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March 2026 5-3 Newsletter

Welcome to our CDoS March - April 2026 newsletter.

I make no apology to repeat that you continually need to be on guard against ANY calls from organisations like Microsoft, BT, TalkTalk, Yahoo etc. In fact NO MULTINATIONAL or NATIONAL organisation will ever randomly call you out of the blue so you can treat them all with a dismissive. We have a contract for support with CDoS PCDoctor and that they should contact me. On 07838199007 that get them off your back and onto mine. That's fine because I know how to deal with them! This is just another service within your remote or on-site support contract.

Radio 4 is currently running a set programs about the most heinous scams on the internet fraud front – worth a listen – one lady lost £325,000! Here's the link to the BBC sounds...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p03bg3xb?partner=uk.co.bbc&origin=share-mobile>

And there's more...

There is a phishing campaign currently circulating that is affecting a number of organisations. These emails typically contain an Excel attachment and may appear to come from a legitimate sender. When the attachment is opened, it may display a message prompting the user to log in with their Microsoft 365 credentials.

Please be aware that this is a malicious attempt to steal login credentials.

If credentials are entered into the fraudulent page, attackers can gain access to the mailbox and may begin sending large volumes of emails from the compromised account.

What to look out for

- Emails containing unexpected Excel attachments
- Attachments that ask you to sign in to Microsoft 365 (example below)
- Messages urging you to enable content or login to view the file

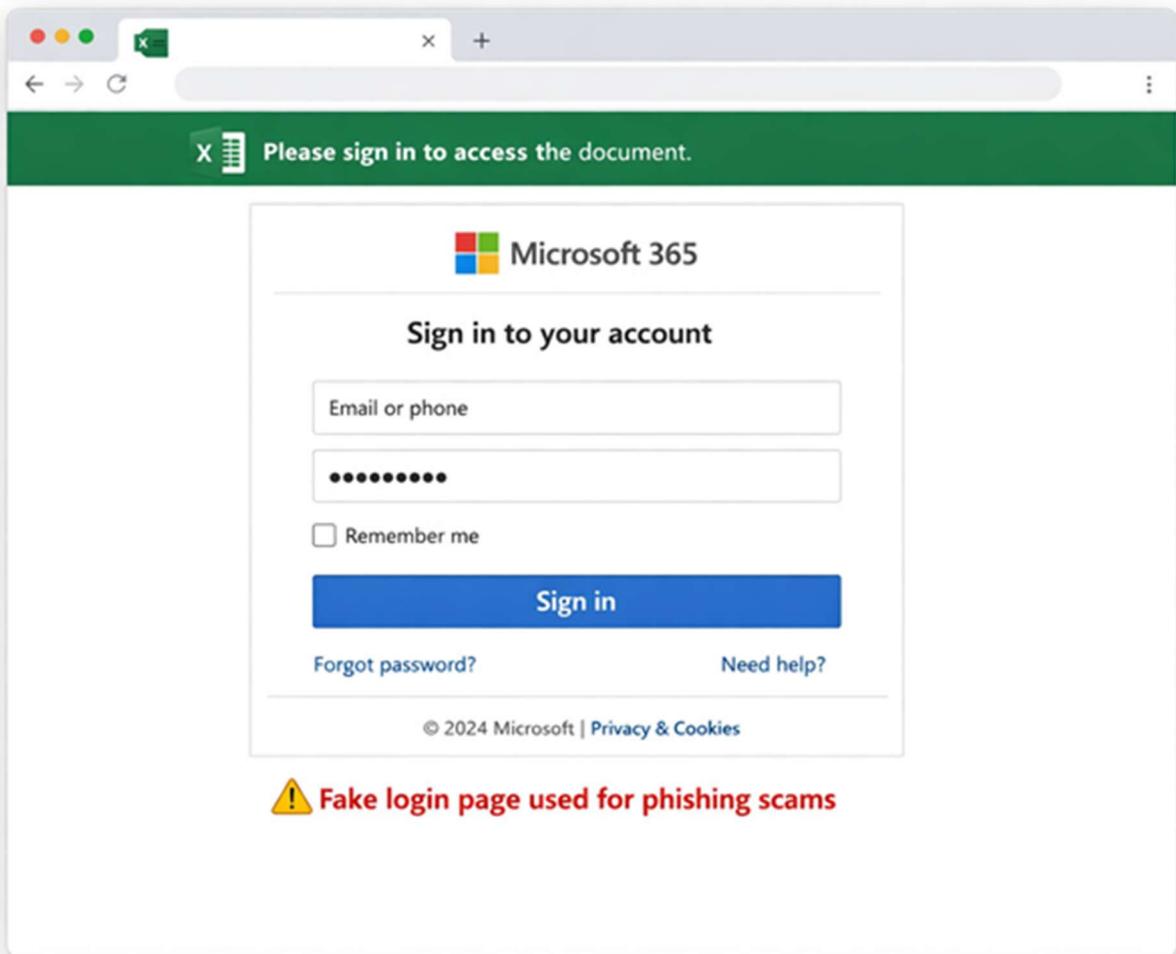
What you should do

- Do not open unexpected attachments
- Do not enter your Microsoft 365 credentials into files or unfamiliar pages

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- Shift+Delete the email immediately This removes it from your system

If you have already opened the file or entered your details, please contact us **immediately** so we can secure your account, you can report suspicious emails or request assistance by emailing: support@cdospcdoctor.co.uk . If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.





