Week 6 Journal Entry

Can you spot three fake websites and compare the three fake websites to three real websites, plus showcase what makes the fake websites fake?

Note: Don't generate/access or click on any unwanted/fake websites on your web browsers. Showcase with examples, what makes the fake websites fake.

I'm not going to access any fake websites. It isn't safe to do so. On looking for some examples in articles, I didn't come up with much. But I do have some information detailing how to differentiate real websites from fake ones.

Multiple indicators could signify you aren't on the actual website. One common difference is a misspelled URL link. For example, you want google.com or a page that purports to point you to Google, but instead of https://www.google.com, the link is something like https://www.gogle.com. If such a link is in a picture and not written out digitally, one may not even realize they've clicked a fraudulent link, especially if the webpage looks like the Google homepage.

Often, phishing schemes are used to facilitate computer users travelling to these fake websites. Once these fake websites are reached, they imitate well enough to collect personal or login information. These phishing schemes take place through unsolicited emails with the links to these sites embedded in images or words.

There are multiple ways to ensure that a website is legitimate besides simply examining the URL. The SSL certificate can be looked at, which reveals details about the origin of the certificate. Additionally, a lot of fake websites originating from out of English-speaking countries have poor sentence structure and spelling.

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