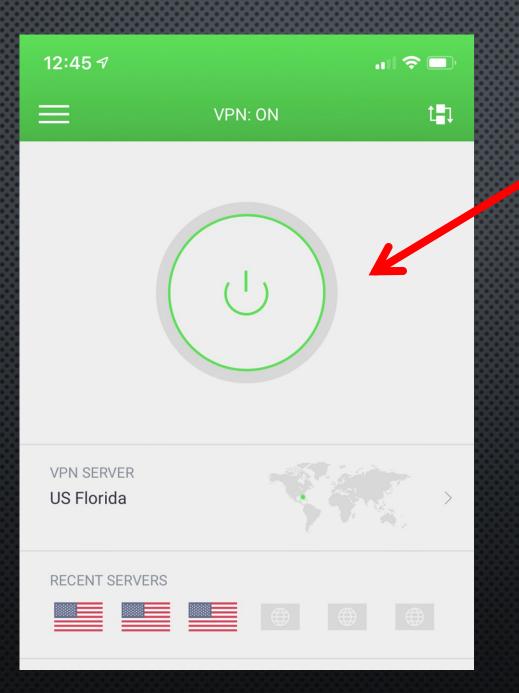
















SOLUTION #2: Outsmart the Business Email Compromise



Here's How the Hackers Are Finding You

Find a Victim's Website

<u>McDonald</u> Hopkins

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A Website Tells A Lot!

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Let's Gather Everyone's Email Addresses



Phonebook.cz

Phonebook lists all domains, email addresses, or URLs for the given input domain. Wildcards such as *.gov.uk are allowed. You are searching 34 billion records.

mcdonaldhopkins.com

Submit

Try. sia gov. cnn.com, netflix.com, *.ru, *.gov.uk, solarwinds.com

- Domains
- Email Addresses
- O URLs

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Let's Gather Everyone's Email Addresses



Send the Phishing Email... See who bites!





From: John T. Metzger >

To: Christopher Hopkins >

Today at 07:07

Good morning,

When will you be in?
I have a request I need you to work on.

Thanks.



Here's How the Dark Web Makes it Worse

Other Hackers Search the Dark Web For Released Databases of Hacked Emails



(remember all those data breaches?)

▲ Found 24 Text Files, 7 CSV Files, 2 Email Files, 1 Excel File

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Full Data

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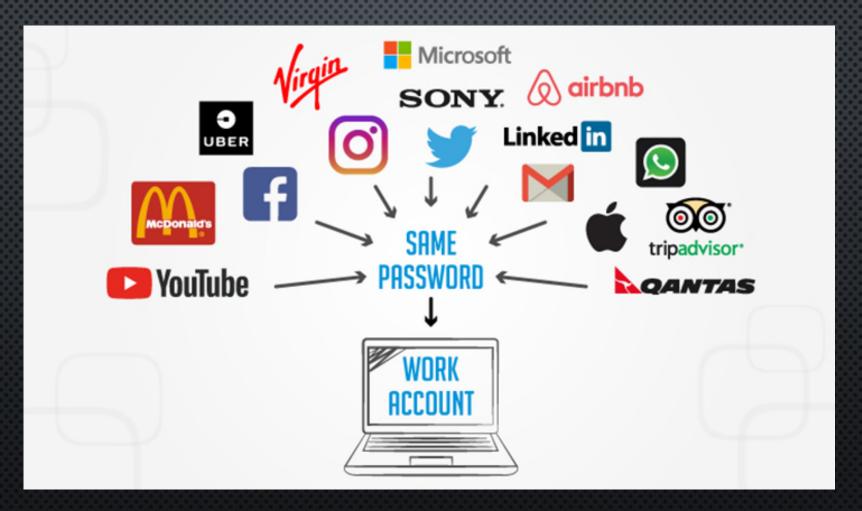
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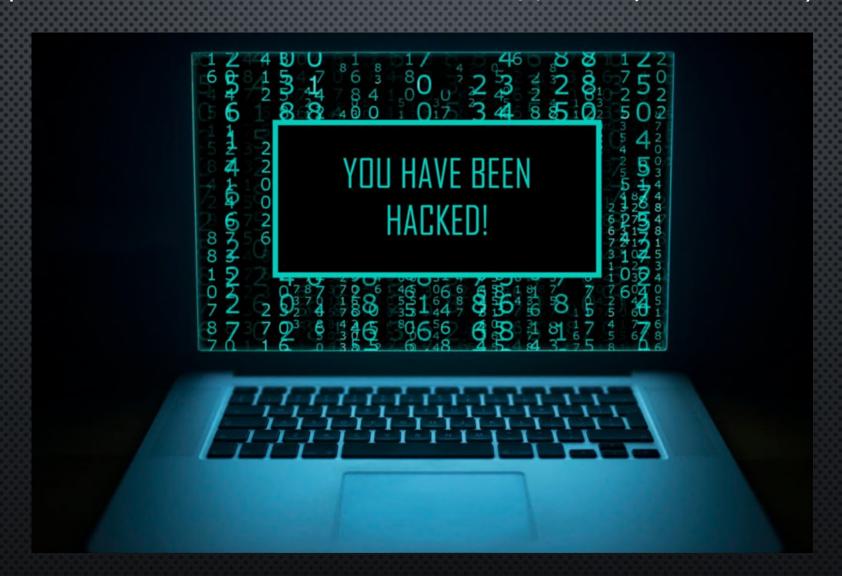




