A Novel Approach for Phishing Emails Real Time Classification Using K-Means Algorithm

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ABSTRACT

The dangers phishing becomes considerably bigger problem in online networking, for example, Facebook, twitter and Google+. The phishing is normally completed by email mocking or texting and it frequently guides client to enter points of interest at a phony site whose look and feel are practically indistinguishable to the honest to goodness. Non-technical user resists learning of anti-phishing technic. Also not permanently remember phishing learning. Software solutions such as authentication and security warnings are still depending on end user action. In this paper we are mainly focus on a novel approach of real time phishing email classification using K-means algorithm. For this we uses 160 emails of last year computer engineering students. we get True positive of legitimate and phishing as 67% and 80% and true negative is 30 % and 20%. which is very high so we ask same users reasons which I mainly categories into three categories, look and feel of email, email technical parameters, and email structure.

Key word: Email and websites phishing Phishing detection techniques user awareness on email Phishing

1. INTRODUCTION

Users might reach to phishing sites through some social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter. Attackers typically target specific cluster of individuals organizations to get intellectual information, business secrets or military data rather than gain. This variation of general phishing is called Spear phishing. Whaling may be a kind of spear phishing where target of group may be a larger fish like military offices personal business and government agencies, antiphishing techniques like blacklist, whitelist, heuristic and visual similarity primarily based approaches became less effective in detecting work phishing websites. The limitation of blacklist is that phishing sites that are not listed in blacklist don’t seem to be detected. These kind of non-backlisted phishing sites are referred to as Zero-day phishing sites.

2. RELATED WORK

Alejandro, Eduardo [1] authors uses neural framework approach, to get to the two techniques utilizes RF (Random Forest) and LSTM (a long/here and now memory mastermind on datasets phish tank and Common Crawl, which gives result as precision rate of 93.5% and 98.7%. RF and LSTM utilizes 14 highlights of lexical and quantifiable examination of url resembles space exist in Alexa rank, subdomain length, URL length, way length, URL Entropy, '@'and '.' character tally in URL.

Anndita, Dhirendra [2] utilizes gathering learning approach has been utilized for phishing email identification. The model incorporates of three stages preprocessing, highlight inspecting, characterization arrange. Add up to 97 messages utilized out of that 96 effectively order and one misclassify. Encourage forward neural system to group tried email into phish or ham email in light of separated email header and
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1. Mutually restrictive—every danger should fit in at most one class.
2. Exhaustive—All danger examples
3. Unambiguous—all classes must be clear and exact with goal.
4. Repeatable—results in similar characterization
5. Accepted—all classification are sensible.
6. Useful—It can be utilized to pick up knowledge into the field of request.

The criteria order list got from the outline are:
1. Security danger source: the beginning of risk either interior or outside.
2. Security danger operations—the specialists that reason dangers and we recognized three primary classes: Human, natural, Mechanical.
3. Security risk inspiration—the objective of aggressors on a framework which can be noxious or non-malevolent security risk expectation.

The model recognized the danger impacts: Destruction of data, corruption of data, Theft/loss of data, Disclosure of data, foreshewing of utilization, Elevation of benefit and illegal use.74.3% of the misfortunes are cause by infections, unapproved access, tablet or versatile equipment robbery and burglary of exclusive data.70% of extortion is executed by insiders instead of by outside. 90% of security controls are centered on outer threats.

Narendra Shekolkar, chaitali Shahete. [8] has used Link Guard algorithm for phishing detection. Link Guard works by breaking down the contrasts between the visual connection and the real link.it first concentrates the DNS names from the genuine and the visual connection .it at that point looks at the real and visual DNS names, if these names are not the same, at that point it is phishing of class.

Nayeem Khan, Johari Abdullah, Adnan Shahid Khan [9] these author has design methodologies for defending malicious script attacks using machine learning classifies algorithm Naïve Bayes. Security is based on to correlative methodologies, signature based and heuristic based identification approaches. The signature-based approach depends on the identification of one of a kind string designs in the paired code. Heuristic based recognition depends on the arrangement of master choice guidelines to identify the attacks.it will just recognize adjusted or variation existing malware.

The drawback of utilizing this approach is that it takes a long time in performing checking and examination, which radically backs off the security execution. Another issue of the approach is that it presents numerous false positive. False positive happens when a framework wrongly recognizes code or a record as malignant when really it is not.

