

# How to Spot a Phishing Email

### Generic subject line

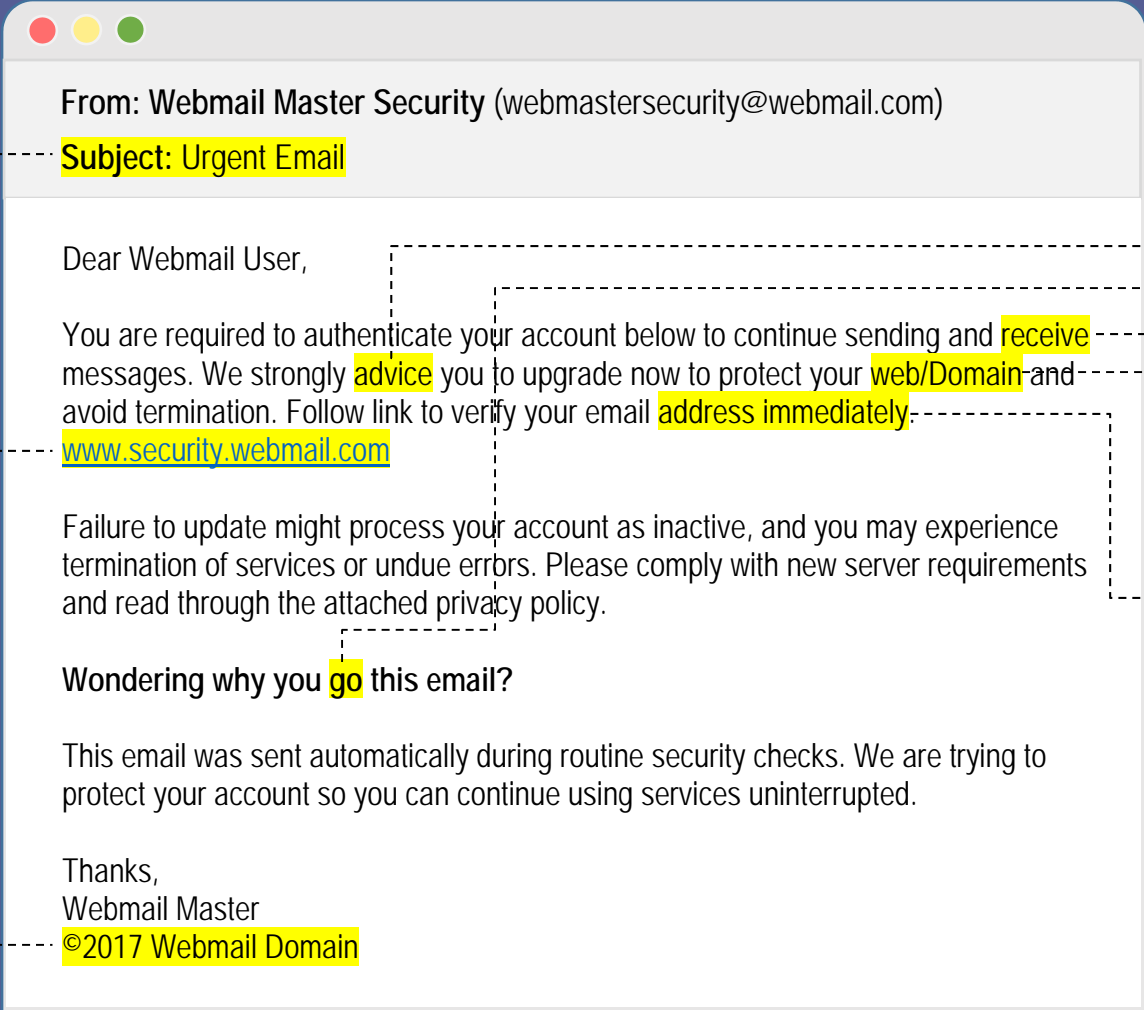
Legitimate emails usually have detailed subject lines. A vague subject line can be a key indicator of a phishing scam.

### Suspicious URL

Hover over links included in emails to see the actual destination of the URL.

### Improper use of copyright

Watch for improper use of copyright information. This is used to make the phishing email look official.



### Bad grammar/spelling

Phishing emails often contain misspelled words and bad grammar. This is a sign that the email did not come from a professional organization or a real person you may know.

### Unnecessary urgency

Use your intuition and if something "feels" wrong, consider calling the organization or office directly to validate the email.

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