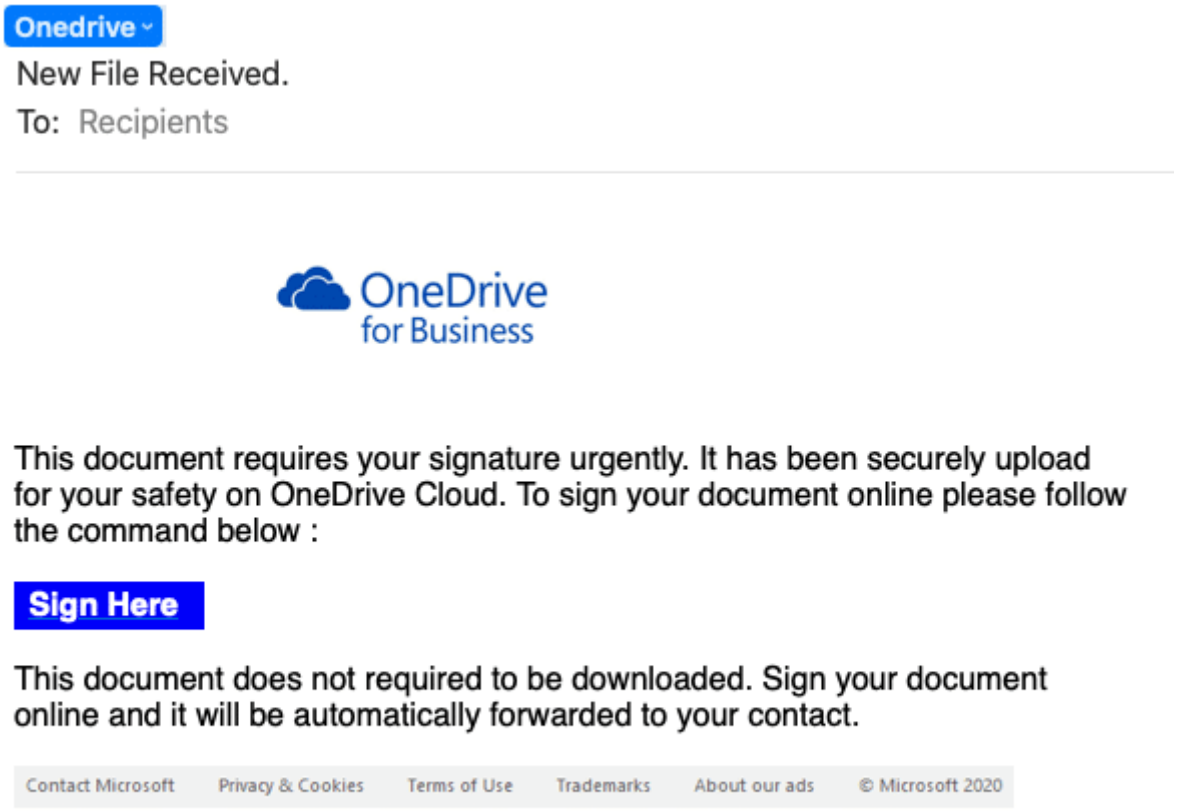
How to Check if an Email is Real or Not (Phishing)

I just received this email and noticed it's a phishing email, so I thought I'd explain **a few ways to easily check for scam emails**.

