

## Journal entry #6

### Fake websites

I wasn't able to find any fake websites without at least compromising my computer and security but I will be breaking down on what it looks for when trying to spot fake websites. The first thing is fake URLs. URLs are essentially the internet's version of an address. Different websites have their URL. Thank you URLs usually try to mimic already existing URLs meaning they will usually try to change or use different characters to trick users into clicking their sites. An example of this would be the correct URL for Amazon being Amazon.com, and a fake URL for Amazon would be amAz0on.com, they are very similar, but they are subtle differences and could take you to a completely different platform. The fake websites' purpose may look the same as the ones they are trying to mimic, but the only difference is you are putting your information into a website that could be stealing your information and payment details. Another way of spotting fake websites is by noticing what their designs look like. Usually when a website has poor designs or mismatched colors, and means that it is a fake website or a scam.