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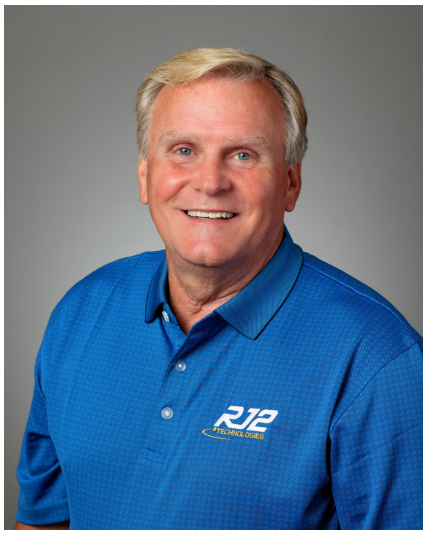
A Message from the President

Dear valued clients, partners, & team members,

Welcome to the first edition of the 2024 RJ2 Technologies Quarterly Newsletter! As we step into a new quarter, we are excited to share our insights and advice from our dynamic and ever-evolving IT world.

I am thrilled to connect with you through our IT newsletter, a platform that allows us to celebrate achievements, share insights, and foster the spirit of collaboration that defines our RJ2T family.



Wishing everyone a Happy New Year,

Jeff Dann
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Vendor Partner Highlight - Datto

Datto Inc. is an award-winning vendor of backup, disaster recovery (BDR) and Intelligent Business Continuity (IBC) solutions, providing best-in-class technology and support to its 5,000+ channel Partners throughout North America and Europe. Datto is the only hybrid-cloud BDR/IBC vendor that provides instant on- and off-site virtualization and screenshot backup verification, serving the needs of small to medium-sized businesses.

Recognizing Excellence

Employee Recognition

Here at RJ2 Technologies we recognize those who put in hard work and dedication not only towards our services, but to the teamwork they build amongst themselves.

Shawn Meyer - Director of Professional Services

Shawn has 30 years of experience in utilizing various technologies for implementation, management, and administration of Fortune 100 Enterprise level distributed environments. As part of the management team, Shawn oversees Enterprise IT and Consulting engagements for RJ2 Technologies' clients, and he has been with RJ2 Technologies since 2005. Prior to RJ2 Technologies, Shawn was the regional IT manager for a large entertainment corporation and was recognized for his change management leadership during a complex system wide conversion to digital media. In addition, Shawn has worked with various clients throughout the Chicago land area. Shawn enjoys spending time with his wife and three energetic kids and volunteers for a variety of nonprofit organizations in the Chicago land area.

Keep Us Connected

We strongly encourage you to stay connected with the RJ2T family by following and subscribing to our social media accounts. Stay up to date with the latest tech in trends, company updates, and more!

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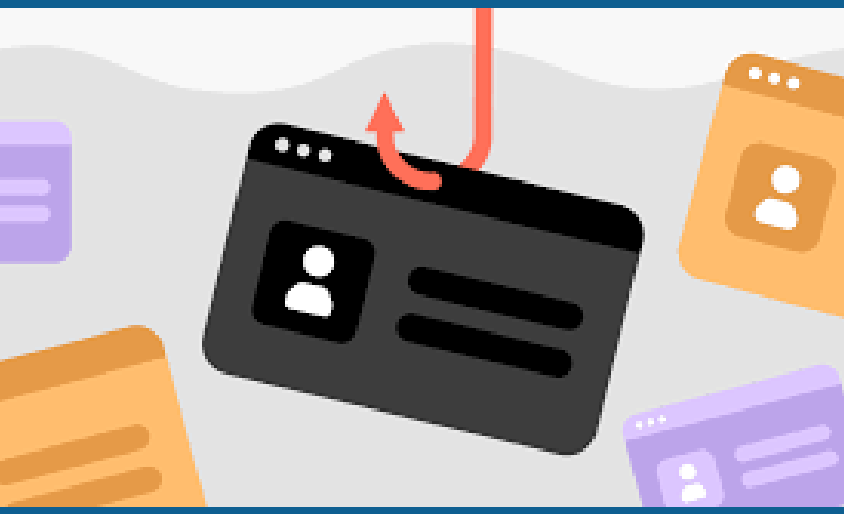
Phishing: Unmasking the Digital Deception

Phishing is a deceptive cyberattack technique employed by malicious actors to trick individuals into divulging sensitive information, such as usernames, passwords, credit card numbers, or other personal details. The term "phishing" draws an analogy to fishing, where attackers use bait to lure unsuspecting users into their fraudulent schemes.



How Phishing Works:
1. Baiting the Hook: Phishers typically employ various channels to initiate their attacks, with email being one of the most common. They craft messages that often appear legitimate, imitating trustworthy sources such as banks, government agencies, or popular online services.

2. The Hook: Within the deceptive communication, phishers embed malicious links or encourage users to download infected attachments. These links often direct victims to fake websites that mimic legitimate ones, tricking users into entering sensitive information.

3. Reeling In the Catch: Once users input their information on these fraudulent websites, the phishers capture the data for nefarious purposes. This stolen information can lead to identity theft, unauthorized access to accounts, or financial losses.