Naive Bayes classifier consider precision, preparing time, linearity, the quantity of parameters, number of highlights are used. 70 highlights of JavaScript’s as appeared in the Reference section. The proposed approach accomplished a precision of 100% in recognition for already obscure malevolent JavaScript based on learning. Exploratory outcomes demonstrate that ROC-1 was accomplished by KNN classifies with no false positive. The wrapper technique assumed an essential part in highlight determination, which prompts high precision contrasted with other examined static methodologies.

Ratinder Kaur and Maninder Singh[10] has proposed novel hybrid framework that coordinates inconsistency for identifying and breaking down zero day attacks.the framework is actualized and assessed against different standard measurements True Positive Rate(TPR),False Positive Date(FPR), F- Measure, Total Accuracy(ACC) and Receiver Operating Characteristic(ROC),the outcome indicates high discovery rate with almost zero false positive.to guard against zero day attacks, the exploration group has proposed different procedures. There are partitioned into Statistical based, Signatured based, behavior based and Hybrid strategies.

Anupama Aggarwaly, Ashwin Rajadesingan, [11] has present PhishAri expansion works for chrome program is composed in JavaScript. PhishAri use d for detection phishing real time on Twitter. Twitter Streaming API 12 and the Channel work given API to gather such Tweets. The API takes the tweets ID as info and returns back a string showing weather the tweet is phishing or safe. Phishers have a tendency to have a great deal of @ tags in their tweets with the goal that their tweet is straightforward. Detecting phishing via web-based networking is test as results
1. Vast volume of information-online networking enables clients to effortlessly share their values of information,
2. Constrained space- Twitters 140-character restriction the substance due to which clients utilizes shorthand documentations.
3. Quick change-web based networking changes quickly making phishing location troublesome.
4. Shorten URL’s phishing URLs are abbreviated to the objective URL.

It is hard to distinguish phishing on Twitter dissimilar to messages on account of the fast spread of phishing joins in the system, short size of the substance, utilization of URL confusion. twwets substance and its attributes like length, hash tags, mentions the Twitter client posting the tweet for example age of the
record, number of tweets and the supporter follower ration. Random forest classifiers works best to phishing
tweet reorganization on dataset with high precision of 92.52%.

Routhu Srinivasa, Syed Taqi Ali [12] has design heuristic approach of phishshield. It takes input as
address and output the standing of address a phishing or legitimate website. The heuristic use to observe
phishing area unit footer links with null price, zero links in body of HTML, copyright content, title content
and website identity. to develop tool PhishSheild, author used Net Beans 8.02,IDE,JAVA compiler, Jsoup
.API and firebug tool. Jsoup is used for parsing the HTML contents of webpages and extracting HTML
content like links in footer, copyright, title, CS. firebug open supply Firefox extension that is employed for
debugging, editing and monitoring of nay website’s CSS, HTML, Dom, XHR and JavaScript. the main
advantage of Phishsheild application is that it will observe phishing sites that tricks the users by substitution
content with images, that most of the prevailing anti phishing techniques not capable to observe, though they
will take lot of execution time. the accuracy rate obtained for phishsheild is 96%.

Abdulghani Ali Ahmed, Nurul Amirah Abdullah [13] these author has implemented real time
phishing detection of websites Using Term Frequency –Inverse Archive Frequency (TF_IDF). the phisher
makes a shadow site that appears to be like the genuine site. Users regularly have numerous client accounts
on different sites including social system, email and furthermore represent banking.
The phishing sites by utilizing TF-IDF system recover data and content mining effectively diminishes the
false positive rate. Total 97 phishing webpage with around 6% false positive rate. prevenion strategies for site
mocking are survived and ordered into different methodologies: content based, heuristic based and boycott-
based approaches. This approach utilizes a mix of stateless page assessment, sate full page assessment and
examination of archive post information to register proxy file system.

Boycott based approach is recovering the URLs from phishing pages with a specific end goal to
keep up and make the blacklist. The security danger of the web pages with a specific end goal is highlight of
criteria, for example, time of internet uses, create web server review, no. of time visiting site page. Nation
that facilities the site, name of association that facilitating the present site and hazard rating. Some highlights
can be numerous, for example, URLs, area, personality, security and encryption, source code, page style and
substance, web address bar and social human factor.

