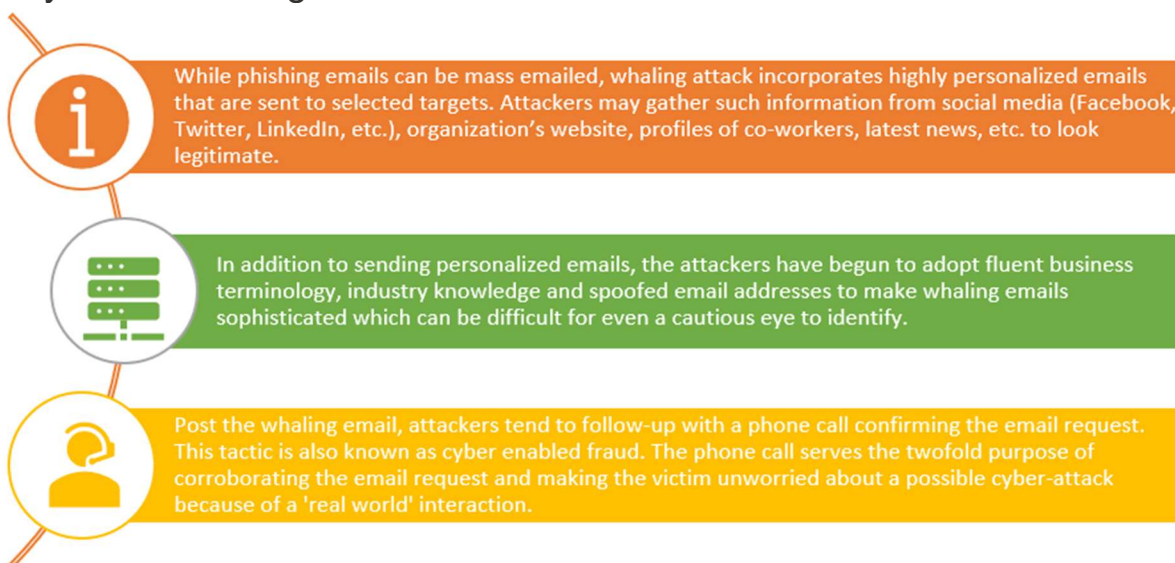


Whaling Attack

What is Whaling Attack?

A whaling attack is a type of phishing attack to steal sensitive information like financial information, personal details, or business-critical data from the so-called **'whales - big targets' like senior authorities(c-suite)** of an organization. Attackers are aware of the fact that senior-level employees can be alert to such attack maneuvers as they may have received extensive security awareness training due to their public profiles, which makes the attackers look beyond the old tactics to more erudite methods. Even though the pool of potential targets for whaling at one organization might be quite small compared to the overall list of employees, the stakes are much higher because of highly confidential information.

Why is the Whaling attack hard to detect?



What can be done to prevent the attack?

In addition to the basic checks of a phishing attack like, email relevance, poor grammar, presence of .exe attachments, etc., following points should also be taken care of by the senior authorities.