Types of Phishing:

- Email Phishing: The most prevalent form of phishing involves sending deceptive emails that appear trustworthy. These emails may urge recipients to click on links, download attachments, or provide sensitive information.
- Spear Phishing: This targeted form of phishing involves tailoring deceptive communications to specific individuals or organizations. Attackers conduct extensive research to make the messages more convincing.
- Vishing (Voice Phishing): Phishers use voice communication, often via phone calls, to trick individuals into revealing sensitive information. They might pose as representatives from banks, government agencies, or tech support.
- Smishing (SMS Phishing): Phishing attacks conducted through text messages. Similar to email phishing, smishing aims to deceive individuals into clicking on links or providing information via SMS.

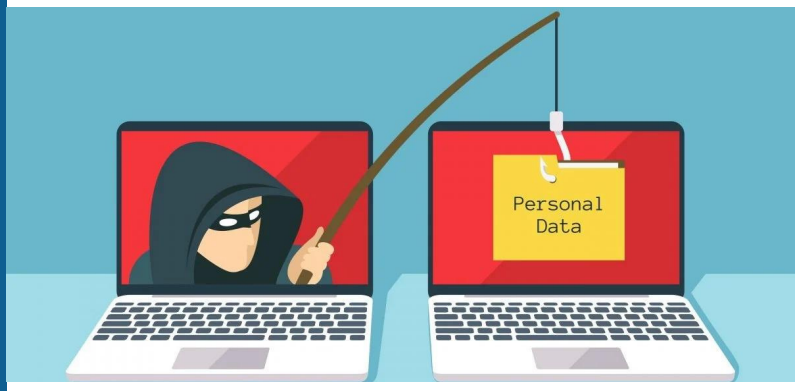
Protecting Yourself from Phishing:
1. Be Skeptical: Approach unexpected emails, messages, or calls with caution. Verify the sender's legitimacy, especially if they request sensitive information.

2.Check URLs: Hover over links to preview the actual URL before clicking. Ensure it matches the expected website and uses "https" for secure connections.

3. Use Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA): Enable MFA whenever possible. Even if phishers obtain passwords, they would still need an additional verification step.

4. Keep Software Updated: Regularly update your operating system and security software to patch vulnerabilities that phishers might exploit.

5. Educate Yourself: Stay informed about phishing tactics. Recognizing the signs and understanding common schemes enhances your ability to avoid falling victim to these deceptive attacks.



By staying vigilant and adopting cybersecurity best practices, individuals and organizations can significantly reduce the risk of falling prey to phishing attacks.

Exploring Innovative Technologies & Tools

In the fast-paced world of technology, staying ahead requires a constant eye on emerging innovations. Let's dive into some groundbreaking technologies and tools that are reshaping the digital landscape.

Quantum Computing: The Power of Qubits

Quantum computing, with its ability to process information at speeds unimaginable to classical computers, is at the forefront of technological advancement. Using qubits instead of traditional bits, quantum computers have the potential to revolutionize cryptography, optimization problems, and drug discovery.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML): A New Era of Insights

AI and ML continue to redefine industries by enabling data-driven decision-making. From predictive analytics to natural language processing, these technologies empower businesses to extract valuable insights from vast datasets, automate tasks, and elevate the overall customer experience.

Edge Computing: Redefining Data Processing

Shifting away from traditional cloud computing, edge computing brings processing power closer to the source of data. By processing information locally on edge devices, organizations can reduce latency, enhance real-time processing, and optimize data management—critical factors for applications like IoT and smart cities.

Blockchain: Building Trust in a Decentralized World

Beyond its association with cryptocurrencies, blockchain technology is gaining prominence for its ability to establish trust and security. Its decentralized and tamper-proof nature makes it ideal for secure transactions, smart contracts, and transparent supply chains, with potential applications in finance, healthcare, and logistics.

As we embrace the dynamic landscape of technology, these innovations are not merely tools; they represent the keys to unlocking new possibilities. Navigating this future requires a mindset of curiosity and a strategic approach to integrating these technologies into our daily endeavors. The journey forward is both exciting and transformative—stay curious, stay innovative.

5 Tech Tips to Save Your Valuable Information

1.Backup Regularly

Regular backups are your first line of defense against data loss. Set up an automated backup system to ensure that your important files and data are regularly saved to an external hard drive, cloud storage, or a dedicated backup service.

2. Use Strong, Unique Passwords

Strengthen the security of your accounts by using strong, unique passwords for each of them. Avoid using easily guessable information, such as birthdays or common words.

3. Enable Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)

Adding an extra layer of security through two-factor authentication significantly enhances the protection of your accounts. Even if someone manages to obtain your password, they would still need a second form of verification to access your accounts.

4.Keep Software & Systems Updated

Regularly updating your operating system, software, and applications is crucial for maintaining a secure digital environment. Software updates often include patches for security vulnerabilities the could be exploited by malicious actors.

5.Be Cautious with Emails & Links

Phishing attacks are a common method used by cybercriminals to gain unauthorized access to sensitive information. Be cautious when receiving unexpected emails, especially those requesting personal or financial information.