

NewsLetter

Phishing: Don't Be the Next Big Catch

Phishing employs social engineering tactics to manipulate individuals into voluntarily divulging their sensitive information through various methods. Attackers engaged in phishing will strive to make their efforts appear as legitimate and trustworthy as possible, akin to modern-day con artists.

If you receive an unexpected call, email, or text message requesting verification or changes to your account credentials, do not respond directly to the message. Avoid clicking on any links provided. If prompted to change your password, navigate directly to the account's official website to make the change. If you receive an unexpected call purporting to be from your bank, inform them that you will return the call and then contact the bank yourself using a publicly listed number.

Always go directly to the source to make changes or verify information when you are unsure.

-Ken

It all Started Like This

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Here we go again. Imagine this scenario: Between 200 BC and 70 BC, the Antikythera mechanism, often considered the first computer, was invented. This analog machine was capable of predicting astronomical events rather than the future. It could forecast when the next eclipse would occur, even if it was decades away, or when the stars would align in a specific pattern. It also tracked the Olympic Games, historically referred to as the "Athletic Games," which have been held every four years since 776 BC. It's speculated that the Antikythera mechanism may have been developed to ensure that spectators and competitors from various Greek cities and states wouldn't miss these games due to poor timekeeping.



There's a theory that this device was used by ancient navigators to sail the great oceans, helping them to maintain their course by following the stars and the moon. What are your thoughts on this?

While the inventors of the Antikythera mechanism were no "Einsteins" — considering Einstein wouldn't be born for many centuries — their ingenuity was remarkable. Remember, as Einstein himself noted, certain things are destined to happen and will continue to do so.

-Mike

Save the !'s *-says the Sticker*

Nothing is as motivating as when our co-workers let us know they appreciate us. We're social animals and the regard of our fellow creatures feels good. Good tends to beget good so we find it to be to our advantage to thank people when they do something for us. We'll send an email to a co-worker letting them know we're done with some routine tasks they asked us to do and we get a reply from them that says "Thanks!". While the acknowledgement is appreciated, they did say thank-you, after all, one can wonder if their apparent enthusiasm is proportionate to the imposition caused by completing the task. If the task was a routine part of our job, and we completed it within the expected timeframe at the standard level of quality, then the enthusiasm conveyed by the "!" in "Thanks!" may be a bit overblown.....or the punctuation mark is being used to convey a different meaning.

"AI" The Infant Stage

Imagine the ideal companion who never challenges every word you say. Picture asking for helpful information and your digital partner, whether you call it iSpouse, iHelper, iBuddy, iPhil, or simply leave it unnamed, providing all the best answers within seconds. This is the concept behind this new internet helper. It's designed to quickly and easily find answers, searching through websites in mere seconds. Ever heard of ChatGPT? This is just one example of how AI can assist with various issues.

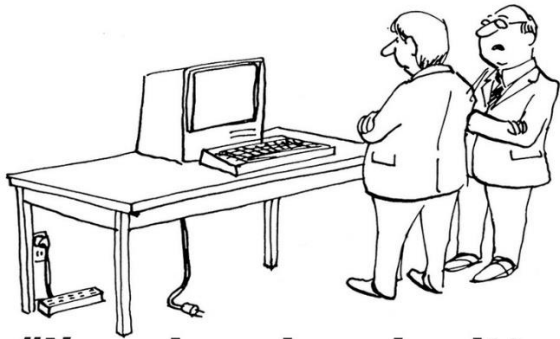
Now you might be wondering, "Where can I find this Nobel iHelper?" Stay tuned for the next issue coming in October to find out more. I also want to inform staff that my focus in the upcoming issues will primarily be on the IT software and techware area we serve, as we delve deeper into solving problems that can benefit us all.

-Phil

Possible Future Topics: Getting Down to Business, **Your Fonts or Mine**, Finding Columbo's Cash, **More from the Stickler**, plus **ISSUE 3**, are you to **Bold** or **not Bold enough**.

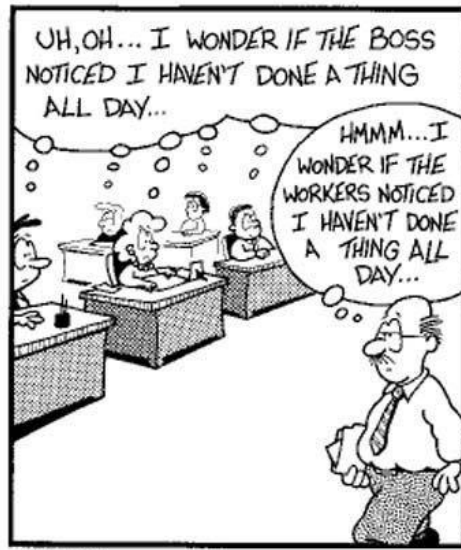
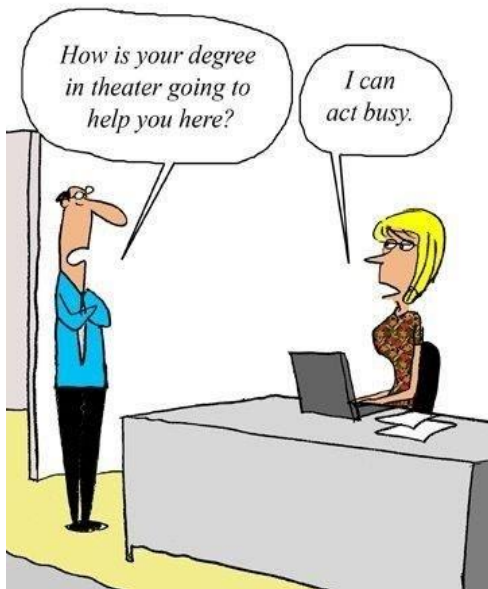
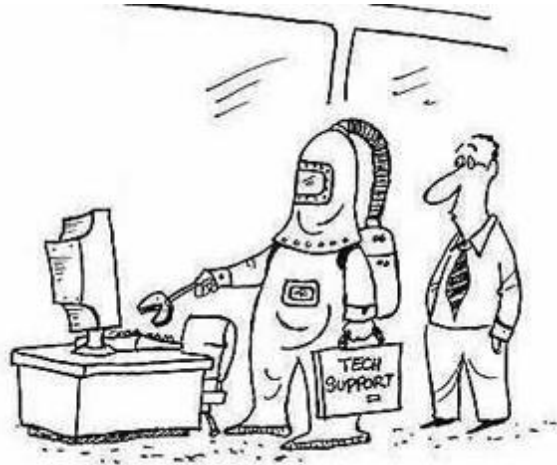
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The Funny Page



"I've already submitted a ticket to IT"

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Just a few of the comments received:

JD - "Love it Phil!!!"

WA - "Great job with the newsletter! It didn't take too long to read and was informative as well as amusing. I wasn't able to read the very bottom cartoon, but the others were funny!"

