# FRAUD & SCAM PREVENTION

#### Financial Fraud Investment Scam

**FRAUD** A wrongful or criminal act, resulting to a victim's financial loss

**SCAMS** A dishonest, illegal scheme for making money, one that involves swindling or tricking victims



# Common Types of FRAUD

#### Card replacement Card cloning



#### ATM Skimming ATM Jackpotting



Unauthorized financial transactions made on a victim's account

## **ATM Skimming, Jackpotting**

Illegal installation of malicious hardware (e.g. camera, scanning device) and/or software in ATMs or POS devices

Scanning device copies card information to create counterfeit or clone cards

Camera captures PIN information, allowing access to accounts

Jackpotting software gives hackers control over ATM functions





#### **ATM Skimming Devices**









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#### **Protect Yourself from Skimming**

- ✓ Make sure that your ATM card, debit card and/and or credit card is equipped with an EMV chip.
- Observe and remember the standard appearance of ATM machines and POS devices.
- ✓ If an ATM does not have a keypad shield, cover the keypad while entering your PIN.
- Withdraw only in trusted, well-lighted ATM locations. If uncomfortable, postpone your transaction or find a more secure location.
- If transacting with merchant using a POS device, keep an eye on your card and the cashier.
- Regularly check your account balance and/or billing statements. Report unauthorized or suspicious transactions to your bank or credit card issuer immediately.

### **Identity** Theft

#### **Root cause of fraudulent financial transactions**

of victim's personal and account information

#### THEFT $\longrightarrow$ FRAUD

committed using stolen information to access victim's account

Keep account info confidential. **Protect your personal data.** 



#### **Common Modes of Identity Theft**



Phishing







**Dumpster Diving** 





#### Have you seen a phishing email?

From: xyzbank@yahoo.com \_\_\_\_\_\_ suspicious looking email address

Dear Internet Banking Customer, \_\_\_\_ generic greeting

We have detected an unauthorized transaction from your internit banking account. In order to ensure that your acount is safe and secure please click <u>here</u> an update your account immediately. **Jink to spoofed website** 

We hope to serve you better.

