

## August Phishing Scenario Results

As part of our [Security Awareness education program](#), OIT sent a simulated phishing scenario titled, *PayPal Invoice 0004 from Frank Hart*. The email resembled a PayPal invoice informing the recipient, \$1,199.95 was “Due on receipt”. The message included the recognizable PayPal logo, a common practice to convince you the message is legitimate.

In assessing the legitimacy of emails from online services the first rule to remember is to setup personal accounts with a personal email address. This action separates your personal business from College business as you would **not** receive a legitimate PayPal invoice email to your College email address. Clicking the link is not going to reveal the answer as to the legitimacy of this type of phishing email! The easiest way to determine the legitimacy is to log in to your PayPal account using the known web address. Your online orders, invoices, and payment data may be found within the portal. Lastly, trust your instincts, if it looks phishy, it most likely is suspicious. Don't click, please [Report!](#)

### Good News

**1246 employees reported** the phishing scenario to the Phishtrap. Keep up the good work!

### Opportunities for Improvement

**131 employees clicked** the link within the training email

**Did you know** that even ONE click puts the entire MC network at risk? In a real-world phishing attack clicking the link may have prompted you to give up your login credentials.

View the red flags to learn about this type of attack and ways to spot a suspicious email:

The image displays a simulated phishing email and a decision flowchart. The email header shows it is from Frank Hart <francis.hart@invoicenotices.com> with the subject 'PayPal Invoice 0004 from Frank Hart'. The body of the email includes the PayPal logo and text: 'Here's your invoice', 'Frank Hart sent you an invoice for \$1,199.95 USD', 'Due on receipt', 'Thomas Cruz', 'Amount requested: \$1,199.95 USD', 'Invoice number: 0004', and a 'View and Pay Invoice' button. Below the email content, a red diamond-shaped decision box asks 'College business?'. A 'No' path leads to a red box: 'Set up personal accounts with your personal email address'. A 'Yes' path leads to a red box: 'DO NOT click on the link; Login to your account portal using the known web address'. A yellow box at the top left of the flowchart says 'Follow this simple process:'. At the bottom of the email screenshot, there is a 'Don't recognize this invoice?' section with a 'Report this invoice' link and a 'Buy now. Pay over time.' section.