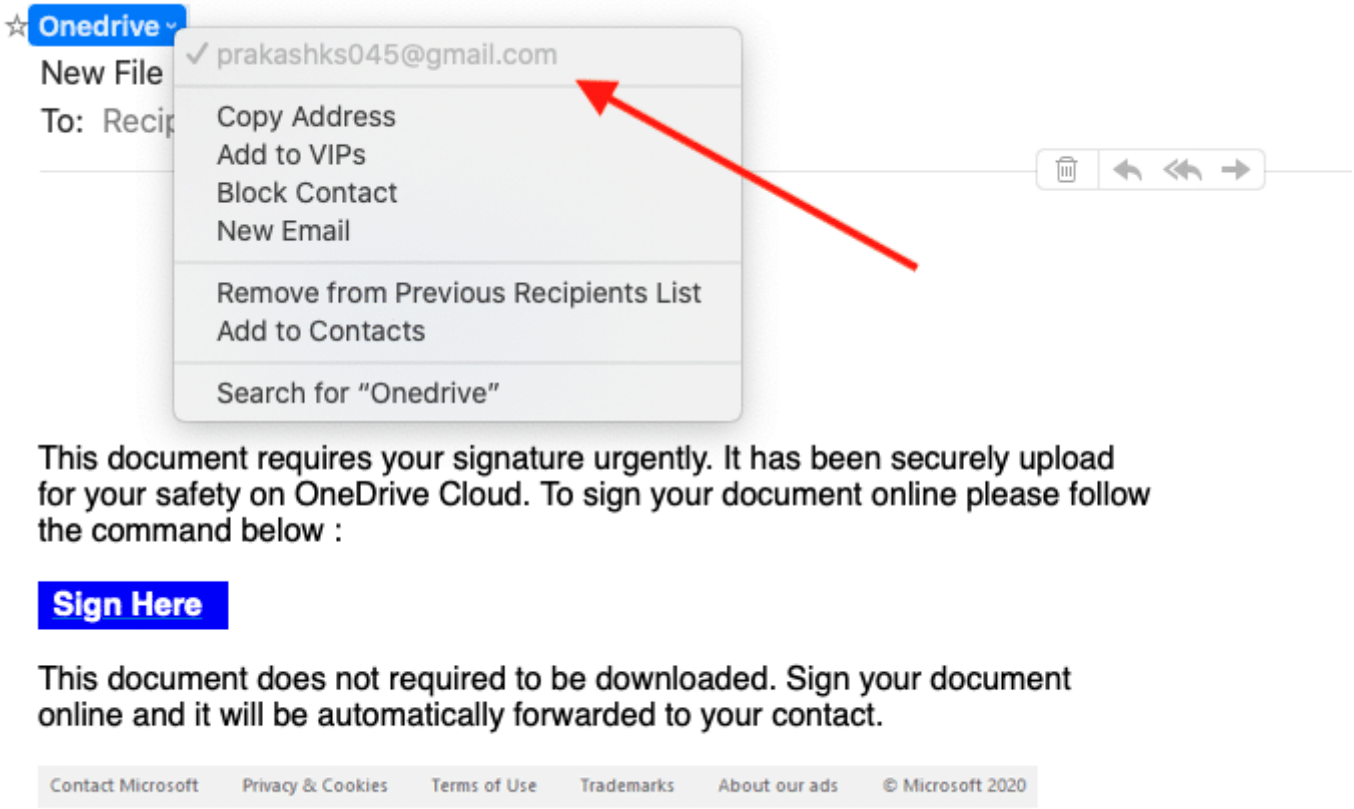
This one says it's from "Onedrive" and the subject line was "New File Received."



First, check for misspellings, bad grammar, and bad punctuation.

