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Digital Safety Basics

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CONSUMER
SENTINEL
NETWORK
DATA BOOK 2022



SNAPSHOT

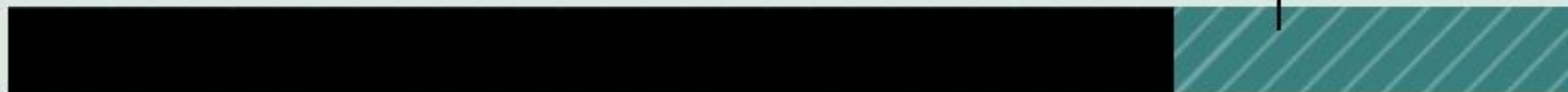
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MILLION
REPORTS

TOP THREE CATEGORIES

- 1 Identity Theft
- 2 Imposter Scams
- 3 Credit Bureaus, Info Furnishers and Report Users

2.4 million fraud reports

26% reported a loss



\$8.8 billion
total fraud losses

\$650
median loss

Younger people
reported losing
money to fraud
more often than
older people.

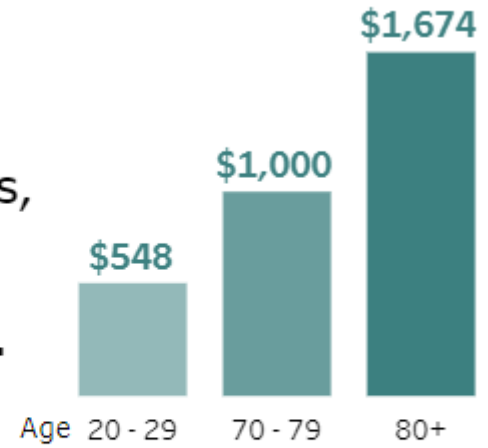


Age 20-29



Age 70-79

But when people
aged 70+ had a loss,
the median loss
was much higher.



Imposter Scams



ABOUT
1 in 5
PEOPLE
LOST MONEY

\$2.667 billion
reported lost

\$1,000 median loss

Identity Theft Reports

13% ↑

Credit card new
account fraud

88% ↓

Government
Benefits Applied
For\Received

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Top 10 Fraud Categories

Rank	Category	# of Reports	% Reporting \$ Loss	Total \$ Loss	Median \$ Loss
1	Imposter Scams	725,989	22%	\$2,666.7M	\$1,000
2	Online Shopping and Negative Reviews	327,000	47%	\$358.1M	\$180
3	Prizes, Sweepstakes and Lotteries	143,132	13%	\$301.9M	\$907
4	Investment Related	104,703	74%	\$3,820.0M	\$5,000
5	Business and Job Opportunities	92,723	32%	\$367.4M	\$2,000
6	Internet Services	90,748	5%	\$28.5M	\$300
7	Telephone and Mobile Services	89,288	9%	\$20.9M	\$200
8	Health Care	68,496	7%	\$16.6M	\$258
9	Travel, Vacations and Timeshare Plans	62,445	17%	\$103.6M	\$1,259
10	Foreign Money Offers and Fake Check Scams	40,903	32%	\$123.6M	\$2,000

Identity Theft Types

Rank	Theft Type	# of Reports
1	Credit Card Fraud	441,822
2	Other Identity Theft	326,590
3	Bank Fraud	156,099
4	Loan or Lease Fraud	153,547
5	Employment or Tax-Related Fraud	103,402
6	Phone or Utilities Fraud	77,284
7	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	57,877

We are all experiencing attempted scams

- Imposter Scammers Are Everywhere (trying to earn a living!)
 - Phone Calls
 - Emails
 - Texts
 - Social Media (Facebook, TikTok, etc.)
- They are trying to get information about you that they can sell
 - Credit Card info
 - Bank Account info
 - Social Security and Birth Date
 - Account Sign In Information
- Or they are trying to get you to send them money

Who are “they”

- Individuals trying to earn a living by selling personal information on the dark web. (credit card info about \$2)
- Small groups trying to do Identity Theft by gaining your personal information and opening accounts or making purchases in your name
- Organizations trying to get you to send them money through personal contact (tech support scam, romance scam, investment scam)

Individuals in any place where there is internet service

Groups in poorer countries with strong tech training: Philippines, India, Nigeria, etc.....