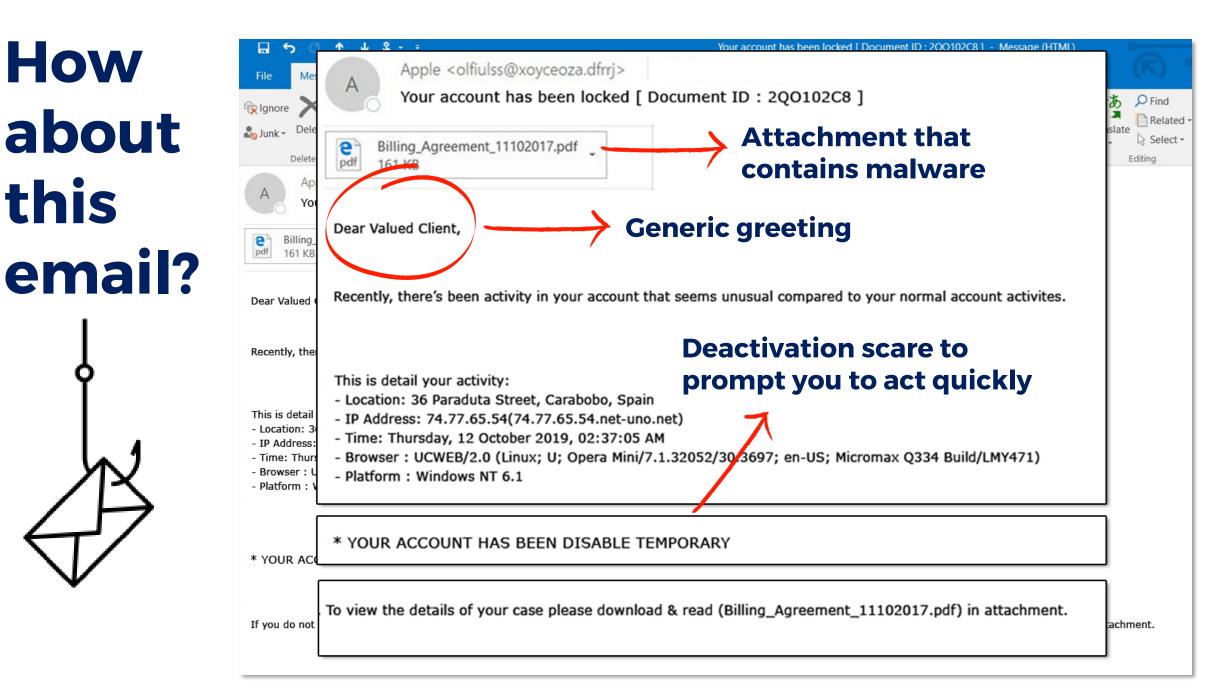
Regards,

 $\rightarrow$  no contact information

XYZ Bank Internet Banking Help Desk

misspellings and sometimes bad grammar





#### Chatbox Activity: Is this a phishing email?

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As of 07/05/2018 08:59:24 PM UTC (Philippine Standard Time)

Customer Advisory: Updating of Depositors' Information in Compliance with BSP Circular No. 950

We are conducting a periodic updating of our depositors' information in compliance with BSP Circular No. 950 (Anti-Money Laundering Regulations), pertaning to the provisions on customer idientification and record keeping.

Ensure That We To Have Your Current And Complete Information And Your Latest Speciment Signatures In Our Records, We Would Like to Request You To Please Verify All of Your Information By Clicking The "Confirm" Button Below.

#### CONFIRM

Having your updated information and specimen signature will enable us to serve you better, so we hope that you will give this matter your preferential attention. Rest assured.

If you have questions about this request or concerns about your account, please do not hesitate to call or visit your Store of Account.

Thank you for your support and continued patronage of ABC Bank.

ABC Bank is supervised by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas with contact number (02) 708-7087 and email address consumeraffairs@bsp.gov.ph

This email was sent by ABC Bank

a. Yesb. Noc. I don't know

#### **Please type your answer in the chatbox**

### Sample phishing email



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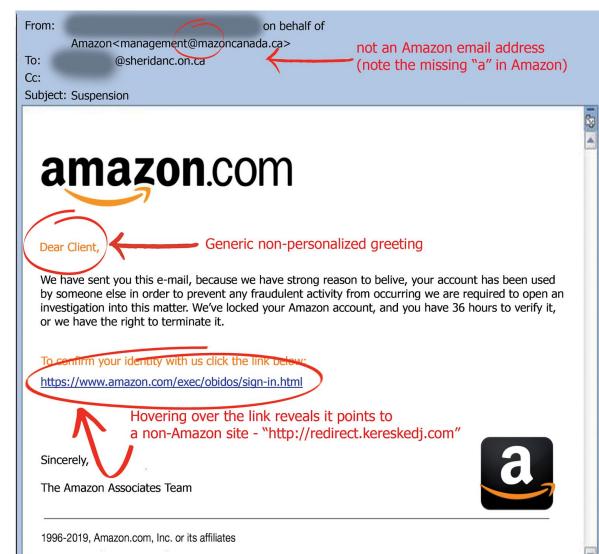
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#### **Chatbox Activity: Is this a phishing email?**

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Dear JUAN DELA CRUZ,

You have an invalid login attempt on: 10 March 2021 03:43:26PM

Should you have any questions or clarifications, you may call ABC Bank's Customer Care at (632) 8-123-4567 or email at customercare@abcbank.com.ph. For credit card 24/7 Customer Service at (632)818-1-123/DTF 1800-12-345-6-789 or email at ABCBankCreditCards@abcbank.com.ph

Thank you.

ABC Bank, Inc.





