# Anatomy of a Phishing Email

Phishing is an attempt by a malicious actor pretending to be a legitimate enterprise for the purpose of stealing private information, such as usernames, passwords, social security numbers (SSN), and other sensitive data. More often than not, phishing messages have distinguishing characteristics making them easy to identify if you know what to look for. Emails that present a sense of urgency, have grammatical errors scattered throughout, or have peculiar "From" email addresses are some of the more common signs.

Here is a look at the anatomy of a typical phishing email…
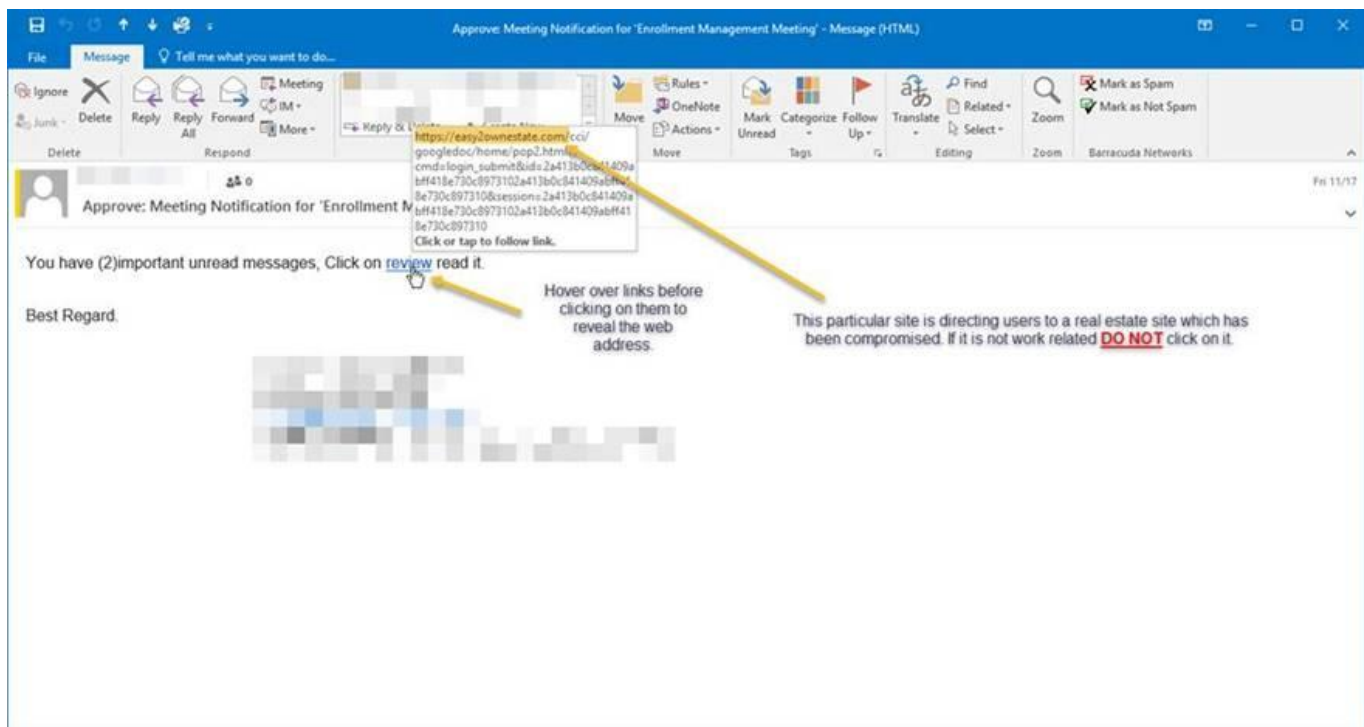
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