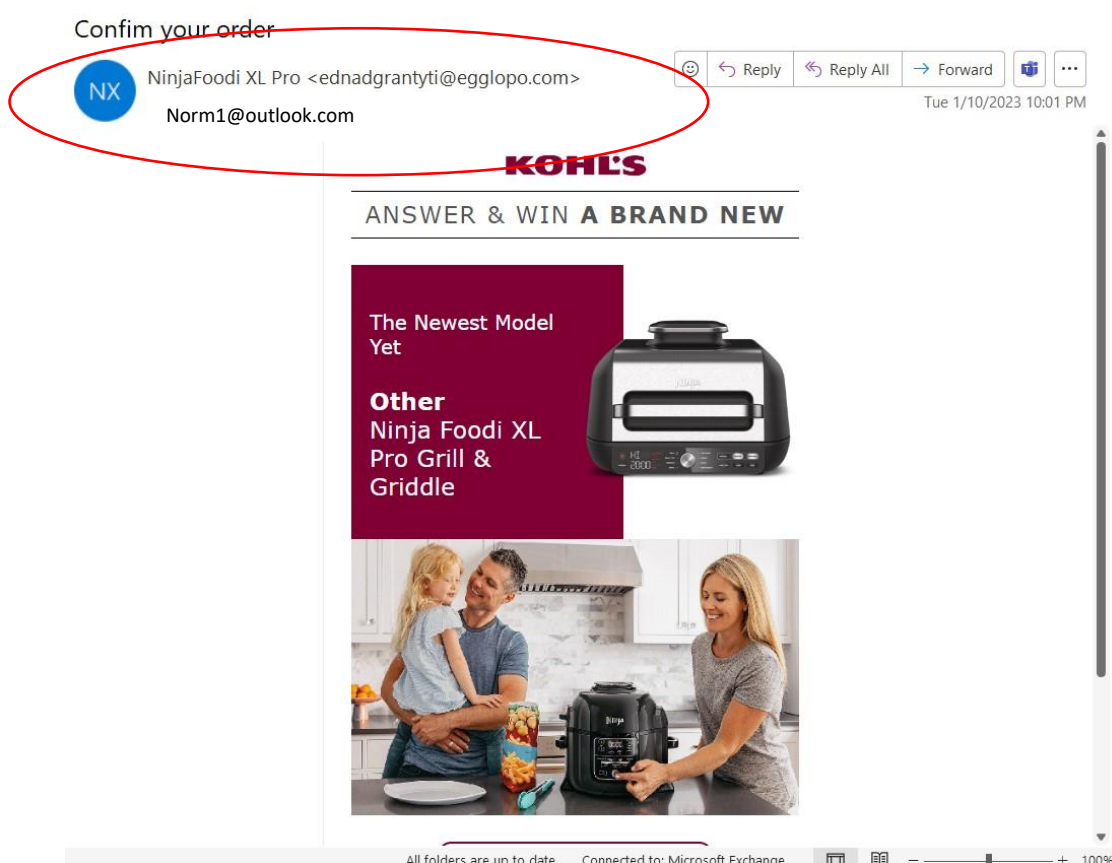
What we see the most:

