### **Practical Steps for Prevention and Protection**

- Computer software and configuration
  - Password protect <u>all</u> your computers, phones, tablets, devices (rotate the frequency of your shields)
  - Use current anti-virus software
    - Update virus definitions regularly
  - Install all critical software updates immediately
    - Operating system
    - Applications
  - Activate your computer's firewall if applicable

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- General Internet Best Practices
  - What happens on the Internet stays on the Internet almost everything is archived or logged– so don't post anything you wouldn't want to appear in public at a later time
    - Logs: you leave footprints everywhere online (Google Searches, Web Browser Cookies and Cache, IP Address, Wi-Fi access points and cell towers, location data)
  - Enable Privacy Controls on Social Media Services
  - Know your social network friends personally if at all possible; use a different level of trust for cyber friends
  - Use unique passwords for each online service (change periodically)
  - Don't post personal information address, cell or home phone, account info, money related info
  - Monitor your accounts for unauthorized activity
  - "Cloud" services are physical servers somewhere in the world
    - (not necessarily in the United States or governed by our laws)

John Doe " $\star \star \star \star \star$ " Hey Friends, Get Your Free Unlimited Frontierville Horseshoes Now, Over 49000 people have claimed theirs, don't miss out! http://bit.ly/xhshoes

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- Use web sites in secure mode (https://...)
- Log out of social networking sites when you are finished (cyberpranking)
- Allowing 3<sup>rd</sup> party apps to have your username and password is risky
- Avoid opening unsolicited email attachments (HappyBirthday.exe)
- "Think before you click" (clickjacking, phishing, malware)
- Don't paste unknown things into your browser's address bar (script/code)



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- Don't trust email from financial institutions navigate directly to their web site
- Don't wander from the beaten path on the Internet (wander at your own risk!)
- A web browser is not anti-virus software (don't fall for "your computer has a virus" scams)

#### **Practical Steps for Prevention and Protection**

- The accounts of friends and loved ones can be hacked!!!
  Beware of requests or enticing links from their accounts
- Your friends are not stranded in London desperately needing \$\$\$ !!!

Dear Friend,

How are you doing? Hope all is well with you and everybody?

I am sorry I didn't inform you about my traveling to England for a business trip and right now, i am stranded here and need to get back to Australia without delay.

I need a favor from you because I was robbed on my way back to my hotel suite'

The robbers carted away with my bag containing my wallet,phone,flight ticket and other valuables.

I will like you to lend me the sum of \$3,500 US Dollars or any amount you can afford as half bread is better than none so that i can sort out my hotel bills and get myself back to Australia.

I promise to pay you back with an extra \$1,000 US Dollars as soon as i return home in a few days time so kindly let me know if you can be of help.

I was told the fastest and safest way to receive money in seconds is through western union {since that is what works here}.So if you can be of help,you can send the money using the details below:

Reciever Name: [Removed]

To get a list of western union money transfer agents close to you,go to the link below and enter your full address:

www.westernunion.com/info/agentLocatorLookup.asp

Please, as soon as you send the money, i will like you to send an email with the transaction code i will need to pick up the money. I will be back here in couples of hours to get the transfer details, please do it without delay so I can get back to Australia.

After I receive the money, i will email you on the arrangements to get back home.

Thanks once again and i will really appreciate if you can be of help.

Love [Name removed]

Address : [Removed]

**Practical Steps for Prevention and Protection** 

- Don't publicly broadcast when you are leaving for vacation
- Don't publicly broadcast where you are
- Don't meet strangers alone
- Don't give anyone your account credentials (even prospective employers)
  - It breaks legally binding terms & conditions of the service!
- Accept friendships selectively
- Unfriend people who threaten you AND tell someone
- Don't use real answers in challenge response Qs
  - What was your mother's maiden name? = TapeDispenser
- Encrypt account information stored on your computer/mobile device
  - TrueCrypt http://www.truecrypt.org
  - Keeper https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g31s\_OMI6yM
- Generally be aware of social engineering (people trying to trick you into giving them information)
- Google yourself once in awhile to see if any new accounts or information have appeared in your name