This examination concentrates just on URLs and area name highlights. highlights of URL and space
names are checked utilizing a few criteria, for example, IP address, long URL address, including a prefix or
addition, diverting utilizing the images, use of double slash and URL having the image of @.
Qian Cui [14] has design novel tracking phishing attacks using clustering algorithm. in this approach
undertakes to intrinsic characteristics of phishing sites, such as the presence of specific sort of internet forms,
or some unusual structures in URLs. 90% of the attacks are repeats of previous attacks. Also 90% of the
actual attacks in list can mechanically remove. There are 18 cluster active for one month and in general
average period of time of cluster is 25 days. Attack instance s will be clustered in such the simplest way that
every one of the instances of a similar attack in the same cluster, associate degree attack category, showing
few variations of the Dom, and lot of variations in terms of domain names and ultimately scientific discipline
addresses of the machine serving the attacks.

A content-based methodology victimization a Term Frequency and Inverse Document Frequency
(TF-IDF) analysis to spot the phishing target. The keyword extracted by the TF-IDF algorithmic rule on a
given pages are submitted to look engines like Google and output the possible tag get of phishing attacks
with 99% true positive.

S. Carolin Jeeval, Elijah Blessing Rajsingh [15] has present phishing URL detection using apriori
association rule mining algorithm. The proposed techniques compromise of two stages.
1. URL LOOK and feel stage
2. Highlight extraction phase.
It was discovered that 77.75% of phished URLs are with uncommon characters, 9.4% o phished URLs
contained IP address, 64% of phished URL are observed as subdomain used, 66.5% of phishing URL are
found without top level domain. apriori give 99% exactness level.

3. METHODOLOGY

According to [16-17] for user phishing awareness training is essential. user awareness training can
be do following 4 ways.
1. Articles
2. presentation
3. Audio and video
4. Quiz
In paper author has use presentation method and Quiz method [16-17]. Quizzes are used for testing user’s knowledge about phishing email and websites in first training approach. In second training approach presentation is used, thorough with shows phishing emails and legitimate emails and explain why particular email is phishing or legitimate. For that use real time emails received by author on his email id. Even with this training do’s and don’t also explain to identify phishing or legitimate emails visualization, technical parameter and email header and body, these three categories are used which is shown in below table.

### Table 1 Different Factors in Determine Decisions about Email Legitimate and Phishing Emails.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Judgment criteria</th>
<th>Phishing</th>
<th>Legitimate</th>
<th>Unable to identify</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Visualization (Look and Feel)</td>
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<td>Different Colours used in emails</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
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<td>Plain text email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
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<td>Org. logo or trademarks in email signature</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
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<td>Footnote of email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
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<td>Copy right of email signature</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
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<td>Technical parameters used in email</td>
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<td>There is https in URL</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
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<tr>
<td>There is no https in URL</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
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<tr>
<td>Email is embedded URL or link</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
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<tr>
<td>Email is no embedded URL or link</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
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<tr>
<td>Verification process of data</td>
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<td>Present in email</td>
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<td>Manually URL checking</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sender email address is unknown</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
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<tr>
<td>Email header and body</td>
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<tr>
<td>Personalized email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other personal data</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
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<tr>
<td>Typing mistake /grammatical error</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
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<td>Promoting offers/opportunities</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
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<tr>
<td>Use of urgent or forceful language</td>
<td>Present in email</td>
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Experiment: - for this training total 16 emails are shown to 179 users, which is shown in below table. Out of 16 emails only 5 emails are legitimate and 11 are phishing with users identification result is shown in table 2.

### Table 2 training email classification done by users.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Email example</th>
<th>Legitimate</th>
<th>Legitimate</th>
<th>Unable to identify</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Business investment</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>172</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Compensation salary increase</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>123</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Email verification form IT dept.</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>112</td>
<td>9</td>
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<tr>
<td>BCUD login notification</td>
<td>129</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
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<td>Email update</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>123</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LIC policy benefit</td>
<td>148</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Email verification from university</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>148</td>
<td>7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Important email from university</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
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<td>Important email from university</td>
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<td>161</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Deposit fund from university</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>114</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bank transfer alter from Citi bank</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>129</td>
<td>9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Part time job</td>
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<td>136</td>
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<td>CICI bank credit card</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>135</td>
<td>7</td>
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<tr>
<td>your appointment for university work</td>
<td>110</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>7</td>
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<tr>
<td>your appointment of university of pune for exam work</td>
<td>146</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>your guide to safe ICICI bank transaction</td>
<td>149</td>
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<td>2</td>
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### 4. EXPERIMENT RESULTS

In training 67 % users correctly identify legitimate email and 80 % phishing emails are identified. If we compare before and after training approach only 28% users legitimate email correctly identification is improvement and 39% phishing email identification improvement, which is very less so that we required to solve this problem machine learning algorithms are required.