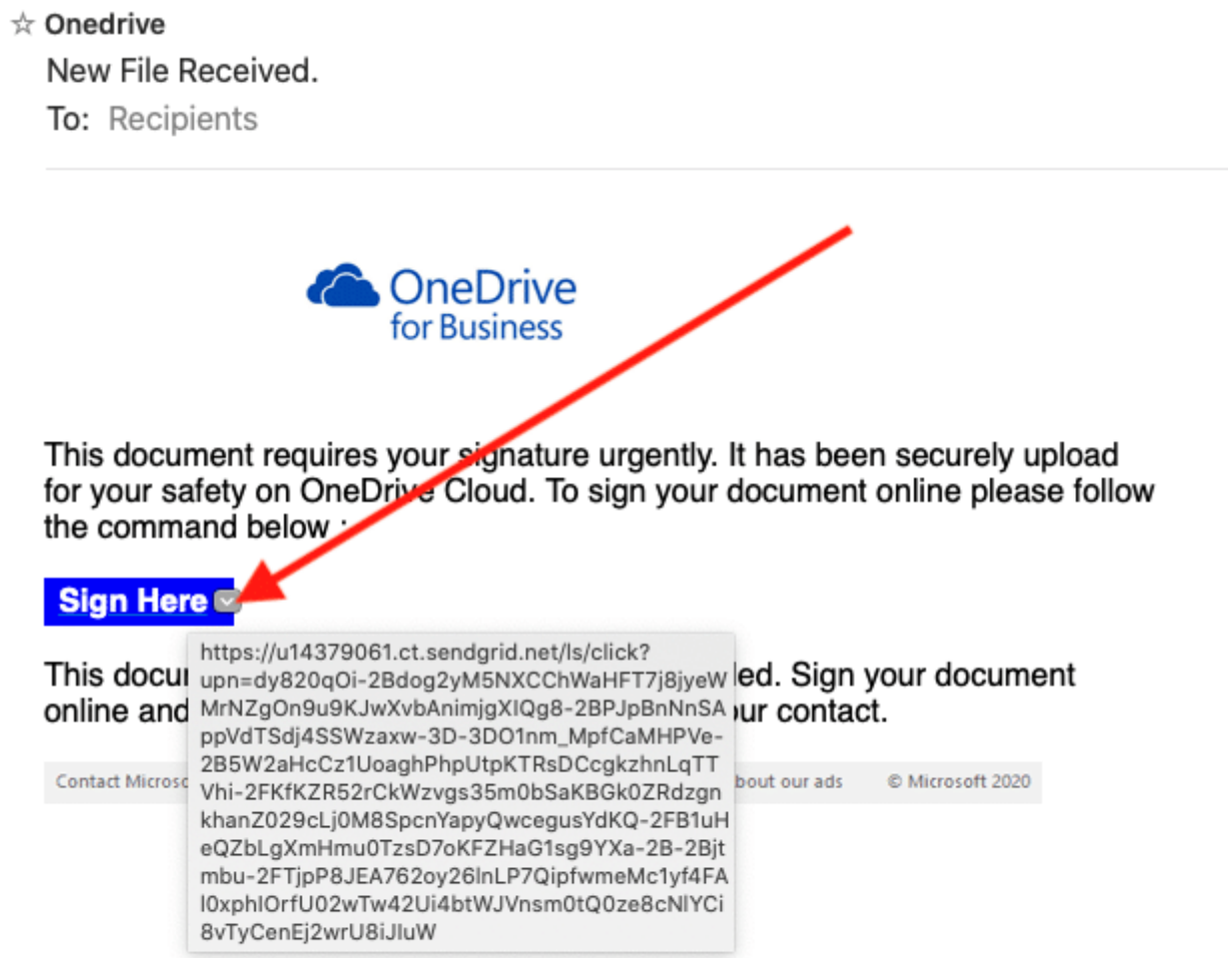
- "Onedrive" should have been "OneDrive" – so that's wrong
- I see a space before a colon – that's a common way of using a colon in India.
- "It has been securely upload for your safety" – that's bad English.
- The "Sign Here" button's spacing looks off.
- "This document does not required to be downloaded" – more bad English.

Second, mouse over or click on who it's from to reveal the real name:



OK, Mr. Prakash from India… I suspect you're not Microsoft but a scammer.

Third, mouse over the link without clicking on it to see where it goes:

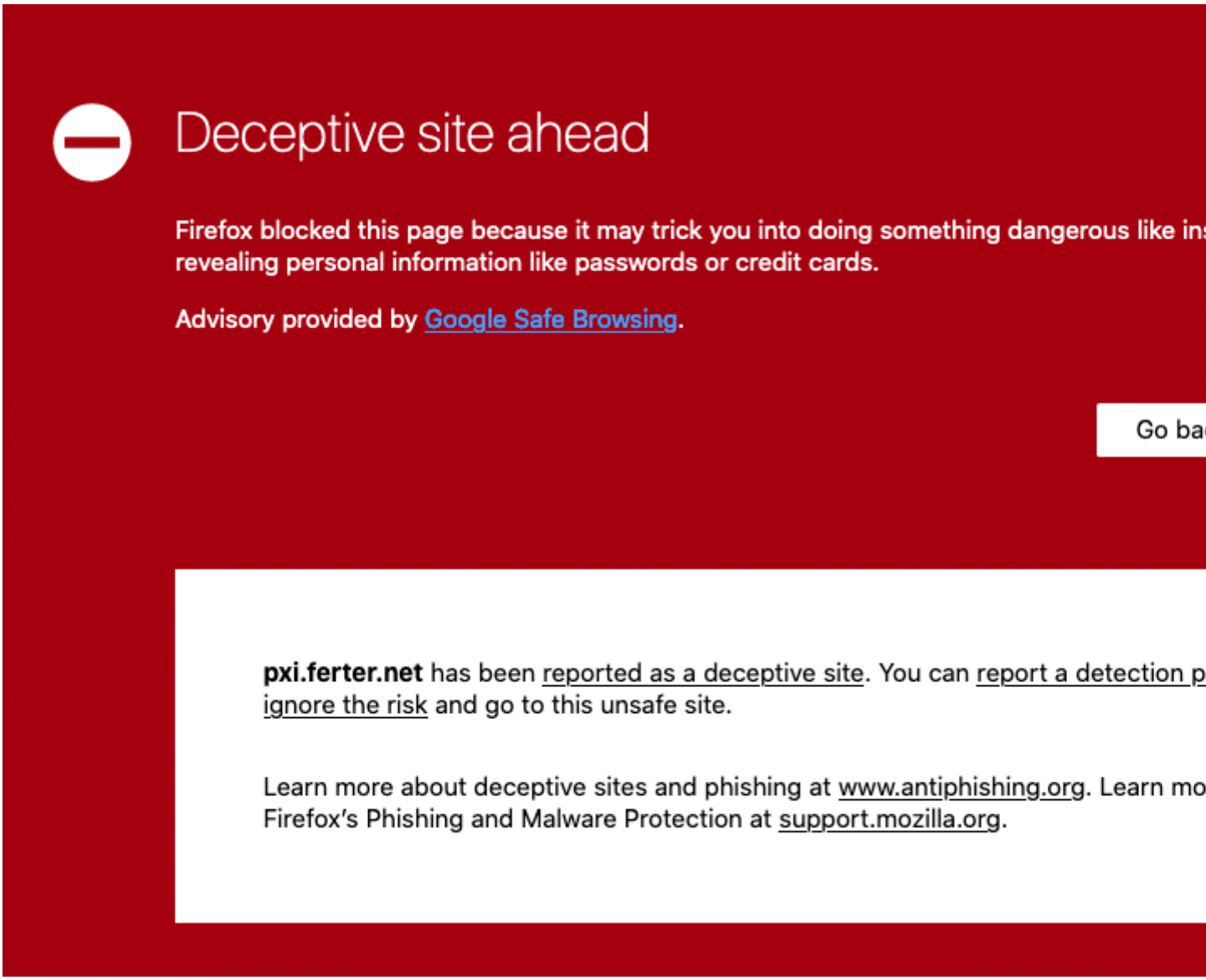


And sendgrid.net doesn't match anything to do with Microsoft, I don't think. Sure, some emails might have this not matching but in light of everything else going on with this email, I'm calling shenanigans on this. It's a scam.

What if I Clicked on the Link?

Well, I did – but just to show you what happens.

Here's how it looks in Firefox (still a great browser in my opinion):



And in Chrome (a little rougher on the eyes):

Deceptive site ahead

Attackers on **onees.s3-website.us-east-2.amazonaws.com** may trick you into doing something dangerous like installing software or revealing your personal information (for example, passwords, phone numbers, or credit cards). Learn more

Help improve Chrome security by sending URLs of some pages you visit, limited system information, and some page content to Google. Privacy policy

Hide details

Back to safety

Google Safe Browsing recently detected phishing on onees.s3-website.us-east-2.amazonaws.com. Phishing sites pretend to be other websites to trick you.

You can report a detection problem or, if you understand the risks to your security, visit this unsafe site.

Crazy, Right?

I figured it out right away this time and my browser also caught it but to help make sure you don't get fooled, you want as many safety checks in place as possible.

That's why **I wrote a book** about a very easy way to get another layer of protection in place – for both phishing sites and for adult websites (to help make sure they don't pop up).

Go read more about it here – CLICK

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