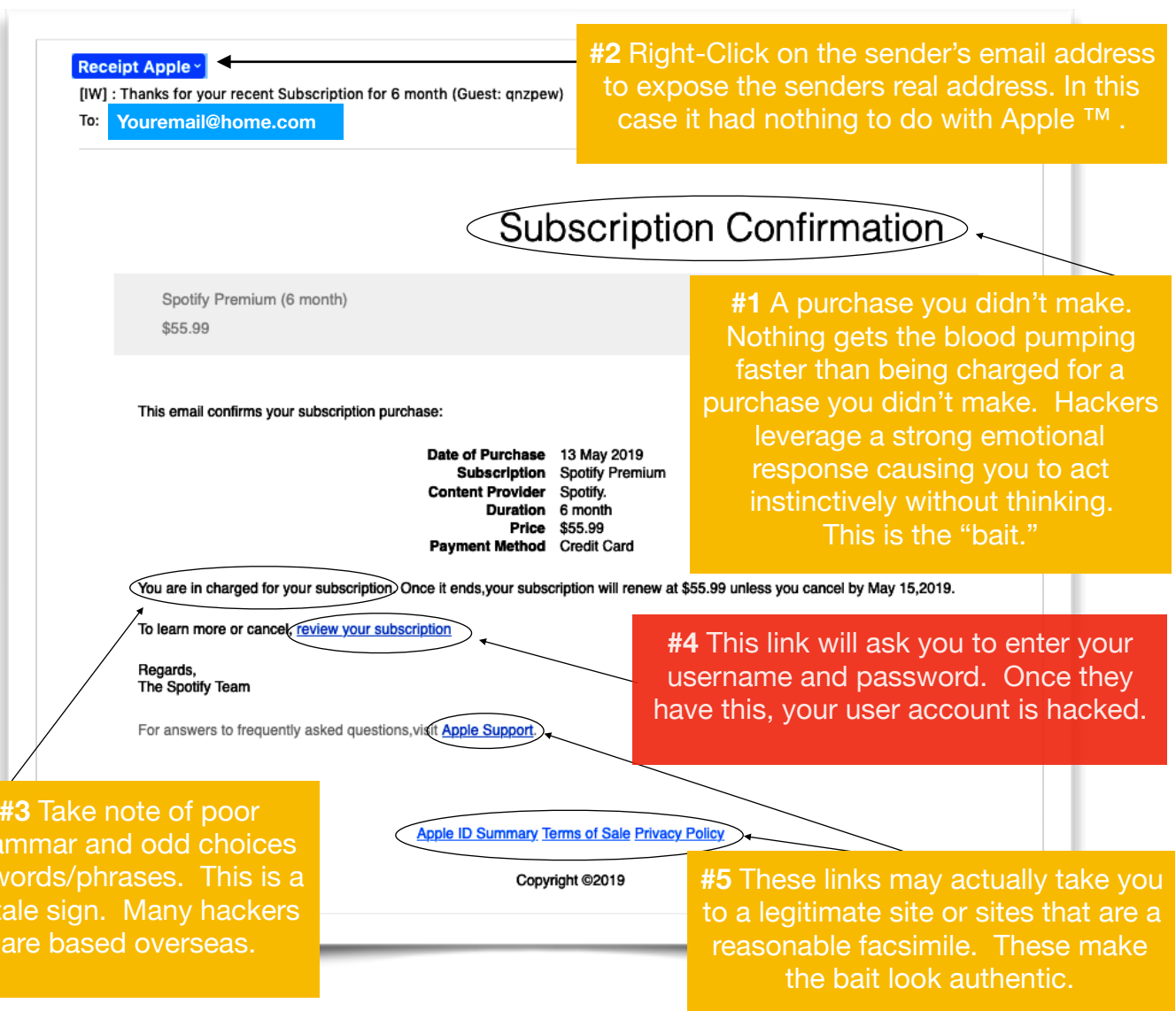


Anatomy of a “phishing” attack

Phishing attacks are costly, on the rise and becoming more sophisticated. They are profitable for perpetrators and painful for their victims. Presently we can’t eliminate them, so we must develop skills to protect ourselves from them. An essential skill is vigilance.

Phishing is the fraudulent practice of sending emails appearing to be from reputable companies in order to prompt us to reveal personal information such as login credentials, Social Security numbers and credit card numbers.

This is a phishing email that I recently received. It was disguised as a Spotify™ subscription



Receipt Apple (IW) : Thanks for your recent Subscription for 6 month (Guest: qnzpew)
To: Youremail@home.com

Subscription Confirmation

Spotify Premium (6 month)
\$55.99

This email confirms your subscription purchase:

Date of Purchase	13 May 2019
Subscription	Spotify Premium
Content Provider	Spotify.
Duration	6 month
Price	\$55.99
Payment Method	Credit Card

You are in charged for your subscription. Once it ends,your subscription will renew at \$55.99 unless you cancel by May 15,2019.

To learn more or cancel, [review your subscription](#)

Regards,
The Spotify Team

For answers to frequently asked questions,visit [Apple Support](#).

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#1 A purchase you didn't make. Nothing gets the blood pumping faster than being charged for a purchase you didn't make. Hackers leverage a strong emotional response causing you to act instinctively without thinking. This is the "bait."

#2 Right-Click on the sender's email address to expose the senders real address. In this case it had nothing to do with Apple™.

#3 Take note of poor grammar and odd choices of words/phrases. This is a telltale sign. Many hackers are based overseas.

#4 This link will ask you to enter your username and password. Once they have this, your user account is hacked.

#5 These links may actually take you to a legitimate site or sites that are a reasonable facsimile. These make the bait look authentic.

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