Scam –
Phishing
Emails

Hijacked
Browsers

Fake Tech
Support

Scam – Phishing Emails



Check the senders Domain

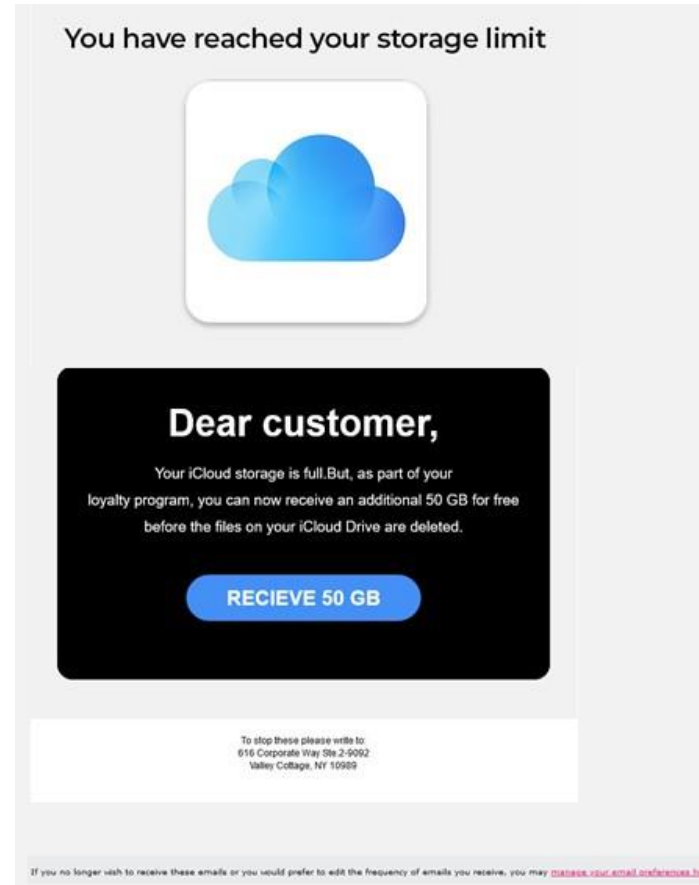
- @xxxxx.xxx
- If it's not a *company.com*, spelled correctly, do not trust it

If you don't trust it, DO NOT Unsubscribe!!!

- Move the email to your junk
- Also, you can go to your mail provider settings and block the domain

Spear Phishing

- Information about you is used to get you to respond
- Social Media info used to send you a message (phone, text, email) that is personalized to your situation
(Grandson Joey needs help)
- One of your account usernames is on the dark web.



When you click, you are asked to log into your Apple account, then give your credit card to purchase more space.

The Phisher now has your Apple account ID and your credit card and whatever cash you paid!!

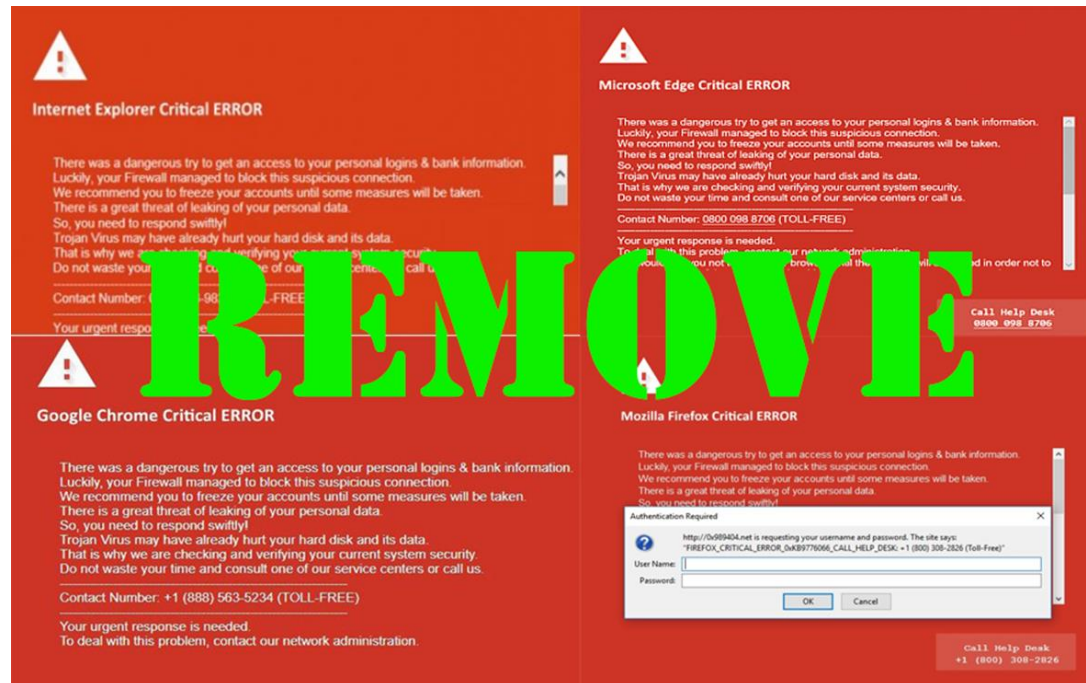
Whale Phishing

- A lot of information is found out about an individual and is used to get something very valuable.
 - People with corporate positions
 - People with means

 - Pastors
 - Church Treasurers
 - Club leaders

If there is any question, investigate before responding.

