# Phishing

This term is made up from the words "password" and "fishing". Attackers use phishing (https://www.ebas.ch/en/phishing/) to obtain confidential data from unsuspecting Internet users. These might for instance involve access data for your e-banking facility or account information of online shops. Perpetrators abuse their victims' good faith and helpfulness by purporting to be, say, an employee of a trustworthy financial institution.

There are a variety of other variations such as Vishing (voice phishing or phone phishing), Smishing (SMS / text phishing) and QR phishing in addition to classic phishing via e-mail.

See also: Man-in-the-Middle (MitM) (https://www.ebas.ch/en/glossary/man-in-the-middle/)