

If you want to see how secure PayPal really is just look at this e-mail that I received after I sold that laptop to Indonesia. This was happening before hand to. About 3 – 5 of the people who bought my laptops on ebay were Nigerian scammers that managed to get a valid ebay and paypal account and buy my product. This was making me loose faith in PayPal before I even had this problem.

The screenshot shows a Yahoo! Mail interface in Mozilla Firefox. The browser address bar shows the URL: [http://b5.mail.yahoo.com/ym/mindblowingidea.com/ShowLetter?MsgId=4316\\_11011578\\_2110266\\_2576\\_3403\\_0\\_39036\\_13951\\_1](http://b5.mail.yahoo.com/ym/mindblowingidea.com/ShowLetter?MsgId=4316_11011578_2110266_2576_3403_0_39036_13951_1). The email is from admin@mindblowingidea.com and is titled "Yahoo! Mail - admin@mindblowingidea.com".

The email content is a PayPal transaction confirmation. It starts with "Dear Justin Breithaupt," and states: "You have an Instant Payment of US \$2,125.00 from Franc Forjan ([squirecolette@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:squirecolette@yahoo.co.uk))." It includes a link to "View the details of this transaction online".

The "Payment Details" section shows:

- Purchased From: cellocity
- Transaction ID: 62S8492898335130L

Item Number	Item Title	Quantity	Price	Subtotal
260155143283	<a href="#">NEW ACER Aspire 3680 No Viruses 1 - 3 year Guarantee</a>	2	US \$2,025.00	US \$2,025.00
Postage & Packing via USPS Global Express Mail: (includes any seller packing fees)				US \$100.00
Postage Insurance:				-
Total:				US \$2,125.00

The "Delivery Information" section shows the recipient's address:

Address: Name: Oyeyemi Gbolagade  
Address: No7 Zone5 Sw9/1525A,T.F  
Makinde (Loss adjuster)Company  
Aba-Alamu, Bembo Road Apata.  
City: Ibadan,  
Zipcode: 23402  
Country: Nigeria  
Tel: 2348050881433

Address Status: Confirmed ?

At the bottom, there are logos for VISA, MasterCard, DISCOVER, AMERICAN EXPRESS, and BANK. Below these logos, a security notice states: "For security purposes, This PayPal® payment has been deducted from the buyer's account and has been 'APPROVED' but will not be credited to your account until the shipment reference/tracking number is sent to us for shipment verification so as to secure both the buyer and the seller. Below are the necessary information requested before your account will be credited. Send tracking number to us or email us through this mail [navaalcustomersverified@accountantemail.com](mailto:navaalcustomersverified@accountantemail.com) and our customer service care will attend to you."

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system tray with the time 12:55 PM and weather information: Now: Sunny, 74° F, Mon: 82° F, Tue: 85° F.

### Send Invoice to Buyer

Review or update the information below. When you're done, click the **Send Invoice** button and eBay will email an invoice to your buyer.

**Buyer:** [squirecolette \( 1 \)](#)

**Location:** **Oyeyemi Gbolagade**  
 No7 Zone5 Sw9/1525A, T.F Makinde (Loss adjuster)Company  
 Aba-Alamu Bembo Road Apata  
 Ibadan, Oyo State 23402  
 Nigeria

### Enter Payment Details

Select	Item #	Item Title	Qty.	Price	Subtotal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	260155143283	<a href="#">NEW ACER Aspire 3680 No Viruses 1 - 3 year Guarantee</a>	1	US \$2,025.00	US \$2,025.00

**Subtotal:** US \$2,025.00

Shipping and handling:  us \$

[Remove:](#)  us \$

[Add another](#)

Shipping insurance:  us \$

Sales Tax:  0.0 %

Tax applies to the subtotal + shipping and handling.

Seller discounts (-) or charges (+): US \$

[recalculate](#)

### Enter Payment Instructions & Personal Message

Give clear instructions to assist buyers with payment, shipping, and returns.

BEFORE YOU FINISH PLEASE TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU WANT ON YOUR LAPTOP! THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT! TO DO THIS YOU CAN SIMPLY CLICK ON THE BLUE LINK ON THE PAGE OR SEND ME A MESSAGE! I WILL NOT SEND THE LAPTOP UNTIL YOU DO THIS!

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Copy me on this invoice

Done



Yahoo! Mail - admin@mindblowingidea.com - Mozilla Firefox

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http://b5.mail.yahoo.com/ym/mindblowingidea.com/ShowLetter?MsgId=6926\_11097052\_2114464\_2465\_2057\_0\_39058\_6669\_52

mindblowing... yahoo.com


**Folders** [Add - Edit]

- Inbox (1219)
- Draft
- Sent
- Bulk (72) [Empty]
- Trash [Empty]
- My Folders [Hide]
  - 1and1
  - AWIL
  - Cellocity Staff (6)
  - Comodo
  - Copyright (2)
  - Donations
  - Fedora Help Ark... (18)
  - Go Daddy.com (63)
  - IBM (4)
  - IM names
  - Jonathan Yaniv (18)
  - Kevin Miller
  - LogMeln
  - Microsoft Beta (6)
  - NewBulk
  - PLUG (100)
  - Passwords and a...
  - Spy der Mann
  - Staff Messages ... (82)
  - Steven (36)
  - Trixy (1)
  - VMWare Stuff
  - allexperts
  - cantenna (7)
  - ebay (182)
  - flaged (9)
  - fusor

Delete Reply Forward Spam Move...






This message is not flagged. [ Flag Message - Mark as Unread ] Printable View

**Date:** Mon, 10 Sep 2007 06:56:19 -0700  
**From:** "service@paypal.com" <paypalcustomersverified@accountantemail.com> [Add to Address Book](#) [Add Mobile Alert](#)  
 Yahoo! DomainKeys has confirmed that this message was sent by gmail.com. [Learn more](#)  
**To:** paypalcustomersverified@accountantemail.com  
**Subject:** \*\*SHIPMENT NOTIFICATION IS NEEDED\*\*



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Dear Customer,

We advise you to get back to us immediately about the order of our client (Franc Forjan), your fund have been deducted from his account already and we await you to send confirmation notice of postage to us, once you get this done your account will be credited.

We contacted eBay on your behalf and the listing in which you were a selling participant has been activated back by eBay. Since the listing was ended by eBay before and we can confirm that (the bidding participant) ask us that he want to go ahead with the transaction itself because it is activated -Results OK and Good to Transact with the buyer

We advise you to get this done on time and get back to us before the next 12 hours.

Thank you.


Thank you for using pay pal.


**PAY PAL CUSTOMER CARE**

**Buyer Shipping Information**

**Name:** Oyeyemi Gbolagade  
**Address:** No7 Zone5 Sw9/1525A, T.F Makinde (Loss adjuster) Company Aba-Alamu, Bembo Road Apata.  
**City:** Ibadan,  
**State:** Oyo State  
**Zipcode:** 23402  
**Country:** Nigeria  
**Address Status:** Confirmed

**BUYER'S SHIPPING OPTIONS :**





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