

Cybersecurity Awareness Month ^[1]

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In today's digital age, cybersecurity is more crucial than ever. Cybersecurity Ventures estimates that the global annual cost of cybercrime will hit \$10.5 trillion by 2025.

Win \$100 Cash!

Complete the Information Security Awareness training in October 2025, for a chance to win \$100 cash (taxes covered)! Ten winners will be chosen at random.

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This October, the University of Colorado is excited to support Cybersecurity Awareness Month once again. This global initiative aims to highlight essential practices for safeguarding both personal and university-sensitive information.

Use this Cybersecurity Awareness Month as a chance to review and enhance your digital security measures.

Webinars

****Digital Citizenship and the Top Cybersecurity Risks to Our Community****

Ben Edelen, Chief Information Security Officer for the Colorado Dept. of State, presented on Oct. 8. He discussed how cybersecurity now needs to be a life skill, and those skills can come from unexpected places. Hosted by UCCS Cybersecurity Programs. *The recording is now available.*

[Watch recording](#) ^[4]

Q&A Roundtable with CU's Information Security Leaders, Oct. 14, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

As technology evolves, cybersecurity is essential to protecting personal and professional data. Join us for an engaging webinar where our expert panelists will share best practices in cybersecurity and answer your questions. Hosted by CU Anschutz/CU Denver Information Strategy and Services and is open to CU employees and students. Registration is required.

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Cyber Safe Choices: What Would You Do?

This series of articles looks at four real-life situations you and your CU peers may face, highlighting what occurred, how incidents could have been prevented, and recommended actions should similar situations arise. You'll see how everyday decisions—good or bad—have a significant impact on our overall security.

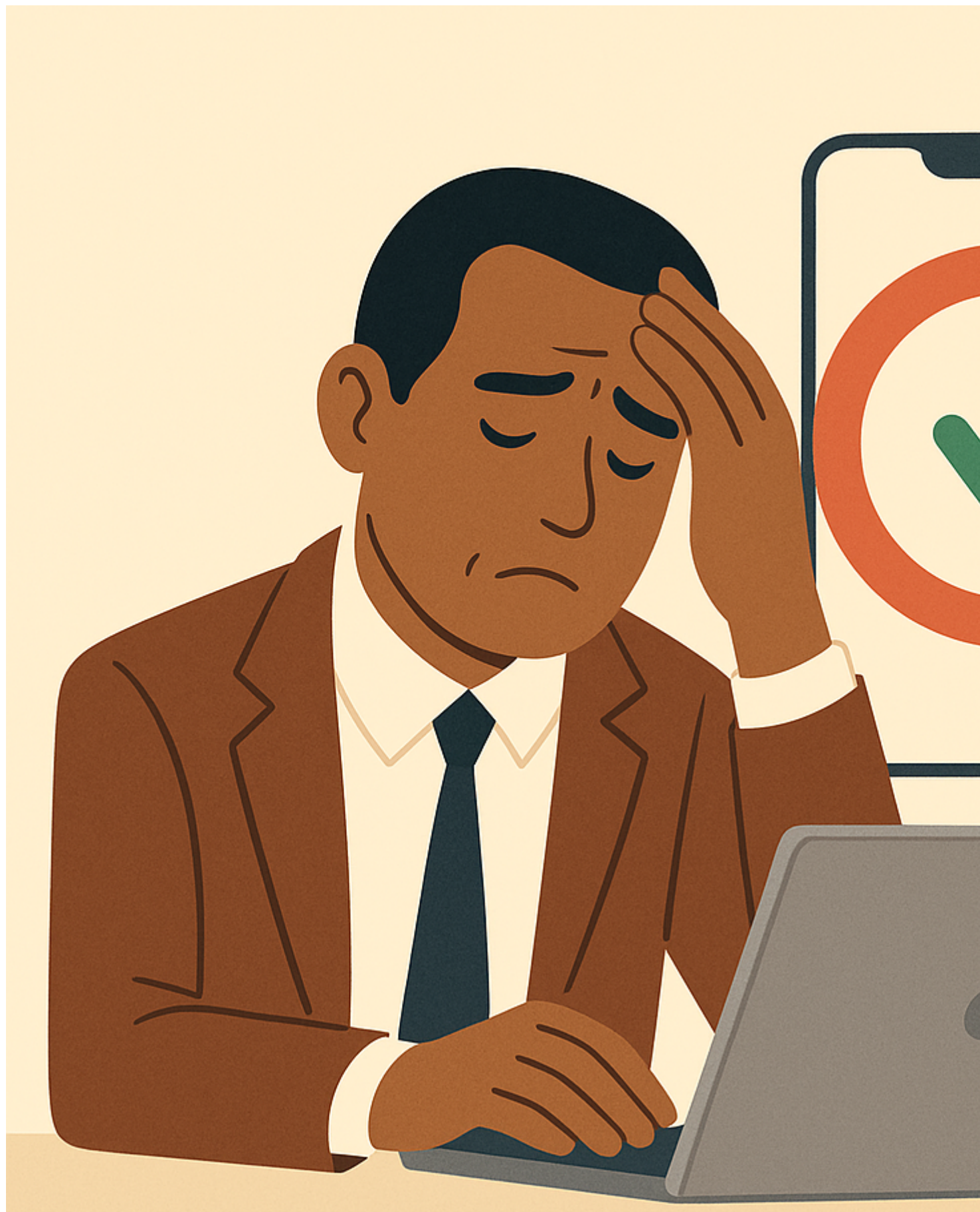


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They received an urgent email that appeared to come from a student and included a link to review an assignment. In a rush, they clicked and entered their credentials. The page was fake, and their username and password were stolen.

