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Dear Colleagues,

Please note that ArsTechnica, The Guardian, and several other news sites are highlighting a new security threat that leverages a trick of character encoding to fool people into thinking they are clicking on a link to Apple's web site when the link is potentially another (malicious), web site. You can read the articles at:

<https://arstechnica.com/security/2017/04/chrome-firefox-and-opera-users-beware-this-isnt-the-apple-com-you-want/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2017/apr/19/phishing-url-trick-hackers>

If you own an Apple computer, you will likely receive periodic email from Apple.com. Please exercise caution when visiting any link that appears to be Apple.com and avoid downloading files or documents from Apple unless you are certain of the source.

Major browser vendors are working on a fix that will mitigate this particular attack vector.

If you believe you have been the victim of a phishing attack, please contact EOAS IT via email at [helpdesk@eoas.ubc.ca](mailto:helpdesk@eoas.ubc.ca) or by visiting our web site at <https://helpdesk.eoas.ubc.ca>.