Hijacked Browser



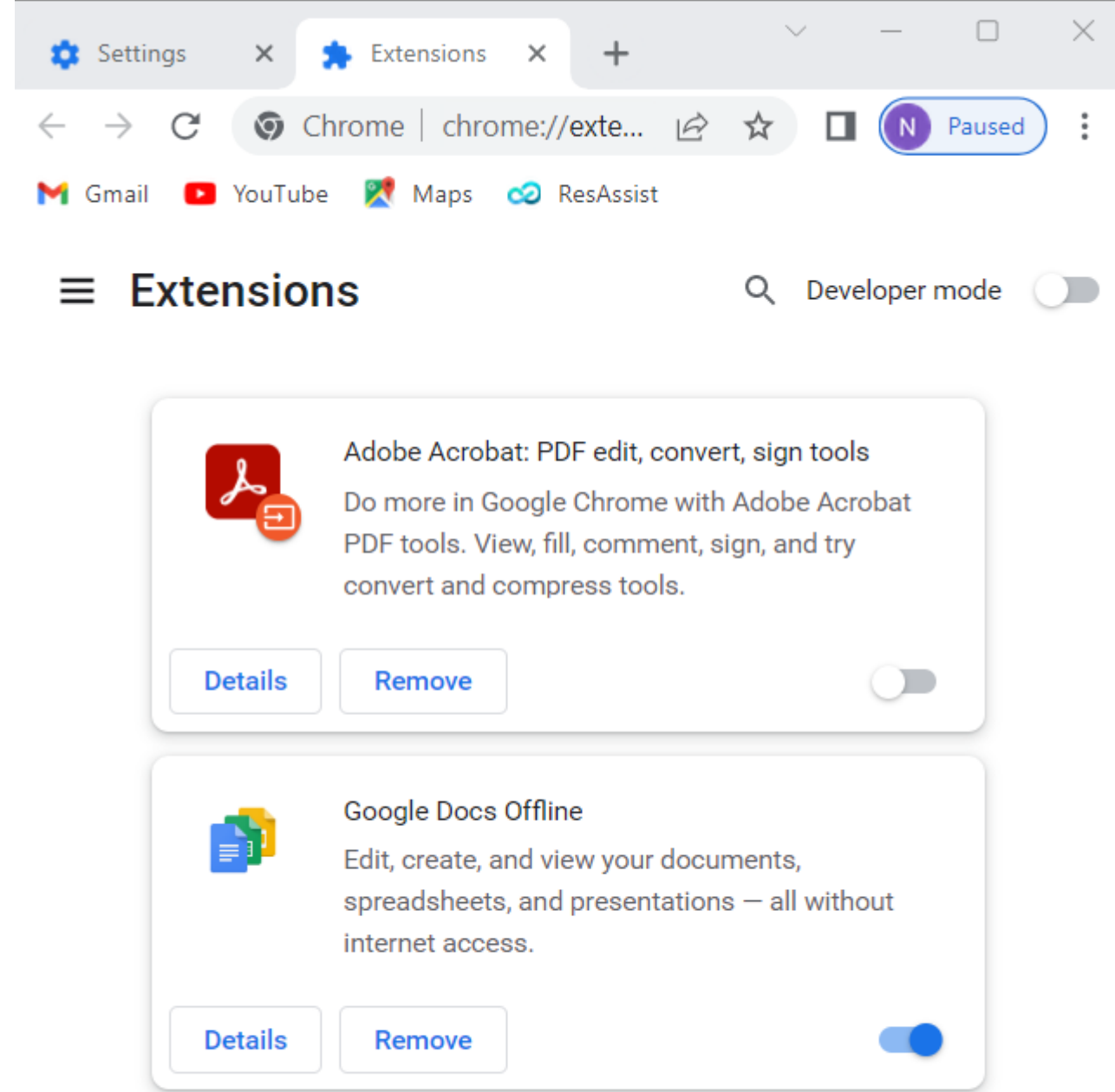
- You go to a website and all of a sudden, your screen is locked with some big warning message and a phone number to call for help! **Don't call the number!**
- Do not click anywhere in the browser screen.
- Go to task manager and close every occurrence of the browser.
- Reboot – you should be good

Fake Tech Support

- Warning message on a website with a phone number to call
- Searching the web for a phone number to call for tech help
- Pop-Up message or notification
- Unsolicited phone call offering help

- In every case, just say no!
 - Do not let anyone take over your computer unless you **know certainly** that they are a “trusted provider”
 - Do not purchase an annual contract.