Now Hackers Are in Your System

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(think: ransomware, stolen data, \$\$, fool your clients)



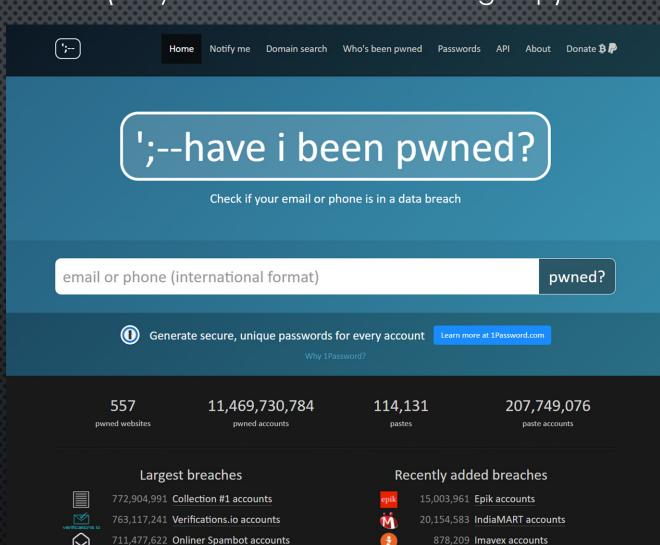


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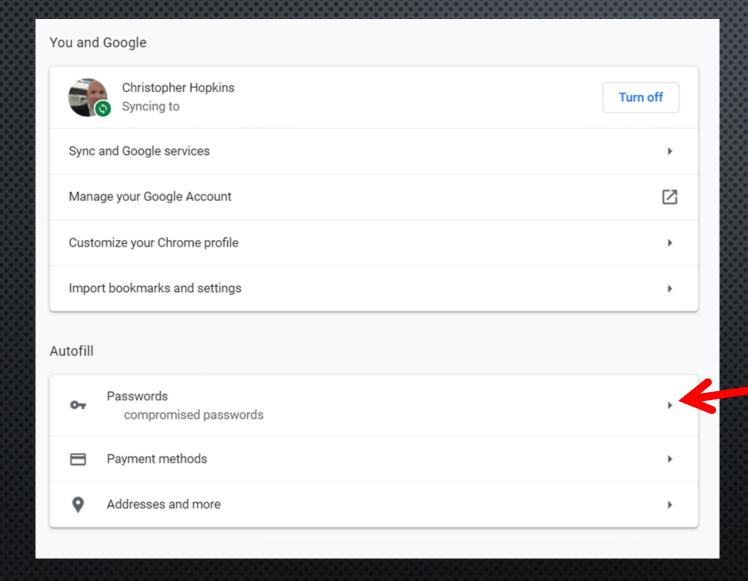
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Gmail Searches for Your Hacked Accts





Using Chrome, log into your Gmail account

Hit "..." in upper right

Go to Settings

Train (and Warn) Your Employees



17. Mandatory Avoidance of Email, Business Compromise, and Other Scams. I am aware that it is my duty, during my employment for to avoid email, business compromise scams, and other scams or tricks, including but not limited to internet hacks, viruses, malware, and phishing scams. Within the scope of my employment, I will carefully read and consider emails, attachments, documents, and hyperlinks before opening, clicking, and engaging. If I have questions, I am to ask first. If I suspect there is or was any sort of intrusion or risk of intrusion, I am to immediately report it to I acknowledge and agree that opening, clicking, and engaging with fraudulent emails, attachments, documents, and hyperlinks (or failing to report the same) can be cause for termination.