After training we take review of users why they incorrectly classify legitimate email as phishing and phishing email as legitimate. They give reason like multicolor are used in email, email embedded URL is given, sender is unknown, email signature is not proper, domain and subdomain is not register. According to reason given by participant which is shown in Table 3.
Table 3. Reason Given by Participant

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sr.no</th>
<th>Email title</th>
<th>Email is phishing or legitimate</th>
<th>Count of correctly classify</th>
<th>Count of incorrectly classify</th>
<th>Correctly classify as legitimate or phishing Reason given by participants</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| 1     | Business investment                              | Phishing                        | 172                         | 7                             | 1. Email header name is not finance company name or bank name.  
2. For more information click here link is given.  
3. Email signature and header is mismatch.  
4. For contact no email is and contact number is given.  
5. Email is colorful.  
6. Email is colorful.  
7. Email is colorful.  
8. Email is colorful.  
9. Email is colorful. |
| 2     | Compensation on salary increase                  | Phishing                        | 152                         | 52                            | 1. Domain name is not register domain.  
2. Email start is informally.  
3. For conformation link is given. Details are not given in mail.  
4. Forcing user to do not share salary increase details to anyone.  
5. Email sender is unknown.  
6. Email sender is unknown.  
7. Email sender is unknown.  
8. Email sender is unknown.  
9. Email sender is unknown. |
| 3     | Email verification form IT dept.                  | Phishing                        | 112                         | 58                            | 1. University never contact to student directly.  
2. Domain is not register domain.  
3. College email id is not verified form university.  
4. Email start is informal.  
5. Email start is informal.  
6. Email start is informal.  
7. Email start is informal.  
8. Email start is informal. |
| 4     | BCUD login notification                          | Legitimate                      | 129                         | 44                            | 1. Email start is informal.  
2. For query contact number and email id is given.  
3. Sender is known.  
4. For updating of BCUD user and password link is not given.  
5. Email sender is unknown.  
6. Email signature is doubtfull.  
7. Asking user to configure your email to outlook web access.  
8. LIC benefit mandate from, cancel cheque, NEFT details asking.  
9. Email id and contact number is given for query.  
10. LIC policy number is given. |
| 5     | Email update                                     | Legitimate                      | 123                         | 52                            | 1. Email start is informal.  
2. For query contact number and email id is given.  
3. Sender is known.  
4. Email signature is missing.  
5. Email embedded link is given.  
6. Domain is not register domain.  
7. Email start is informal.  
8. Email start is informal.  
9. Email start is informal.  
10. Email start is informal.  
11. Email start is informal. |
| 6     | LIC policy benefit                               | Legitimate                      | 148                         | 22                            | 1. LIC benefit mandate from, cancel cheque, NEFT details asking.  
2. Email id and contact number is given for query.  
3. LIC policy number is given.  
4. Email embedded link is given.  
5. Domain is not register domain.  
6. Email start is informal.  
7. Email start is informal.  
8. Email start is informal.  
9. Email start is informal.  
10. Email start is informal. |
| 7     | Email verification from university                | Phishing                        | 148                         | 24                            | 1. Domain name is not register domain.  
2. Informally email started.  
3. Email signature is missing.  
4. Email embedded link is given.  
5. Email start is informal.  
6. Email start is informal.  
7. Email start is informal.  
8. Email start is informal.  
9. Email start is informal. |
| 8     | Important email from university                   | Phishing                        | 150                         | 27                            | 1. University never contact to staff and student directly.  
2. Email embedded link is given.  
3. Email header and signature is mismatch.  
4. Email sender is unknown.  
5. Email sender is unknown.  
6. Email sender is unknown.  
7. Email start is informal.  
8. Email start is informal.  
9. Email start is informal.  
10. Email start is informal. |
| 9     | Deposit fund from university                      | Phishing                        | 161                         | 14                            | 1. In email lastly I do not take call is written.  
2. Domain is not register domain.  
3. Sender is unknown.  
4. Email start is informal.  
5. Email start is informal.  
6. Email start is informal.  
7. Email start is informal.  
8. Email start is informal.  
9. Email start is informal.  
