HAVE YOU BEEN PHISHERED?

Does the e-mail below look familiar? If so, you’ve been the target of a recent phishing attempt!

Attention northwestern.edu e-mail Account holder,

This message is from the Northwestern University webmail Information Technology Support Services messaging center, to all northwestern University e-mail account holders.

On Sunday, 31st sept, 2008, from 3:00 PM until 8:00PM, all Mailhub systems will undergo regularly scheduled maintenance.

We are deleting all unused e-mail accounts to create more space for new accounts.

Please you must reply to this email immediately confirming your northwestern.edu email account details below for confirmation identification.

1. First Name & Last Name:
2. Full Login Email Address:
3  ID number:
4. Username & Password:
5. Confirm your Current Password:

Regards,
IT Staff

3 EASY WAYS TO AVOID BEING CAUGHT

Does the e-mail ask for personally identifiable information? NUIT will NEVER ask for your NetID password and your bank or other reputable source should never need to confirm your password or account information via e-mail.

Does it include a link? If the link seems to come from a reliable source, confirm its authenticity by opening a new Internet browser session and search for the company’s Web site.

Does it include grammatical or factual errors? The above e-mail contains a fictitious date (September 31) and many capitalization errors. E-mails from reputable sources will not contain these types of errors.

Still unsure about an e-mail you received? View recent phishing attempts that have targeted the University at:

www.it.northwestern.edu/security/phishing-examples.html

If you still have questions about a suspicious e-mail, CALL the NUIT Support Center at 847-491-HELP (4357) or VISIT NUIT’s Web site at:

www.it.northwestern.edu/security/phishing.html