Send "Fake" Emails... See who bites!





From: John T. Metzger >

To: Christopher Hopkins >

Today at 07:07

Good morning,

When will you be in?
I have a request I need you to work on.

Thanks.

Tell Clients in Your Engagement Letter



Electronic Communications & Storage: Like most businesses, the Firm communicates with the Client primarily via unencrypted e-mail, phone, and, secondarily, by U.S. Mail or overnight service. We also use IM/text, internet portal, FTP, WiFi, WeTransfer, Zoom, video conferencing, cloud storage, and other physical and/or Internet-based third party vendors and services for communications and storage (unless you request otherwise). Client agrees and accepts that there is always some risk of disclosure, hacking, intrusion, and loss of attorney-client privilege when using these forms of communication and storage because of issues inherent to the internet communications, storage, and third party vendors; no guarantee can be made regarding the interception of data sent or stored on the internet or with third parties. The Client agrees that, in advance, the Client will advise the Firm in writing if the nature of any communication or storage require a higher degree of security.

Tell Clients in Your Engagement Letter



Wire Transfer – Verbal Confirmation Required: During the period in which the Firm provides legal services, the Client may wish, or possibly be required, to make electronic or wire payment to the Firm or third parties. Client acknowledges the risk of identity theft, impersonation, email compromise, phishing, and other scams. Relative to payments relating to this matter, Client confirms it has sole responsibility to obtain verbal verification from Mr. Hopkins before making any electronic or wire payments to the Firm or third parties.

Stay Safe #1



 <u>Unsecured WiFi</u> (while traveling) – hackers can access all your transmitted info <u>SOLUTION: VPN (free to employees?)</u>

 <u>Phishing/BEC</u> (easier when we're remote) – hackers fool people into giving out info *SOLUTION*: train employees to spot fakes

test them

attorneys... don't answer "cold" emails

don't go to bad sites

anti-malware

Stay Safe #2



• **<u>Data Breaches</u>** (not your fault) – until you or your employees re-use passwords

SOLUTION: don't re-use passwords

training

MFA

sign up for HIBP (all employees)

password managers e-retention policies

Data Breaches (your system)

SOLUTION: MFA

Anti-malware

Backups

IT to limit incoming IP addresses (monitor traffic)

Don't give admin level access

E-retention policies

Routine searches for your info on dark web



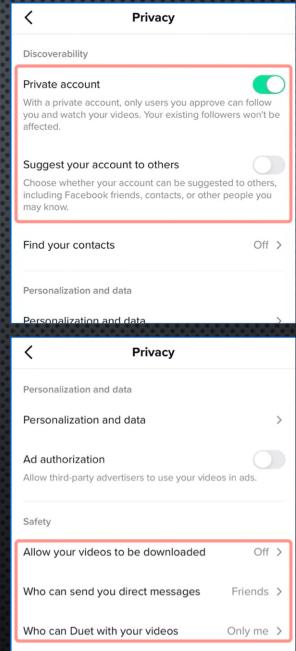
Protect Your Social Media Profiles



Protect Your Accounts & Profiles – Tik Tok

Make Your Account Private

- Settings / Privacy and Safety / Discoverability
- Turn on "private account"
- Don't Be "Suggested"
 - Settings / Privacy and Safety / Discoverability
 - Turn off "suggest your account to others"
- Don't Interact
 - Settings / Privacy
 - Turn off "allow your videos to be downloaded"
 - Turn off "send you messages" and "Duet"





Credit: Naked Security





- What Apps have access?
 - Apps and Websites page, view Active apps
- Privacy section
 - Go through each setting
- Limit Past Posts
 - Privacy / Limit the audience for posts you've shared
 - Then click "limit last posts"
- Who Has Been Logging in?
 - Security and Login page / Where You've Logged In
 - This will tell you what devices logged in and ability to delete all posts