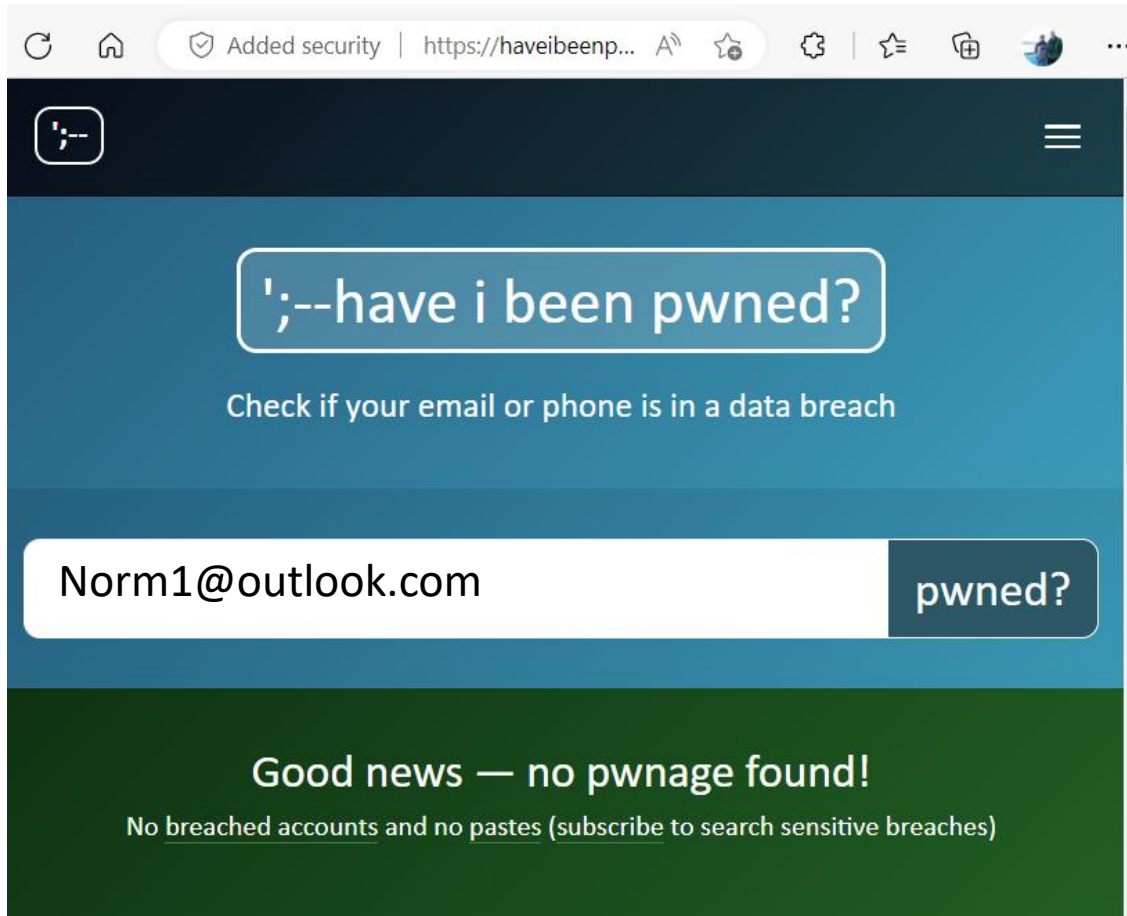
Fake System Warnings can come from your Browser Extensions.
In Chrome go to Settings and Select Extensions.
- Be sure you want them all



Protecting Your Online Accounts

- Username and Password management
- Two Step Authentication
- Beware of Mobile Phone Thefts

