

Data Breaches: your casual end of year security problem



Adam Black

The image features two large, abstract, wavy purple shapes in the top corners, one on the left and one on the right, set against a light purple background. The shapes are composed of several overlapping, rounded forms in varying shades of purple.

Are we too casual about data protection?

Could a link to vulnerable data be sitting in
your email inbox?

End of year holidays



Ferry trip to Zoo



2 hours south (Kiama)

Holiday security

Door locked?

What about the windows?



Holiday security

Camera website data leak



URLs

URL: <https://comics.com/cat?mask>

what do you look at?

- a: the comic
- b: read “<https://comics.com>”
- c: read “cat” (path)
- d: read “mask” (query parameter)





Case study



End of financial year

- Tax summary

Case study

From: stationary@starkIndustries.com 

Title: Your Tax Summary

Download:

<https://starkIndustries.com/files/1401271.pdf>

Case study

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1271.pdf:



Dear Adam Black,

This year you purchased:

- 1 Iron pen \$2

Delivered to: 1 purple way

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1271.pdf:



Dear Adam Black,
This year you purchased:

- 1 Iron pen \$2

Delivered to: 1 purple way

1270.pdf:



Dear Shrek,
This year you purchased:

- 100 Miniature toy donkeys \$1,000
- 1 Swamp decoration kit \$100

Delivered to: Shrek's Swamp



Case study

Remediation

1271.pdf:

This link is currently unavailable.
We will send you another email.
Sorry for the inconvenience.



The problem

Sensitive data accessible via guessable URL

(Insecure Direct Object Reference Vulnerability)

Is it vulnerable?

Car insurance renewal:

[https://insurance.com.au/payment?
member=1024019&postcode=2000](https://insurance.com.au/payment?member=1024019&postcode=2000)

Option 1

Bruce Wayne

Car: Batmobile

Registration: 1 bat

Insurance cost: \$2000

Expiry: 8 November

Is it vulnerable?

YES

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Reporting issue

Response:

Option 1

Bruce Wayne

Car: Batmobile

Registration: 1 bat

Insurance cost: \$2000

Expiry: 8 November

Is it a concern?

Option 1

Bruce Wayne

Car: Batmobile

Registration: 1 bat

Insurance cost: \$2000

Expiry: 8 November

Option 2

Member: 3033019

Car: DeLorean time machine

Insurance cost: \$1000

Expiry: 8 January



Is it vulnerable?

Tax invoice:

<https://linkmonitor.com/a-ltbktzjtthtjinh>

Is it vulnerable?

YES

<https://linkmonitor.com/a-ltbktzjthtjinh>

a-ltbktzjthtjinh = my tax invoice

a-ltbktzjthtjini = company facebook page

a-ltbktzjthtjina = someone else's tax invoice

Is it vulnerable?

Find my order

Order number (required):

Billing email address (required):

Is it vulnerable?

Very Likely

Find my order

Order number (required):

Billing email address (required):

Find my order

Is it vulnerable?

<https://vision.com.au/s/9e1b4366-d59e-43e6-9059-fecc2cb79b99>

UUID (128 bits)

Is it vulnerable?