Credit: CNET





- Location
 - Settings / Privacy / Location Services / Instagram / never
- Posts Only Shared With Friends
 - Profile (bottom right) / three lines upper right /
 Settings / Privacy / Private Account on
- Disconnect Apps
 - Same steps / Settings / Security / Apps and Websites / Active
- Opt Out of Personal Ads
 - Settings / Ads / Data About Your Activity from Partners off





Location

 Three lines upper left / Settings and Privacy / Privacy and Safety Precise location - disabled

No Birthdate

Three lines / profile pic / Edit Profile / delete bday

Opt Out of Personal Ads

 Three lines upper left / Settings and Privacy / Privacy and Safety Personalization and data - off

Credit: CNET

Protect Your Accounts & Profiles - LinkedIn



Personal Data

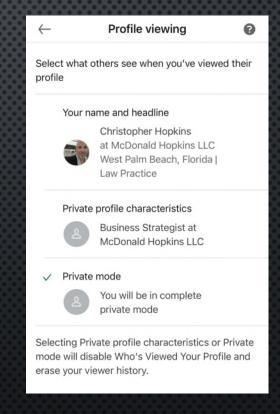
Profile pic upper left / Settings / Data Privacy
 Manage Your Data and Activity
 (see what LI has been doing w your info)

Advertising Data

- Settings / Advertising data / Location off
- ... Data Collected by LI (make your choices)
- ... Third Party Data turn off all four

Visability

Settings / Visibility / Profile viewing options



Credit: Avira

Finally... be careful what else is in your photo







Subtle Information Hackers Find in the Background of Your Social Media Photos And how you can better protect yourself against accidentally exposing personal information



Some Handouts

TECHNOLOGY Corner





Is Your PC Keeping Your Information Private? Take This 10-Question Quiz

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What entity was the victim of the largest data breach in history? According to The Guardian, the "biggest [hack] in history" involved 11.5 million documents known as the Panama Papers stolen from... a law firm. "BigLaw" firms are not alone - small firms and solo lawyers frequently suffer ransomware attacks while, according to Verizon, in-house lawyers are, "far more likely to actually open a [phishing] email than all other [corporate] departments." Lawyers are particularly susceptible targets for data breach because we often hold clients' confidential and financial information. Worse, we can be a weak link: lawyers are quick to answer client inquiries and we respond quickly and at all hours from our mobile devices.

new software. Unless it is a personal computer, few users need full "admin rights." Tap the Windows key and type "control panel." Select User Accounts (twice). 5 points if "administrator" does not appear under your name. If it says "administrator," and it is not your personal PC, subtract 5 points.

4. Is Your Hard Drive Encrypted? An encrypted drive should render your drive unreadable if it is stolen. Tap the Windows key and type "control panel." Select "Security and Systems" and look for BitLocker encryption to be "on." Admittedly, there is more than one encryption method; hit the Windows key and type "PGP" to see if you find PGP Whole Disk Encryption. 5 points for encryption, no points for an

8. Can Someone Else Remotely Access my PC? Hit the Windows key and R, then type "SystemPropertiesRemote.exe." It should open a new dialog box with the title "Remote Access." If "Allow Remote Assistance" is unchecked, give yourself 5 points. If your IT department allows remote access limited to "Network Level Authentication," add no points. If remote access is allowed without restriction, subtract 5 points.

9. Do I Have Any Unknown Programs on my PC? Tap the Windows key and type "control panel." In the upper right corner, type, "program" in the search box, and select "show which programs are installed." Add 3 points if you recognize all apps; -1 for each app you cannot identify.

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In March 2020, as professionals worked from home due to COVID-19, Zoom video conferences surged in popularity while, conversely, lawyers cast weary glances at the Alexa device in their home office, wondering if it was recording confidential communications.

As of this writing, rumors abound on social media about the security of both platforms. With little hard evidence, a BigLaw firm publicly broadcast its ban on these devices. While society struggles with its relationship with ubiquitous communication devices, let us at least properly configure our Zoom and Alexa privacy settings.

