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Subject: Aslan News 2017-01 - How to be a Victim of Business Email Compromise Scams

Message from CEO

Subject: Immediate Wire Transfer

To: rick.j.simon@gmail.com

Hello Rick,

I have chosen you to look after an urgent and confidential request for me today. Please process a wire transfer payment in the amount of \$25,000 and code to "admin expenses" by COB today. I will be unavailable to talk on the phone, so we will have to do this by email. Wiring instructions to follow.

Thanks,
Your CEO
CEO

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News Feature

How to be a Victim of Business Email Compromise Scams

Will you send me money?

If I sent you a message like the one above, that looked like it came from your boss, would you wire the money? This is a business email compromise scam, and this is how I would do it:

1. Research your boss' travel plans, business, employees, customers, and suppliers, from your website, social media sites, phone calls, survey requests, and targeted emails.
2. Make email accounts that look like your bosses' and that of a business partner, supplier, or customer.
3. While your boss is away, impersonate him or her with an urgent email asking you to send a wire.
4. Call or email, impersonating the third party, to confirm wiring instructions and stress the urgency.
5. Quickly remove the money from the bank account you wire it into.
6. Try again in a few days.

How much will you or your people send me before you catch on? To maximize my profits please:

1. Tell your people "If you get an urgent and confidential wire transfer request from me, send it right away. Don't question or confirm it."
2. Make sure that whoever has authority to start a wire transfer can also approve it. I should only have to fool one person.
3. If your boss uses phrases like "urgent payment," "needs to go out today," "need you to take care of," "process," "now," you need to act fast. Don't think or question.
4. If your boss is giving you this confidential and urgent task, he or she must trust you. It's best to live up to that trust by getting this done fast.

5. Don't worry if the address that you are sending to is not your boss' usual email address.
6. If the email has a history attached that means that those people are aware of what is happening. No need to check with them.

Please don't take any unnecessary precautions because it will interfere with my ability to do business with you.

by Rick Simon, Aslan News

See [FBI: \\$2.3 Billion Lost to CEO Email Scams](#), by Brian Krebs, KrebsonSecurity, krebsonsecurity.com

or [Defending Against Phishing Attacks: Case Studies and Human Defenses](#), by Jim Hansen, from PhishMe, vimeo.com

Features

- [Making Good Choices Online](#)
- [How Not to Be the Big Phish When I'm Gone Phishing](#)
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Security Trends

What You Need to Know About Super Mario Run for Android - It doesn't exist!



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Before Christmas, Nintendo released Super Mario Run for iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch, but not for Android. Scammers have taken advantage of this by releasing ransomware and other malware and selling it as the Android version. Run the other way!

See [Warning: Super Mario Run for Android doesn't exist, so don't download it](#), by Michael Simon, Greenbot, PCWorld, pcworld.com

Cybersecurity Holes in Connected Cars Leave Doors Unlocked for Hackers



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Security Investigators have successfully taken control of vehicles while they were being driven. Consumers can't control car makers, but this article gives tells us that we can have some control if we “Don't buy products that are not secured.”

See [Cybersecurity holes in connected cars leave doors unlocked for hackers](#),
by Roger Yu, ThirdCertainty, thirdcertainty.com

It's Scary to Think About Someone Hacking This Network.



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"The US Department of Transportation hopes a proposed rule to standardize development and deployment of vehicle communications technology will go far to bolster safety.

The specific plan is for passenger cars and light trucks to stream data about their movements via wireless connection and to monitor other vehicles, to keep them from smashing into each other."

I hope they get the security aspects right, because it's scary to think about someone hacking this network. Thanks to Jeff Elmore on Twitter for bringing this story to our attention.

See [US government eyes car-to-car data sharing to improve safety](#), by Bill Brenner, naked security by SOPHOS, nakedsecurity.sophos.com

New Technology

Do You Want the Airline Passenger Next to You to be On the Phone?



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Airlines may allow voice calls using mobile wireless devices on airplanes. The U.S. Department may require airlines to inform passengers before purchasing tickets if voice calls are allowed. Do you want the airline passenger next to you to be on the phone, all flight long?