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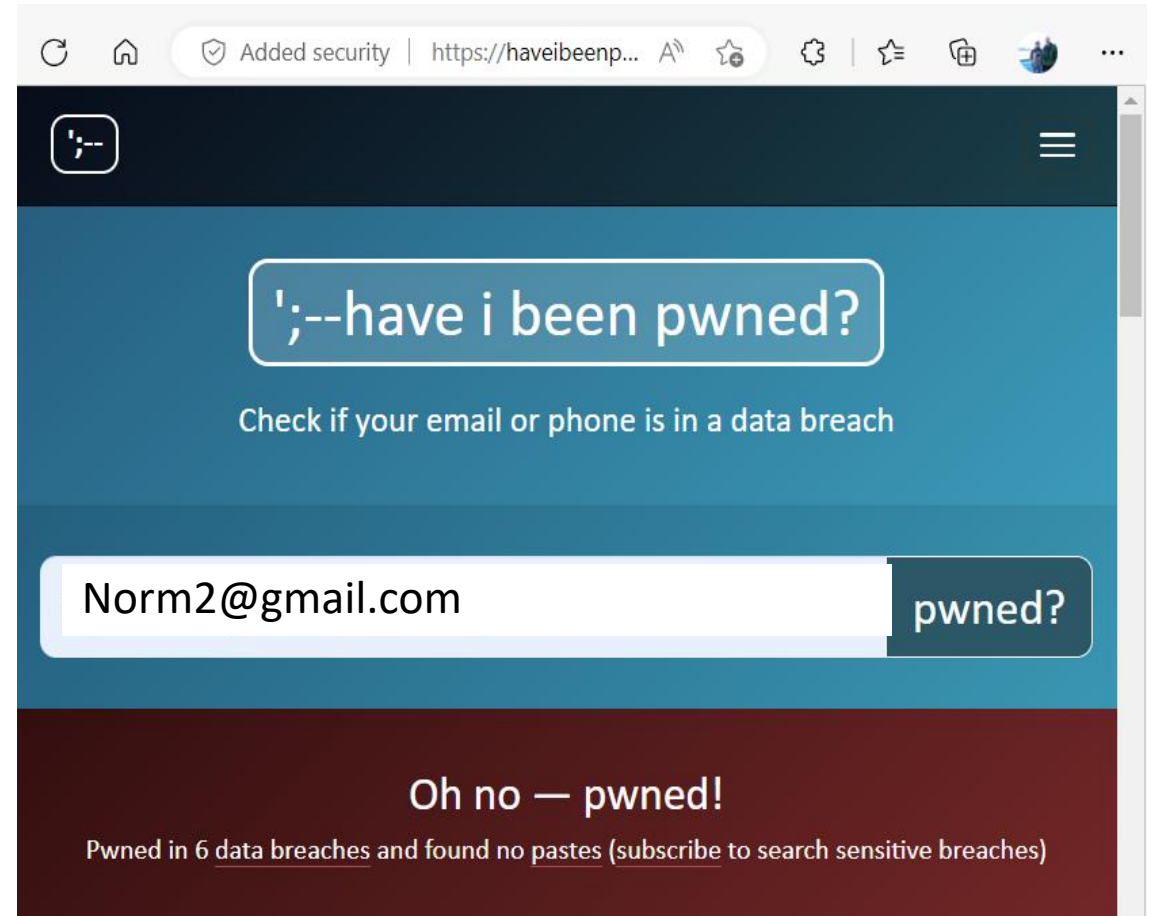
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';--have i been pwned?

Check if your email or phone is in a data breach

Norm1@outlook.com pwned?

Good news — no pwnage found!
No breached accounts and no pastes ([subscribe to search sensitive breaches](#))



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



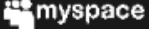

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Check if your email or phone is in a data breach





Norm2@gmail.com pwned?

