

Spotting fakes? It's all in the details

People can look out for tell-tale signs to establish if a news item, screenshot or Web link they get is from a dubious source, said lawyer Bryan Tan, who specialises in technology law and data protection.

Some of these stories initially appear as advertisements on social media platforms, including Facebook. When you click on them, they direct you to the fake sites.

A little tech awareness can help you ascertain if what you see is real or fake.

- **Look at the website's URL, which is also known as its online Web page address.**

If, for example, the news report is from The Straits Times, the URL should appear as such:

<https://www.straitstimes.com>

Mr Henry Golding, known for his role as Nick Young in Crazy Rich Asians, and Honestbee ex-CEO Joel Sng were the subject of fake stories promoting bitcoin investment schemes.

In Mr Golding's case, the URL was **<https://bavariaforfamilies.com>**, which is for a hotel in Germany.

In Mr Sng's case, the URL was **www.wontonspecialist.com**, which redirects the reader to a Chinese restaurant in Canada.

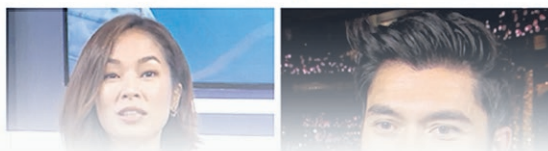
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STRAITS TIMES NEWS FASHION CELEBRITIES ENTERTAINMENT

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Singaporean citizens are already raking in millions of dollars from home using this "wealth loophole" - but is it legitimate?



READER RESULTS

PROFIT: \$5,552



"I've been using Bitcoin Future for: just over 2 weeks, I've taken my initial deposit from \$338 to \$5,802. That is far more than I make at work."

Ben Pang
Novena, Singapore

PROFIT: \$9,200



- **Look out for spelling errors** on these websites, as they are a hint that the stories may be fake.

- **Be sceptical of clickbait-type headlines** such as "you wouldn't believe how Mr XXX invested his money".

Why Shaun Chen Ends His Career? He Found A New Passion That Makes Him A Killing!



- **Does the font look weird?** Several recent fake articles purporting to be from ST featured the wrong font types and sizes.

- **Scrutinise the story** against other online sources, to see if it has been published elsewhere.

STRAITS TIMES GRAPHICS

 www.wontonspecialist.com

Ex-Honestbee CEO Reveals True Motivations Stepping Down



"We are going to be the biggest online-trading platform in the region." Sng. Credit: Munshi Ahmed

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"The double-edged sword that is technology seems to breed all this bad behaviour and it's getting worse," said Mr Tan.