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Perceived Situation:

I haven't had any issues with my computer in a long time; I feel like maybe all those warnings about phishing, hacking, and ransomware are all in the past, and/or don't apply to me.

So I'm going to quit worrying about that stuff, and be a lot more trusting and less skeptical in my on-line activities, including at work.

Reality:

No, no, no. The world continues to have "bad guys" and they are becoming even more empowered to do cyber-harm.

Please continue to be aware and vigilant. If you receive an email request for "confirmation" of email passwords or network credentials, or "Please click the Link to verify ..." then let us know. We'd rather have a ton of "false positives" than have our network compromised.

When you Google search for a UAB or other known site/resource please check the URL or address within each search result to verify it has UAB.EDU or makes sense based on your search before you "click" on it.

ZDNet, an IT news outlet, reported recently that foreign governments are targeting universities in the US and throughout the world for research data. They will employ phishing attacks to gain network credentials and then attack those compromised networks.

For an interesting article about the evolution and end result of a cyber-attack, see [Analysis of the Maersk Shipping Cyber attack "NotPetya"](https://www.wired.com/story/notpetya-cyberattack-ukraine-russia-code-crashed-the-world/) at <https://www.wired.com/story/notpetya-cyberattack-ukraine-russia-code-crashed-the-world/>

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