Zoom Video: Recommended Settings

As a brief primer, Zoom throws a few numbers at you which can be confusing. A Personal Meeting ID (PMI) is a virtual room assigned to you alone; this is visible on the URL, called a Personal Link, when you invite someone to your personal meeting room. Your Meeting ID is a temporary number for a scheduled meeting. The Meeting ID typically expires after your meeting unless you create a recurring meeting. These links and IDs may be confusing but the important point is that, without proper precautions, they can be hacked, re-used, or simply guessed by third parties.

Privacy Settings for Zoom Video and Alexa

Is This Being Recorded? - Zoom reports that all participants will see a red notification (upper left on desktop and upper right on iOS) if the meeting is being recorded.

Only the Host Has Certain Abilities - On the website, go to Settings and turn OFF "Join Before Host," "Use Personal Meeting ID," "Annotation," "Remote Control," and "Allow Removed Participants to Rejoin." Meanwhile, turn ON "Allow host to put attendees on hold" and "host only" under screen sharing.

Hypervigilance Against Zoom-Bombing-To really lockdown meetings, on the website, turn off "Join Before Host" and "File Transfer" but turn on "Require Password for... Phone" and, towards the bottom, turn on "Waiting Room." You will need to Google how to use Waiting Rooms.

The following steps will assist in protecting your privacy during a Zoom meeting:

Spacebar To Mute - press and hold spacebar to temporarily mute yourself.

Set a Virtual Background - The benefit of a virtual background is that participants cannot see the room behind you, whether that includes privileged information on a wall calendar or... a snoring pug. Select a high definition shot of the Enterprise, the Look Your Best - While not strictly a privacy issue, on the desktop app, tap the cog wheel, then video, then Touch Up My Appearance. On iOS, select "more," then Meeting Settings, and turn on Touch Up My Appearance.

Alexa: Recommended Settings

According to Amazon, "you'll always know when Alexa is recording... because a blue light indicator will appear or an audio tone will sound..." What is less clear is what third parties are doing with your data or if voice apps have the power to control the microphone.

What Has Alexa Heard? - In the Alexa app, tap the three lines in the upper left corner and then go to Settings / Alexa Privacy / Review Voice History. Scroll through (and delete) the recent commands she recorded.

Set Up Delete By Voice Command - Following those same steps, toggle on "Enable deletion by voice." Then later you can instruct Alexa "delete what I [just said][said today]."

Auto Delete Old Recordings - Follow the same instructions but choose Manage Your Alexa Data and set auto delete to either after 3 or 18 months.

Turn Off "Use Voice Recordings to Improve Amazon Services" - Again, using the same



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Protect The Privacy of Your iOS 13 Device

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It has been two years since we covered iPhone and iPad security in this column. The risks have only increased while several privacy settings have become more difficult to find. To echo the Fourth District's recent assessment in a real-time cell phone tracking case: "[t]his presents significant I See When You Opened My Text: Under privacy concerns." Make sure your device is running iOS 13.x (Settings / General / Software Update) and then check the following:

Apple Is Tracking You: Under Settings / Privacy/Location Services, scroll all the way down to System Services. Location-Based Apple Ads, Location-Based Suggestions, iPhone Analytics, Popular Near Me, and Routing & Traffic should be off. Turn off Significant Locations.

Google Maps Is Tracking You: Open Google Maps and select your profile in the upper

prevent this intrusion, go to Settings / Mail and toggle Load Remote Images to off. If an email contains an image you want to see, just click the banner at the top when you open the email.

Settings / Messages, turn off "Send Read Receipts."

I See You Are Not in Your Office: Why broadcast that you are out of the office? Turn off "sent from my iPhone" under Settings / Mail / Signatures (leave it blank). There is still another trick. When sending a reply, your email will be entitled "Re:" when you reply on a mobile device whereas it will be "RE," with a capital E, if you are logged in via computer. So an email which is entitled, "Re: [title]" is coming from a handheld device. When it matters, you can manually capitalize the letter "e" to prevent leaking

able to keylog what you type because you granted them "all access." Make sure you know which apps can read your texts under General / Keyboard / Keyboards. Delete anything which is unfamiliar.

Are Text Messages Going to Other Devices? Are iMessages being pushed to other devices on your Apple account? Maybe. To keep your chats private, make sure Settings / Messages / Send & Receive is set to your phone only and no other devices or email.

Health: Unless you intended an app to access this feature, only Health should be listed under Settings / Health / Data.

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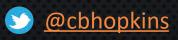
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