See [US mulls rules for airlines that plan in-flight Wi-Fi voice calls](#), by John Ribeiro, IDG News Service, PCWorld, pcworld.com

6 Big Data Trends to Watch in 2017

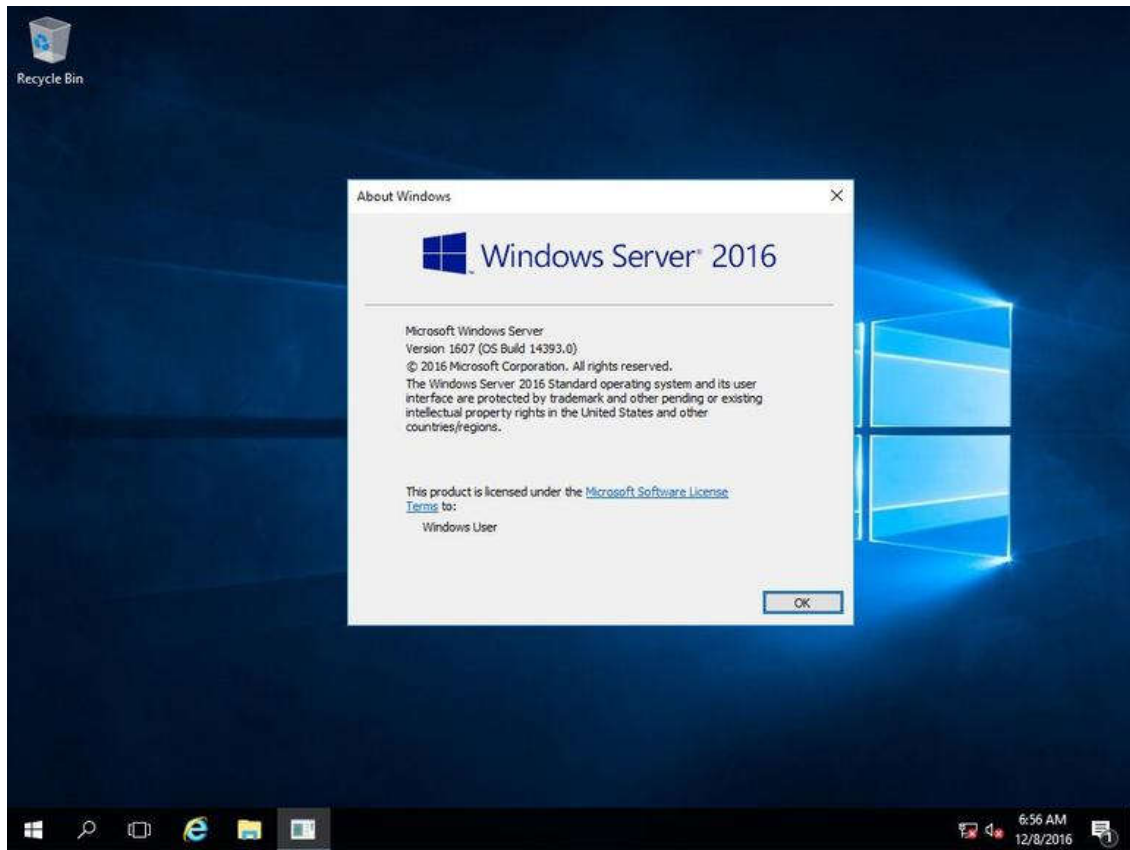


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According to this article more analytics systems will become mission critical this year. Leaders should keep an eye on six trends: "Movement to the cloud;" "Aggregation of digital unstructured and machine IoT data;" "the use of more dark data;" "stronger administration of data security permissions;" "immediately gratifying analytics;" and "business evaluations of big data projects."

See [6 big data trends to watch in 2017](#), by Mary Shacklett, TechRepublic, techrepublic.com

What You Need to Know About Windows Server 2016



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"This guide covers details about Windows Server 2016, such as new features, minimum requirements, install options, and how Microsoft's virtualized services seamlessly integrate with the cloud."

See [Windows Server 2016: The smart person's guide](#), by Jesus Vigo, TechRepublic, techrepublic.com

Tips and Tricks

How to Create and Update Outlook Contact Groups the Easy Way



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"If you create or update contact groups, you'll benefit from this simple grouping trick that lets you work with multiple contacts as if they were one."

See [How to create and update Outlook contact groups the easy way](#), by Susan Harkins, Microsoft Office, TechRepublic, techrepublic.com

Q & A

Question:

What is a "business email compromise" scam?

The Short Answer:

A scam that tries to get an employee to wire money to the scammer using email instructions that seem to be from the employee's superior or CEO.

See [Business Email Compromise](#), by Office of Private Sector, Federal Bureau of Investigation, fbi.gov

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