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CERT Vanuatu (CERTVU) and the Department of Communication and Digital Transformation (DCDT) provide the following advisory.

This alert is relevant to Organizations and individuals that utilize the above products. This alert is intended to be understood by technical users and systems administrators.

## What is it?

CERTVU would like to advise on the following;

In June 2025, threat actors from a group known as UNC6040 (also operating as ShinyHunters) – who successfully infiltrated one of Google's corporate Salesforce systems. This system held business contact details and sales notes for small and medium size businesses. Though no Gmail or Google Drive passwords or financial data were exposed, the breach amplified the risk of targeted phishing campaigns using the stolen contact information.

## What are the Systems affected?

- The compromise did not extend to consumer services, meaning Gmail and other end-user products were directly breached
- However, data derived from the Salesforce breach is now being weaponized to launch phishing (email-based) attacks aimed at Gmail users

## What does this mean?

- Attackers have crafted highly convincing campaigns, impersonating Google staff or IT support to trick users into resetting password and divulging 2FA codes
- Vishing calls from legitimate phone numbers and area codes – ultimately leading to account takeovers
- There is growing concern that ShinyHunters may escalate tactics by launching a data leak site or engaging in extortion campaigns using the stolen contact data.

## Mitigation process

CERT Vanuatu advises all Google/Gmail Users to protect Gmail accounts from evolving threats and strongly recommend the following;

- Change your Gmail password immediately.
- Enable two-factor authentication (2FA)
- Remain alert to Phishing and vishing attempts

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