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(Note With Thanks and This was originally alerted to us from our colleagues at Intuitive Computer Management)

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Ring/Video Door Bells – Make them secure again with 5GHz Wi-Fi. If you are on contract with a NON-RING product then contact your security

We have recently started the installation of Amazon Ring products for those of you who want it but haven't got a clue where to start when it comes to installation. WE can supply as well.

A recent news story we all need to know is that there is a “thieves watch” that costs just £22 that disables Ring and other video doorbell products temporarily braking wireless transmission at the point of entry to stop them being seen by the Video door bell. Only when they are connected by 2.4Ghz wireless from your router.. We can change the wifi in your home from the 2.4GHZ default to 5GHZ default (twice the encryption which but stops their Wi-Fi killer watches from working!) Book an appointment with us itas only £36 but really does enhance and close the loop hole in the 2.4GHz spectrum. The thieves buy it on the Dark-Web and as such they know about it but I think we in the open internet do not...

Windows 12 does **not** have an official launch date. The most credible reporting points to two possible timelines, depending on which industry sources you follow.

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What the latest information suggests

- **No release in 2026** — Microsoft has explicitly confirmed that Windows 12 is *not* coming in 2026, instead focusing on a major Windows 11 25H2 update. **(We will see. – ed!)**
- **Late 2025–2026 speculation** — Some analysts previously suggested a late-2025 or early-2026 window, but this remains unconfirmed and is increasingly unlikely given Microsoft's statements.
- **2027 as the leading rumour** — Several tech outlets now point to **2027** as the most plausible target for a major next-generation Windows release, with deeper AI integration and higher hardware requirements.

Why the date is unclear

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Microsoft has shifted away from predictable multi-year release cycles. Instead, it's delivering continuous feature updates to Windows 11, which reduces the urgency for a full-numbered OS release. This makes long-range predictions more speculative.

What to expect when it does arrive

- Heavy AI integration (especially Copilot-driven features)
- Higher baseline hardware requirements (rumoured 16GB RAM and NPU support)
- Potentially a more modular OS design

Hardware Replacement

Is a new laptop, iPad, iPhone on the cards...? Well if your current device dates back before Covid (Yes you really have to think in those ways!)

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Big news



[Update Chrome now: Zero-day bug allows code execution via malicious webpages](#)

Google has released an emergency update to patch an actively exploited zero-day—the first Chrome zero-day of the year.

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[Intimate products producer spilled customer data](#)



A phishing attack on a Tenga employee may have exposed US customer data. Customers should watch for sextortion-themed phishing attempts.

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[Scammers use fake "Gemini" AI chatbot to sell fake "Google Coin"](#)



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An AI chatbot posing as Google's Gemini is being used to pitch fake "Google Coin," promising 7x returns.

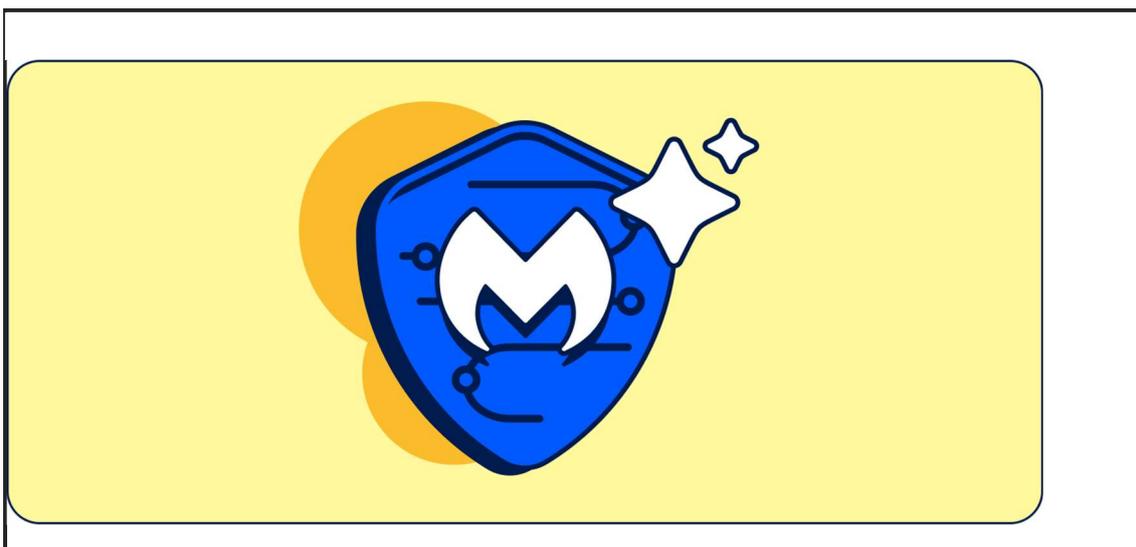
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[Meta patents AI that could keep you posting from beyond the grave](#)

Hopefully Meta will file this in the "just because we can do it doesn't mean we should" drawer.

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Introducing: Scam Guard for Desktop

Did you know that two-thirds of people have trouble telling a scam apart from the real thing? Fortunately for you, detecting scams is our thing.

Our free AI-powered scam detection assistant has already helped countless mobile users, and it's now available for Windows and Mac.

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Lock and Code

A trusted podcast for a distrustful internet

Is your phone listening to you? (re-air)

This week on the Lock and Code podcast, host David Ruiz revisits a conversation with EFF technologist Lena Cohen that digs into the



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question—and explores the many ways our devices track us, even if they're not literally eavesdropping.

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