



17/02/2022, Le Plessis-Robinson, France

To whom it may concern,

For quite some time, it seems that some of our valued partners receive periodically emails claiming to be initiated from AETA:

- Christophe Mahoux
- Thomas Fengel

These emails are scam and should be disregarded as they are not originated from AETA and after many investigations, we can confirm that AETA has not been hacked.

It actually seems that a database somehow exists on the web linking some AETA staff members (past and present) to some partners. There is unfortunately no way for AETA to have this database erased. We have however taken measures for this database not to be updated / expanded.

Identifying that the email does not come from AETA is something that be can done at the level of the recipient of the scam mail. In this precise letter, we would like to describe the few steps for you to be able to recognize whether the email comes from AETA or not.

In the below examples, can be seen see 2 email headers:

- One fake email claiming it comes from tfengel@aeta-audio.com
- Another one really coming from vboulben@aeta-audio.com

Fake email

Received: from p3plwbeout12-03.prod.phx3.secureserver.net
(p3plsmtp12-03-2.prod.phx3.secureserver.net. [173.201.192.58]) by
mx.google.com with ESMTPS id x23si3889959pgf.148.2021.09.30.06.02.38
for <recipient> (version=TLS1_2
cipher=ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256 bits=128/128); Thu, 30 Sep 2021
06:02:38 -0700 (PDT)
Received: by 2002:adf:8bd3:0:0:0:0 with SMTP id w19csp317956wra; Thu,
30 Sep 2021 06:02:39 -0700 (PDT)
Received: (gmail) 25122 invoked by uid 99; 30 Sep 2021 13:02:37 -0000
Received: from p3plgmgwbe12-06.prod.phx3.secureserver.net ([173.201.192.27])
by :WBEOUT: with SMTP id VvhumotCj8oPvVvhumBkFF; Thu, 30 Sep 2021 06:02:38
-0700
[Reply-To: Thomas Fengel <distributorssales101@gmail.com>](mailto:Thomas.Fengel@distributorssales101@gmail.com)
From: Thomas Fengel <tfengel@aeta-audio.com>
To: Thomas Fengel <tfengel@aeta-audio.com>
Subject: Re: Sales Update
Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2021 13:02:35 +0000
[Message-ID: <20210930060234.76cbecca3158562e8542cc5b3e1edb3c.78b8a1f30c.wbe@email12.godaddy.com>](mailto:20210930060234.76cbecca3158562e8542cc5b3e1edb3c.78b8a1f30c.wbe@email12.godaddy.com)
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;
boundary="-----_NextPart_000_6831_01D7ED0F.22E1E180"
X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook 16.0
X-Google-Smtp-Source: ABdhPJwDWN8CBAJjuDT9mSQasN/VQ2v8msZvggf5KLn1c18A/CCObq6NNFXQFhVnM6o5BXwq5LxS
X-Received: by 2002:a17:90b:2382:: with SMTP id mr2mr2108882pjb.148.1633006959106;
Thu, 30 Sep 2021 06:02:39 -0700 (PDT)
[Authentication-Results: mx.google.com;](mailto:mx.google.com)

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spf=neutral [google.com]: 173.201.192.58 is neither permitted nor denied by best guess record for domain of [noor@twajjri.com]
smtp.mailfrom=noor@twajjri.com
X-Esetid: 37303A2963C2DE6C657560
Thread-Index: AQJ1Qkby0Ma9vqHORYKoCRmJmN3f1Q==
X-CMAE-Analysis: v=2.4 cv=Ztkol/3G c=1 sm=1 tr=0 ts=6155b56e
a=wlxwqOMWWh9nWIR5XrkBuhA==:117 a=DdKd82aFokQA:10 a=X2v0K8pCV7sA:10
a=PB-mS-l7R5EA:10 a=lkcTkHD0fZMA:10 a=7QKq2e-ADPsA:10 a=x7bEGLp0ZPQA:10
a=hrWrUuN9xXCKQDgcrPQA:9 a=wgdykqrbGx81Sef:21 a=_W_S_7VecoQA:10
a=QEXdDO2ut3YA:10 a=9N1BXz_py8oyCxPwYrZ:22
X-SECURESERVER-ACCT: [noor@twajjri.com]
X-CMAE-Envelope:
MS4xfC2pWNfj79Nie2n/0bAF1dfTDmoa4LBEzUzG874k0y4L+DKfDqZAx11yVrLVsKFyCaHB8YE4rAez6l8Dxsk1mgafm0a1iltKYPnrHE+LGr6NQV
IKC8LB

gys0UEFc4yPGpLuvPou0mZ7wn6tp07RKLqcrSt77l+Stu5e9dG8L7jUDJHWqcAO9aM2e5OES2bg565/ubXxoRwWAO1QO4TCrZnYAOA24JLg
G+6Jr2ITC2
x-originating-ip: 105.112.77.29
X-SID: VvhumotCj8oPv
X-Sender: [noor@twajjri.com]