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Yes b. No c. I don't know

#### **Please type your** answer in the chatbox

#### **Sub-categories of phishing**

- Pharming manipulation of Domain Name Server (DNS)
- **Spear phishing** highly targeted attacks
- **SMiShing** uses SMS on mobile phones
- Vishing leverages Internet Protocol (IP) based voice calling

## Vishing

# Caller claims to represent a financial institution

Caller creates a sense of urgency





### Sample of SMiShing



Text Message Tuesday 2:14 PM

ABCBank ALERT Our system has detected a suspicious activity from your account. If this was you, kindly disregard this message. If otherwise, please verify your account here: www.onlineabcbankgetverify.com

link to spoofed website

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AA Not Secure — eabc.webstarterz.com ♂

Your dependable bank

#### ADD DEVICE

To register your device, reply ADD DEVICE. And wait for your One-Time password to complete authorization on your account

Enter your OTP

NOTE: To register your mobile device to your ABC account, please text ADD DEVICE.



If you did not receive your One-Time password (OTP) via SMS within 5 minute(s) or if your One-Time password (OTP) has expired. Click here to generate a new One-Time password to proceed your login.

Email Address         Email Password         Savings         Account Balance         Please ensure that the nominated mobile number is your valid contact detail. This will serve as your registered mobile numbe for Online Banking transactions where One-Time Password (OT will be sent via SMS. Please keep your devices registered mobinumber and password secured at all times.         Verify Your Account Number         Account Number         Confirm Your Card Number         Card Number         Expiration Date         Card Security	Mobile Number	
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#### **Chatbox Activity: Is this SMiShing?**

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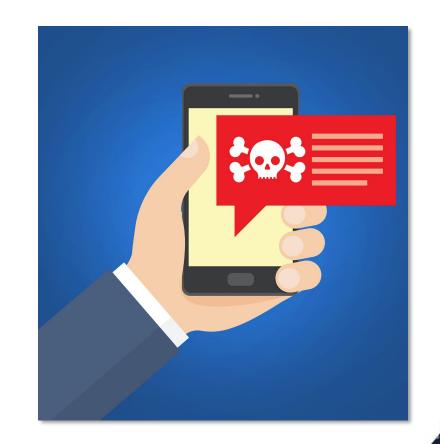
someone who came in contact with you tested positive or has shown symptoms for COVID-19 & recommends you self-isolate/get tested. More at <u>COVID-19anon.com/alert</u> a. Yesb. Noc. I don't know

Please type your answer in the chatbox

### Sample of SMiShing

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someone who came in contact with you tested positive or has shown symptoms for COVID-19 & recommends you self-isolate/get tested. More at <u>COVID-19anon.com/alert</u>



#### Have you seen a spoofed website?

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Email or mobile number   Next   or   Sign Up	
Contact Us Privacy Legal Worldwide	

#### How to check if a website is fake?

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NOT PayPal	Website Identity         Website:       www.xyzpaypal.com/cgi-bin         Owner:       This website does not supply ownership information.         Verified by:       Not specified
PayPal	Privacy & History         Have I visited this website prior to today?       No         Is this website storing information on my computer?       Yes, cookies       Clear Cookies and Site Data
Email or mobile number	Have I saved any passwords for this website? No View Saved Passwords
Next	Technical Details         Connection Not Encrypted         The website www.bsp.gov.ph does not support encryption for the page you are viewing.         Information sent over the Internet without encryption can be seen by other people while it is in transit.
or	?
Sign Up	
NOT Encrypted!	
Contact Us Privacy Legal Worldwide	

Protect yourself from phishing and spoofing! Be wary of emails, calls, or text messages that...



- Ask for your personal information
- Have a generic greeting, misspelling or bad grammar





- Are unexpected or not typically received
- Link you to another website



Does not give you full contact details of the sender



# Chatbox Activity: What will you do if you received this email?

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This email was sent by XYZ Bank

a. Click the link to verify my account

b. Verify with my bank by calling its hotline directly

Please type your answer in the chatbox

# When you encounter phishing or spoofing...

• Verify with your bank by calling its hotline directly.

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Report the phishing and spoofing attempts to your bank immediately!



# Safeguard your gadgets

Operating systems and apps.

- Download only the legitimate banking apps and online shopping apps.
- Do not download and install suspicious software, files and email attachments.



Do not use jailbroken or rooted mobile phones or gadgets.



Do not let other people use your gadgets.



# Secure your connectivity

- Avoid using public computers and free WiFi connections.
- Set your WiFi router to the highest security settings.
- Enable router firewall and encryption.
- Reduce your WiFi signal range.