10. Email start is informal. |
| 10    | Bank transfer alter from Citi bank                | Phishing                        | 114                         | 62                            | 1. Asking user to open attachment of file.  
2. Sender is unknown.  
3. Email signature is informal.  
4. Email start is informal.  
5. Email start is informal.  
6. Email start is informal.  
7. Email start is informal.  
8. Email start is informal.  
9. Email start is informal.  
10. Email start is informal. |
| 11    | Citi bank credit card                            | Phishing                        | 129                         | 41                            | 1. Bank credit card statement is always coming as email file attachment.  
2. Asking user to click on link.  
3. Job profile description is given in email, which is mismatch with job title.  
4. Job application link is given.  
5. Application form is not attached to email.  
6. For credit card application click here link is given.  
7. Asking user to apply through given link otherwise offer is not given.  
8. Receiver full name is given in email.  
9. All instructions are given in email clearly.  
10. For query emailed and contact number is given. |
| 12    | Part time job                                    | Phishing                        | 136                         | 40                            | 1. For appointment letter click here link is given.  
2. All instructions are given in email clearly.  
3. For query emailed and contact number is given.  
4. For appointment letter download link is given also said that you can get it same from your BCUD login.  
5. Receiver full name is given in email.  
6. All instructions are given in email clearly.  
7. For query emailed and contact number is given.  
8. For appointment letter click here link is given.  
9. For appointment letter download link is given also said that you can get it same from your BCUD login.  
10. Receiver full name is given in email. |
| 13    | ICICI bank credit card                           | Legitimate                      | 135                         | 37                            | 1. Life free ICICI bank credit card offer is given.  
2. Application form is not attached to email.  
3. Asking user to apply through given link otherwise offer is not given.  
4. Receiver full name is given in email.  
5. All instructions are given in email clearly.  
6. For query emailed and contact number is given.  
7. Receiver full name is given in email.  
8. All instructions are given in email clearly.  
9. For query emailed and contact number is given.  
10. Receiver full name is given in email. |
| 14    | your appointment for university work             | Legitimate                      | 110                         | 62                            | 1. For appointment letter click here link is given.  
2. All instructions are given in email clearly.  
3. For query emailed and contact number is given.  
4. For appointment letter download link is given also said that you can get it same from your BCUD login.  
5. Receiver full name is given in email.  
6. All instructions are given in email clearly.  
7. For query emailed and contact number is given.  
8. For appointment letter click here link is given.  
9. For appointment letter download link is given also said that you can get it same from your BCUD login.  
10. Receiver full name is given in email. |
| 15    | your appointment for university of Pune for exam work | Legitimate                | 146                         | 28                            | 1. Receiver full name is given in email.  
2. For appointment letter download link is given also said that you can get it same from your BCUD login.  
3. ICICI bank safe transaction guidelines are given.  
4. Customer care and customer service call details are given.  
5. Receiver full name is given in email.  
6. All instructions are given in email clearly.  
7. For query emailed and contact number is given.  
8. For appointment letter click here link is given.  
9. For appointment letter download link is given also said that you can get it same from your BCUD login.  
10. Receiver full name is given in email. |
| 16    | your guide to safe ICICI bank transaction        | Legitimate                      | 149                         | 28                            | 1. Email greeting informally.  
2. ICICI bank safe transaction guidelines are given.  
3. Customer care and customer service call details are given.  
4. Receiver full name is given in email.  
5. All instructions are given in email clearly.  
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5. CONCLUSION

User awareness about email and websites phishing is one of the necessary aspects. Existing literature survey user education was done on-line or offline. User education ought to provide ceaselessly. In existing user, 18 to twenty 25 years, gender, and country, that wasn't spare parameter analysis the performance of user to find this analysis gap we have a tendency to area unit progressing to embrace additional parameter like age within the completely different range, education, profession, daily work net usages.

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