

Account takeover

This is a type of fraud where a cyber criminal gains access to a user's online account to access confidential data or steal financial information. This can be done in one of three main ways:

- Phishing – most commonly this occurs through brand impersonation or CEO fraud to trick the user into revealing their account credentials
- Credential stuffing – login details which have previously been stolen are obtained and then used against a variety of websites in the hopes of finding a match
- Brute-force – a form of hacking where the attacker creates an automated script that runs through potential password combinations until the correct sequence is found

Best practices:



Set up multi-factor authentication (MFA)



Look out for suspicious emails



Use strong & unique passwords