

How Attackers Conduct a Typical Business Email Compromise Attack

This is what happens when an attacker conducts a successful business email attack.

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Reconnaissance

The attacker gathers information about a company's key personnel online, often using publicly available information on websites or social media.

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Impersonation

The attacker creates an email account that looks very similar to a legitimate one, impersonating an executive or trusted business partner.

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Malicious Email

The attacker sends an email from that account to a targeted individual, with a request to send information or send money to an account controlled by the attacker.

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Successful Attack

The victim sends the sensitive data or money to the attacker. The data can be used to initiate additional attacks, or is sold on the dark web.

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Erase Footprints

The attacker moves the stolen funds through multiple accounts to make it difficult to trace, and delete evidence of their attack to avoid detection.



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