## Secure your online activity

- Type the address or url directly on the address bar.
- Make sure the website is secure and legitimate ("https").
  - Clear your browsing history or cache regularly.
- Disable plug-ins, and the "Save passwords" feature.
- Always log-out from websites and apps after every use.



### **Protect your online transactions**



Transact only with legitimate and trustworthy online vendors.

- Activate a 2-step verification process or multi-factor authentication.
- Keep transaction records and regularly review your ſ transaction history.
- Enable text or email alerts for any activity on your accounts.



Report suspicious account activity to your bank immediately.

Do not share account and personal information (e.g., account number, card number, full name, passwords, PIN, CVV) with anyone.

## **Chatbox Activity**

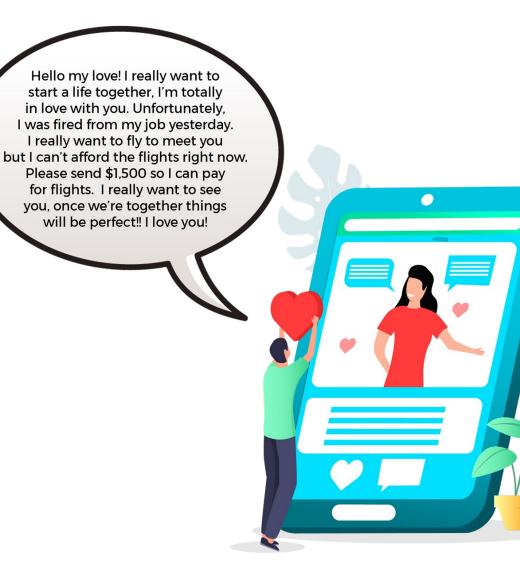
The best way to create a strong password is to use:

- a. Your initials, or birthday, or your mother's maiden name
- b. PassWord12345
- C. Capital and small letters, with numerals and symbols, in a combination that only you can remember
- d. Same passwords for all accounts, including email and social media
- e. A list of passwords written on a piece of paper

# Common Types of SCAMS



#### Chatbox Activity: Is this a scam?



- a. Yes
- b. No
- **C.** I don't know

Please type your answer in the chatbox

#### **Chatbox Activity: Is this a scam?**

Hello my love! I really want to start a life together, I'm totally in love with you. Unfortunately, I was fired from my job yesterday. I really want to fly to meet you but I can't afford the flights right now. Please send \$1,500 so I can pay for flights. I really want to see you, once we're together thing will be perfect!! I love you!

#### YES A Romance Scam

**Answer**:

# Common Types of SCAMS



# **SCAMS** During This Pandemic



#### **Investment Scams**



No legitimate businesses or investments

Main source of funds are money from new recruits or investors









Focus on cash investment and recruitment



Focus on products and recruitment



Promises high interest/return on investment within a short time period



Products have little or no real value



Earns from cash investment paid by new recruits



Members are compensated based on new recruits and downlines

### **Chatbox Activity**

# Is multi-level marketing a pyramid scam?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. It depends on certain factors
- d. I don't know

## **Multi Level Marketing**

#### **DSAP 8-Point Test**

- 1. Is there a product?
- 2. Are commissions paid on sale of products and not on registration/entry fees?
- 3. Is the intent to sell a product not a position?
- 4. Is there no direct correlation between the number of recruits and compensation?
- 5. If recruitment were to be stopped today, will the participants still make money?
- 6. Is there a reasonable product return policy?
- 7. Do products have fair market value?
- 8. Is there a compelling reason to buy?



If the answer to any of the questions is **NO**, it might be a SCAM!

### **Protect yourself from investment scams!**



Do not believe offers that are too good to be true (e.g., double your money, no risk, returns guaranteed).



Check if company is licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Report suspicious companies to SEC.



Verify if investment product being sold is also licensed by SEC (secondary license). Report suspicious investment products and activities to SEC.

### Always remember...



Protect your personal and account information.

Report suspicious account transactions to your Financial Institution immediately.

Offers that are too good to be true, are usually not true.

Report suspicious investment schemes to SEC and/or NBI.