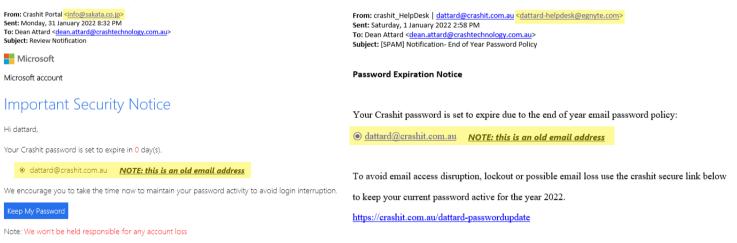# Newsletter

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Roll on 2022! We would like to wish you & your family a Happy New Year. Hope you had a relaxing & enjoyable festive season. Let's all hope it brings us plenty of good news on the health and economic fronts.

Crash Technology's start to the year has been different to say the least.

Fruadulent Emails

In the last few months, we are seeing more and more fraudulent emails trying to get individuals to click on links asking for passwords and personal information!!

Below are a few examples of some emails we have personally received.

From: Crashit Portal <info@sakata.co.jp>
Sent: Monday, 31 January 2022 8:32 PM
To: Dean Attard <dean.attard@crashtechnology.com.au>
Subject: Review Notification

Microsoft

Microsoft account

Important Security Notice

Hi dattard,

Your Crashit password is set to expire in 0 day(s).

⊙ dattard@crashit.com.au   _**NOTE: this is an old email address**_

We encourage you to take the time now to maintain your password activity to avoid login interruption.

Keep My Password

Note: We won't be held responsible for any account loss

Thank you,

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From: crashit_HelpDesk | dattard@crashit.com.au <dattard-helpdesk@egnyte.com>
Sent: Saturday, 1 January 2022 2:58 PM
To: Dean Attard <dean.attard@crashtechnology.com.au>
Subject: [SPAM] Notification- End of Year Password Policy

Password Expiration Notice

Your Crashit password is set to expire due to the end of year email password policy:

⊙ dattard@crashit.com.au   _**NOTE: this is an old email address**_

To avoid email access disruption, lockout or possible email loss use the crashit secure link below to keep your current password active for the year 2022.

https://crashit.com.au/dattard-passwordupdate

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These emails at first glance seem real. When receiving all emails which ask you to click on a link, <u>double check</u> the email address that the email has been sent from. This will tell you definitively if it's real or not. The email is located in these angled brackets **<>** and as you can see in both of these examples that the email addresses are neither of the companies they are claiming to be.

If you are still unsure, we strongly recommend forwarding the email to our helpdesk before you click on it.

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Windows 11

For the time being, we advise you NOT to install Windows 11. We will inform you when you are able to do this.

Password Security

One of the most common ways a hacker can break into your computer, email etc is by guessing your password. Simple passwords enable hackers to gain access and control of your device easily.
See the below chart of how long it would take a hacker to crack your password.

HOW SAFE IS YOUR PASSWORD?

Time it would take for a computer to crack a password with the following parameters

Number of characters	Lowercase letters only	At least one uppercase letter	At least one uppercase letter + number	At least one uppercase letter + number + symbol
6	INSTANTLY	INSTANTLY	INSTANTLY	INSTANTLY
7	INSTANTLY	INSTANTLY	1 MINUTE	6 MINUTES
8	INSTANTLY	22 MINUTES	1 HOUR	8 HOURS
9	2 MINUTES	19 HOURS	3 DAYS	3 WEEKS
10	1 HOUR	1 MONTH	7 MONTHS	5 YEARS
11	1 DAY	5 YEARS	41 YEARS	400 YEARS
12	3 WEEKS	300 YEARS	2,000 YEARS	34,000 YEARS

We suggest making sure your password a minimum of 10 characters long including at least one uppercase letter + number + symbol and where possible turning on 2 Factor Authentication (2FA).

Articles

Find below articles you will find helpful.

- Sophos 2022 Threat Report
- 11 Effective Security Measures To Bolster Your Microsoft 365 Data Protection
- Improve Your Workplace Productivity With Microsoft Word: 11 Tips To Make the Most of This Program
- Increasing Your Office Productivity With Streamlined Android Apps – The 3 Best Solutions

On a Positive Note

- Bash & Crash - 10th of March 2022 2.30pm onwards
- Crash Technology Referral Program Launched– Get rewarded $$$

Read more below.

Bash & Crash - 10th of March 2022 2.30pm onwards

Join out team for an evening of fun!
We will have drinks and bites, while we destroy some nasty bugs and do a full system recovery in minutes.
One lucky attendee gets to bash & crash a perfectly fine working laptop!

Crash Technology Referral Program

GET $1250 FOR EVERY SUCCESSFUL REFERRAL

REFER A COMPANY AND YOU BOTH GET REWARDED

How it Works:
- Suggest a referral - introduce company and Crash Technology via email
- You get $1250* if they become a client
- You both get a cool pair of Bluetooth earphones
- No Limit to referrals - the more you share, the more you receive!

* $1250 to be redeemed as service across 8 hours

Thanks for reading our first newsletter of the year. Lets schedule a 30 minute catchup over the next 2 weeks to discuss your 2022 goals and how Crash can help achieve them.

BOOK A FREE APPOINTMENT

Kind Regards,
Dean Attard