

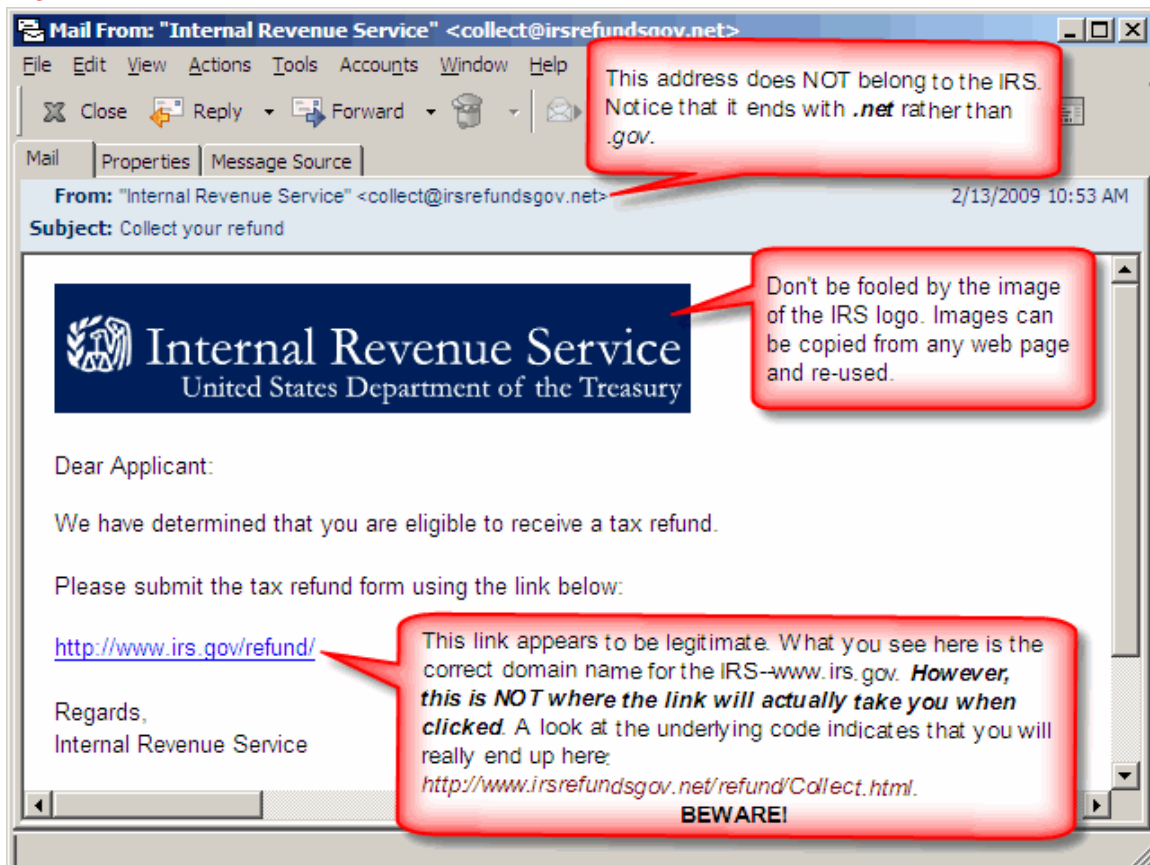
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It's tax time and with that, we are again seeing evidence of malicious e-mails that appear to originate from the IRS. **These e-mails are fraudulent and could cause harm to you or your computer.** The subject of the e-mail is "Collect your refund" or other similar wording. The scammers are trying to get you to visit a fake website where you are asked to provide personal information such as your Social Security number and bank information.

If you receive such an item:

- **DO NOT OPEN it;**
- **DELETE the e-mail from your Inbox and Trash;**
- **In the event you were compelled to open the e-mail, DO NOT click on the link.**

Below is an example of a recent fraudulent message. Don't be fooled. The design of the e-mail is very clever. Learn how to spot the features which make it fraudulent. **First and foremost, the IRS would never send you such a notice via e-mail.**



To reduce the risk to DHS and you, we have blocked the receipt of this email and are researching a way to block the ability to visit the web address. You may also receive this fraudulent e-mail in your personal, or home, account. Make sure you utilize proper safeguards at home, too.

If you have questions regarding this, or any other, scam contact the Information Security Office (ISO) at: [security.dhsinfo@state.or.us](mailto:security.dhsinfo@state.or.us) or 503-945-6812.

If you notice a problem with your computer, contact the OIS Service Desk at: [dhs.servicedesk@state.or.us](mailto:dhs.servicedesk@state.or.us) or (503) 945-5623.

Thank you,  
The DHS Information Security Office

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