NO

<https://vision.com.au/s/9e1b4366-d59e-43e6-9059-fecc2cb79b99>

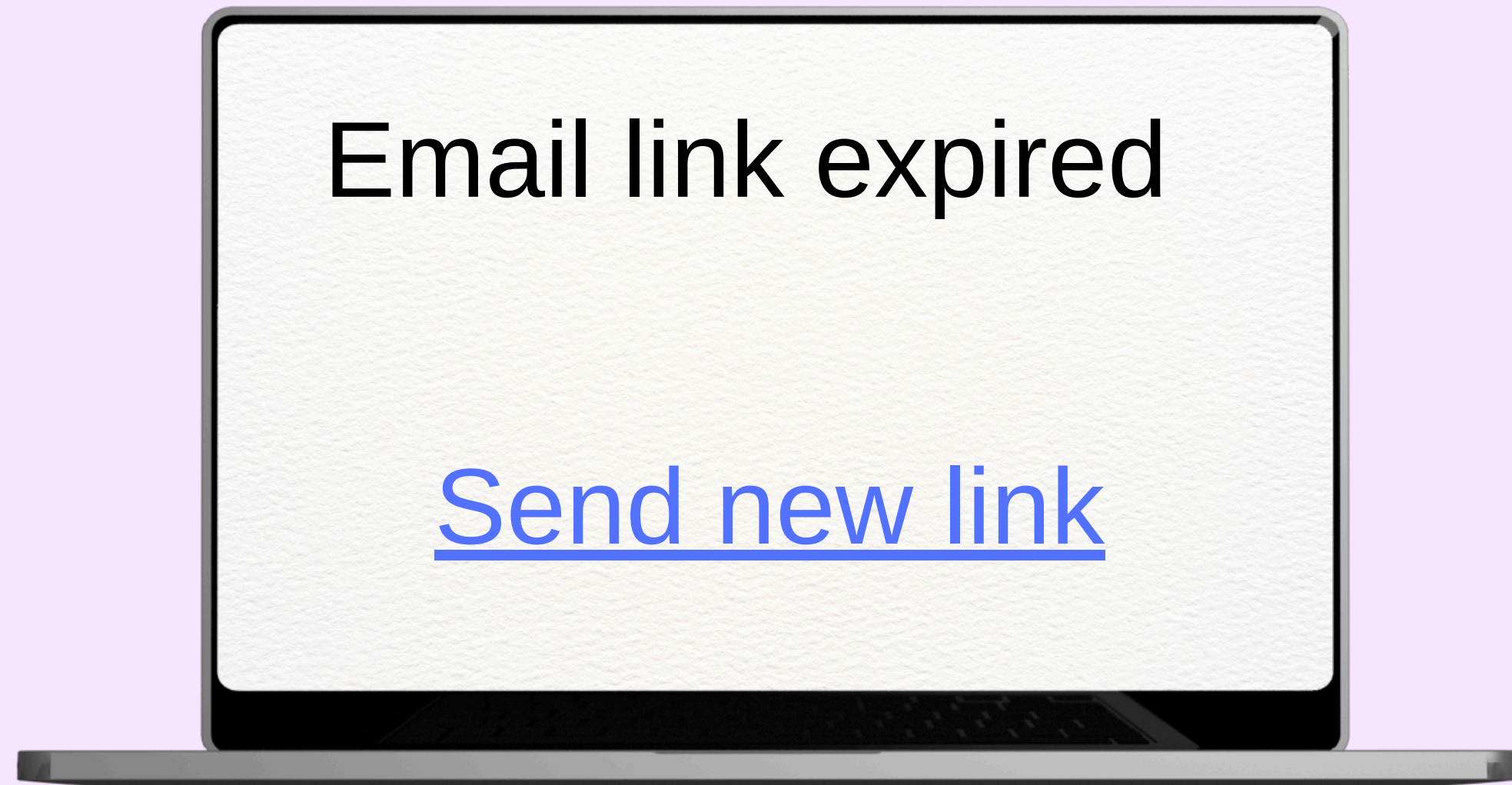
UUID (128 bits)

Is it vulnerable?

<https://sign.com/email?a=48d66189-c5a8-4586-a222-203c64406a45&b=1f10a386-8f60-4112-82bb-2ac0f7986151>

Email link expired

[Send new link](#)



Is it vulnerable?

NO

<https://sign.com/email?a=48d66189-c5a8-4586-a222-203c64406a45&b=1f10a386-8f60-4112-82bb-2ac0f7986151>

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Best practices

Prefer non-enumerable ids

e.g. UUID 128 bits

626c9c60-d040-4d65-a007-b96a50820b71



Best practices

Ensure adequate authentication and authorization controls.

- Link expiry
- Login



Best practices

Rate Limiting

Potentially: Verify not a bot



Summary



Inspire you to:

- review URLs

Holiday tips

- Lock your windows
- Pack:
 - Towel
 - The Hitchhiker's Guide