Oh no — pwned!
Pwned in 6 data breaches and found no pastes ([subscribe to search sensitive breaches](#))

Largest breaches

	772,904,991 Collection #1 accounts
	763,117,241 Verifications.io accounts
	711,477,622 Onliner Spambot accounts
	622,161,052 Data Enrichment Exposure From PDL Customer accounts
	593,427,119 Exploit.In accounts
	509,458,528 Facebook accounts
	457,962,538 Anti Public Combo List accounts
	393,430,309 River City Media Spam List accounts
	359,420,698 MySpace accounts
	268,765,495 Wattpad accounts

Recently added breaches

	878,290 Shopper+ accounts
	1,658,750 HDB Financial Services accounts
	16,000,591 Eye4Fraud accounts
	415,121 iD Tech accounts

Breaches you were pwned in

A "breach" is an incident where data has been unintentionally exposed to the public. Using the [1Password password manager](#) helps you ensure all your passwords are strong and unique such that a breach of one service doesn't put your other services at risk.



Anti Public Combo List (unverified): In December 2016, a huge list of email address and password pairs appeared in a "combo list" referred to as "Anti Public". The list contained 458 million unique email addresses, many with multiple different passwords hacked from various online systems. The list was broadly circulated and used for "credential stuffing", that is attackers employ it in an attempt to identify other online systems where the account owner had reused their password. For detailed background on this incident, read [Password reuse, credential stuffing and another billion records in Have I Been Pwned](#).

Compromised data: Email addresses, Passwords



Data Enrichment Exposure From PDL Customer: In October 2019, security researchers Vinny Troia and Bob Diachenko identified an unprotected Elasticsearch server holding 1.2 billion records of personal data. The exposed data included an index indicating it was sourced from data enrichment company People Data Labs (PDL) and contained 622 million unique email addresses. The server was not owned by PDL and it's believed a customer failed to properly secure the database. Exposed information included email addresses, phone numbers, social

Some Simple Rules

- Do not use a password more than once
- When you chose a password, do it uniquely – changing a single letter or symbol makes it easy to remember, but they are “cracked” by machines that are good at guessing and will start with one they know you used.
- Have a way to store and retrieve all of the username and passwords for all of your different accounts.
 - 1.Password Manager, 2. Document stored in the cloud (iCloud, Google Cloud, OneDrive) – should be encrypted, or 3. Written in a notebook or password book stored not on your physical desktop.

Identity Theft Insurance

US News 2023 list

- [#1 IdentityForce – Best Identity Theft Protection Service of 2023](#)
- [#2 IDShield – Best for Identity Recovery Assistance](#)
- [#3 \(tie\) Aura](#)
- [#3 \(tie\) Zander – Best Budget Identity theft Protection Service](#)
- [#5 \(tie\) Identity Guard](#)
- [#5 \(tie\) ID Watchdog – Best for Customized Identity Monitoring](#)
- [#7 \(tie\) ReliaShield](#)
- [#7 \(tie\) LifeLock – Best for Computer and Device Protection](#)
- [#9 \(tie\) IdentityIQ – Best for Family Protection](#)
- [#9 \(tie\) myFICO – Best for Detailed FICO Scores](#)

ID Shield

Monitors many types of records for changes
Monitors the Dark Web for “information for sale”
Sends details on any alerts
Sends monthly status
Provides Recovery Help and Insurance

(This is not an advertisement!!! Just happens to be what the presenter uses)

From: [IDShield](#)
To: [Joe Smith](#)
Subject: Account Summary
Date: Friday, March 17, 2023 8:32:24 AM



IDT FULL PLAN

Hello Joe,

As a member of IDShield, you have protection 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

This is a summary of any activity from the past month of monitoring your identity. To view the details for an alert, please login to your account.

Monitoring Results:

Three Bureau Credit Monitoring
Scan Results: No new alerts found.

Public Records Monitoring
Scan Results: No new alerts found.

Court Records Monitoring
Scan Results: No new alerts found.

Change of Address Monitoring
Scan Results: No new alerts found.

Internet Monitoring
Scan Results: No new alerts found.

Social Media Monitoring
Scan Results: No new alerts found.

High Risk Transaction Monitoring
Scan Results: No new alerts found.

Minor Monitoring
Scan Results: No new alerts found.

[SIGN IN TO YOUR ACCOUNT](#)

Note: If for some reason the button above does not work, please copy and paste this URL into your web browser:



Never Stop Learning

Visit the Resource Center!

If you have questions about a strange Notification, email or social media message, call or come for help. We learn while we help you and can share what the bad guys are up to!