

# Week 6 Journal Entry

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Having grown up in the dying days of AOL chat rooms and MySpace pages, I'm no stranger to internet falsities. One of the major things that I always had to be wary of were fake websites. Where real websites like [marvel.com](http://marvel.com) or [netflix.com](http://netflix.com) have features such as well-designed graphic user interfaces, "https" in the url, and a domain name that accurately spells a brand that most people recognize, phony websites are often devoid of these. Instead of a url that reads "https://www.facebook.com," you may run into a phony site that reads "www.facebo0k.com." While at first glance the false site may appear to just be a misspelling of the real one, the lack of "https" and the use of a zero (0) instead of the letter o are both signs that something is wrong. The fake Facebook could even lead to a login page that triggers other scams.

Additionally, the presence or overabundance of advertisements could be another sign that the website you've visited isn't the real one. Where Marvel's website features a photo slide banner that hyperlinks to relevant media trailers or pages deeper down the site's rabbit hole, the fake Marvel webpage might feature a banner that neither transitions nor leads the user to another relevant page. Even though Temu is a real website, I'm still leery of it because it immediately bombards you with discounts, last chance offers, and "don't miss out!" pop-ups that would typically be found on a fake website like 3bay.com.