Real AETA email

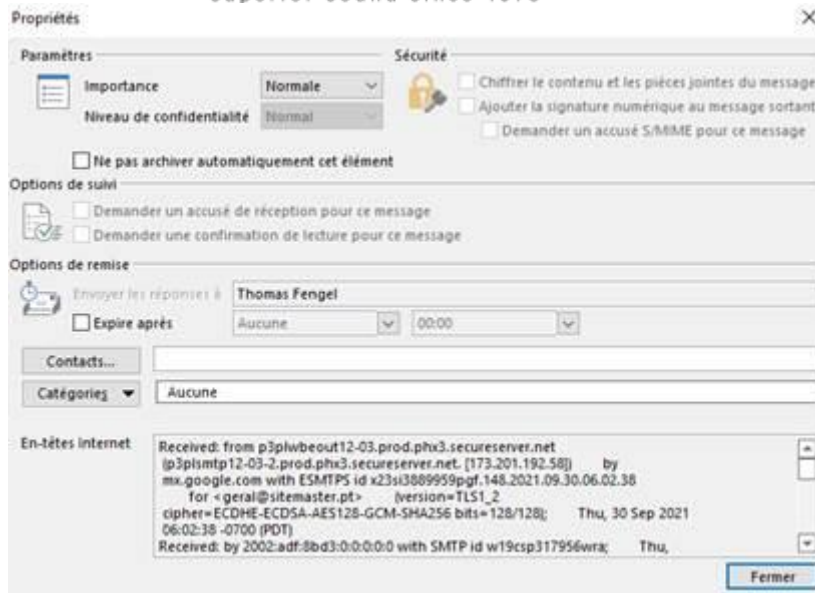
Received: from [SERVER.aeta.local] ([fe80::27f5:21d8:e5c7:814b]) by
[SERVER.aeta.local] ([fe80::27f5:21d8:e5c7:814b%11]) with mapi id
14.03.0513.000; Tue, 8 Feb 2022 16:14:12 +0100
Content-Type: application/ms-tnef; name="winmail.dat"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: binary
From: Vincent BOULBEN <VBOULBEN@aeta-audio.com>
To: Yann VONARBURG <YVONARBURG@aeta-audio.com>
Subject: TR: AETA Algorithm & latency information VRT
Thread-Topic: AETA Algorithm & latency information VRT
Thread-Index: Adgc/oVH4Ddix0jYT/WRMPTjZWLu4A==
Date: Tue, 8 Feb 2022 16:14:10 +0100
Message-ID: <A9839F3FFF70A04B9CC14E7F1BBA60868AF0D57B@SERVER.aeta.local>
Accept-Language: fr-FR, en-US
Content-Language: fr-FR
X-MS-Has-Attach: yes
X-MS-Exchange-Organization-SCL: -1
X-MS-TNEF-Correlator: <A9839F3FFF70A04B9CC14E7F1BBA60868AF0D57B@SERVER.aeta.local>
MIME-Version: 1.0
X-MS-Exchange-Organization-AuthSource: SERVER.aeta.local
X-MS-Exchange-Organization-AuthAs: Internal
X-MS-Exchange-Organization-AuthMechanism: 04
X-Originating-IP: [10.0.20.28]

Such email header can be extracted from outlook as mentioned below:

- Opening the email
- Clicking "file"
- Clicking "properties"

At the bottom of the box, you will find the complete header as in the example above

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If an email comes from AETA, “SERVER.aeta.local” should be mentioned somewhere (as highlighted in yellow in the proper email header) and not “google” or “gmail” (as highlighted in red in the SCAM email header)

Also, a proper AETA address as sender should appear (eg: “tfengel@aeta-audio.com”) and not “noon@twaijri.com” or distributorssales101@gmail.com. Which are the actual sending addresses and are in no way linked to AETA staff or AETA server.

Eventually whether an email really comes from AETA or not can easily be recognized.

We hope that this application note will help you sorting proper AETA emails and SCAM. If you have any question, do not hesitate to carry on contacting your main AETA contact.