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## Eighth Army G2X COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ADVISORY as of 5 May 2017



# Google Docs Phishing Attempt

*Please be advised, there is currently a Google Docs phishing email.*

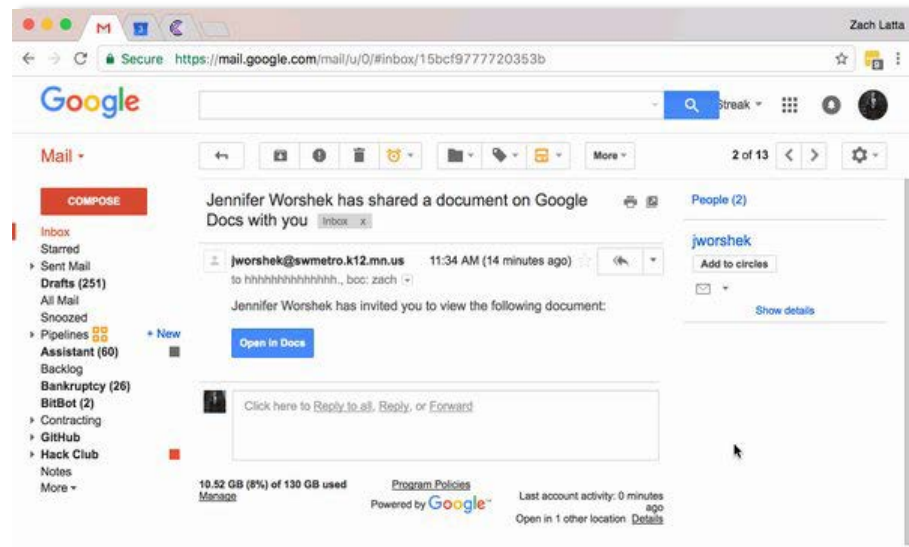
There are reports that Gmail users have received emails containing what appears to be a link to a Google Doc. However, these are actually malicious emails designed to steal your Google credentials and/or hijack your account.

The email appears to come from someone you know or is in your contacts. The overall look is very similar to an authentic one sent by Google, but appears to come from an individual Gmail account. A reliable Google Doc invites you to edit a document, and has the blue Google Docs logo next to the doc name. The bogus e-mail that went out doesn't state the name of the doc nor have its name or Google Docs logo.

Once you click the "document," the login screen takes you to a genuine domain, but that domain requests access to a rogue app claiming to be Google Docs. The rogue app reads all of the user's email and contacts, and then self-propagates by sending more emails.

**Actions required:** If you receive the email described above, delete it immediately and clear your "Deleted Items" folder.

### EXAMPLE OF PHISHING EMAIL



**UPDATE:** Google released a statement, saying it took action to protect users against the impersonating email, and have disabled offending accounts. "We've removed the fake pages, pushed updates through Safe Browsing, and our abuse team is working to prevent this kind of spoofing from happening again. We encourage users to report phishing emails in Gmail."

