



SECURITY ADVISORY XCYBER GROUP LIMITED

# Sophisticated phishing attack

## Security advisory

A live, sophisticated phishing operation has recently been identified by our partner XCyber. The modus operandi is to infiltrate mailboxes and use the mail lists to expand the attack.

An email is sent from a trusted individual which encourages the victim to click on a link to an audio clip. The link prompts the victim to enter their email and password to access the recording, allowing the attackers to obtain their credentials. The phishing attempt is extremely sophisticated, linking mobile numbers to emails as a way of appearing more authentic and trustworthy.

The consequences of a successful phishing attack can be severe. It can result in fraud, reputational damage and significant financial loss.

In the wake of the coronavirus outbreak, home and remote working has increased resulting in individuals and businesses being more vulnerable to cyber-attacks. Human error plays a vital role in the success of phishing attacks – being vigilant, wary and maintaining communication can help protect against attacks.

If you have received an email resembling the above, then contact your internal security team immediately, or speak to XCyber for assistance: [enquiries@xcybergroup.com](mailto:enquiries@xcybergroup.com)

**Your Encrypted Voice Message**

Hi Pete.m

Payam Jahani just left you a message find details below:

**Audio Note From:** +44 (0) 7876652688  
**Date Received:** 31st March 2020  
**Duration:** 00:59  
**Reference:** 8099-358-8099

[Play VNM](#)

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