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They had MFA enabled. During a hectic day, repeated Duo or Microsoft Authenticator prompts appeared on their phone. Frustrated, they tapped “Approve” without checking. The request wasn’t from them—it came from a criminal who already had their password. That single tap granted access to sensitive systems.

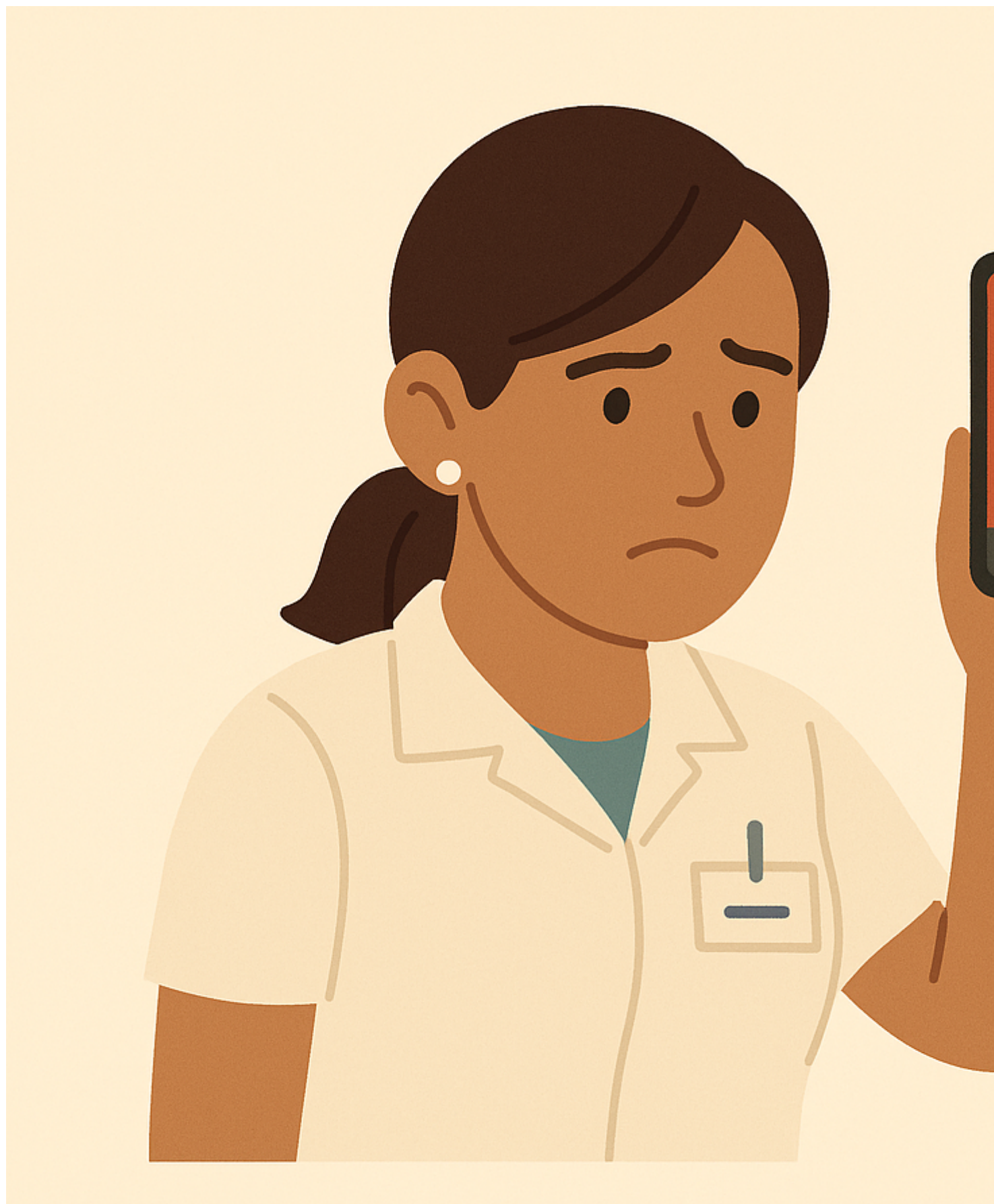
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They reused the same password for university email, a shopping site, and a personal streaming account. After the shopping site was breached, criminals tried the exposed password on the CU account. It worked, giving them access to internal email and sensitive files.

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They relied heavily on their personal smartphone for everyday life. Over time, they ignored system and app update notifications, assuming they weren't important. While visiting a familiar website, hidden malicious code exploited the outdated software. A cybercriminal gained access to personal information stored on the device.

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Stay Secure, Stay Connected

If you have questions or concerns about cybersecurity, please contact your campus information security team. Our experts are ready to help.

About Information Security on Your Campus

Each campus employs an information security officer along with other security staff to safeguard data. They evaluate risks, implement security protocols, and address security incidents.

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About the Office of Information Security

OIS, part of System Administration, collaborates with campuses to offer services and expertise that ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data across the university.

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Reporting a Security Incident

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