

# Underground Passageways: Navigating the World of Credential Theft



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- CybeWarFare Labs is UK-based Ed-tech company.
- Specializes in cybersecurity cyber range labs.
- Offers on-demand educational services.
- Emphasizes the importance of adapting to evolving threats and client needs.
- Operates with two primary divisions:
- 1. Cyber Range Labs
- 2. Up-Skilling Platform





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# Forms of Credential Theft



1. Phishing Email



2. Data Breaches



3. Social Engineering Ø---Ø

4. Malicious Tools



# Forms of Credential Theft

#### Phishing Emails

 Cybercriminals send deceptive emails that appear legitimate, tricking recipients into revealing their login credentials or sensitive data.
 Phishing is a common entry point for attackers seeking to gain unauthorized access.

#### Data Breaches:

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 Organizations store vast amounts of user data, making them attractive targets for hackers. A data breach occurs when unauthorized individuals gain access to this data, potentially exposing usernames, passwords, and other personal information.



# Forms of Credential Theft

#### Social Engineering

 This technique exploits human psychology to convince individuals to divulge confidential information. Attackers often impersonate trusted entities, exploiting trust to extract credentials.

#### Credential Theft Tools:

 Sophisticated attackers use specialized software like keylogger, mimikatz, custom built scripts etc. to extract credentials from the systems. These tools can extract passwords and credentials from compromised machines, posing a significant threat to security.



# **Credential Theft Tools**







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# Mimikatz: Lsass

Mimikatz has ability to extract credentials from:



Live Isass process memory (online)



Lsass dump from disk (offline)



# WDigest

- WDigest Authentication is type of challenge/response protocol
  - Introduced in Windows XP
  - Primarily used for LDAP and web-based authentication
- By Default WDigest password caching is disabled in modern version of OS



# WDigest - Default Dumping

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Logon Time	: 7/25/2023 12:55:57 PM
SID	: 5-1-5-21-4009318509-320715369-808767702-10
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### WDigest - Enable Credential Caching

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**UTF8SASL** 

100 UseLogonCredential

ServiceAggregatedEvent

ServiceGroupOrder

ServiceProvider

### WDigest - Enable Credential Caching

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Dumping clear text password after enabling WDigest credential caching



# **WDigest Extraction - Internals: I\_LogSessList structure**

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 struct \_KIWI\_WDIGEST\_LIST\_ENTRY \*Flink;
 struct \_KIWI\_WDIGEST\_LIST\_ENTRY \*Blink;
 ULONG UsageCount;
 struct \_KIWI\_WDIGEST\_LIST\_ENTRY \*This;
 LUID LocallyUniqueIdentifier;
 KIWI\_WDIGEST\_LIST\_ENTRY, \*PKIWI\_WDIGEST\_LIST\_ENTRY;
}

typedef struct \_KIWI\_GENERIC\_PRIMARY\_CREDENTIAL {

LSA\_UNICODE\_STRING UserName;

LSA\_UNICODE\_STRING Domaine;

LSA\_UNICODE\_STRING Password;

} KIWI\_GENERIC\_PRIMARY\_CREDENTIAL, \*PKIWI\_GENERIC\_PRIMARY\_CREDENTIAL;



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00007FF8ACEEBD13	48:8958 08	mov gword ptr ds:[rax+8],rbx	
00007FF8ACEEBD17	48:8968 10	mov gword ptr ds:[rax+10],rbp	
00007FF8ACEEBD1B	48:8970 18	mov gword ptr ds:[rax+18],rsi	
00007FF8ACEEBD1F	48:8978 20	mov gword ptr ds:[rax+20].rdi	
00007FF8ACEEBD23	41:54	push r12	
00007FF8ACEEBD25	41:56	push r14	
00007FF8ACEEBD27	41:57	push r15	
00007FF8ACEEBD29	48:83EC 30	sub rsp,30	
00007FF8ACEEBD2D	33FF	xor edi,edi	
00007FF8ACEEBD2F	4D:8BF0	mov r14,r8	
00007FF8ACEEBD32	41:2138	and dword ptr ds:[r8],edi	
00007FF8ACEEBD35	48:8BEA	mov rbp,rdx	
00007FF8ACEEBD38	48:8BF1	mov rsi,rcx	
00007FF8ACEEBD3B	48:8B0D BEC20100	mov rcx,qword ptr ds:[ <wpp_global_control>]</wpp_global_control>	
00007FF8ACEEBD42	4C:8D3D B7C20100	<pre>lea r15,qword ptr ds:[<wpp_global_control>]</wpp_global_control></pre>	
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00007FF8ACEEBD53	👻 74 1F	je wdigest.7FF8ACEEBD74	
00007FF8ACEEBD55	F641 1C 80	test byte ptr ds:[rcx+1C],80	
00007FF8ACEEBD59	74 19	je wdigest.7FF8ACEEBD74	
00007FF8ACEEBD5B	8B06	mov eax,dword ptr ds:[rsi]	
00007FF8ACEEBD5D	8D57 17	lea edx,qword ptr ds:[rdi+17]	
00007FF8ACEEBD60	44:8B4E 04	mov r9d,dword ptr ds:[rsi+4]	
00007FF8ACEEBD64	4D:8BC4	mov r8,r12	
00007FF8ACEEBD67	48:8849 10	mov rcx,qword ptr ds:[rcx+10]	
00007FF8ACEEBD6B	894424 20	mov dword ptr ss:[rsp+20],eax	
00007FF8ACEEBD6F	E8 CC3BFFFF	call <wdigest.wpp_sf_dl></wdigest.wpp_sf_dl>	
00007FF8ACEEBD74	48:8D0D 25D10100	<pre>lea rcx,qword ptr ds:[<struct _rtl_critical_section="" l_logsesscritsect="">]</struct></pre>	
00007FF8ACEEBD7B	48:FF15 E65C0100	call qword ptr ds:[<&RtlEnterCriticalSection>]	
00007FF8ACEEBD82	0F1F4400 00	nop dword ptr ds:[rax+rax].eax	
00007FF8ACEEBD87	48:8B1D 3AD10100	mov rbx, gword ptr ds: [ <struct ]_logsesslist="" _list_entry="">]</struct>	
00007FF8ACEEBD8E	48:8D0D 33D10100	<pre>lea rcx, gword ptr ds: [<struct ]="" _list_entry="" logsesslist="">]</struct></pre>	
00007FF8ACEEBD95	48:3BD9	cmp_rbx,rcx	

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# WDigest Extraction - Internals: Password Decryption





# Certified Red Team — CredOps Infiltrator (CRT-COI)



https://cyberwarfare.live/product/certified-red-team-credops-infiltrator -crt-coi/



# Certified Red Team — CredOps Infiltrator (CRT-COI)

- Explore Windows Credential and Storage Internals
  Explore DPAPI, WDigest, LSASS, WiFi, Browser, Registry, etc.
- Learn to perform General Evasion
- Manual Dumping Credentials



# Certified Red Team — CredOps Infiltrator (CRT-COI): Roadmap

Study the Materials & Practise the Exercises



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Attempt the Quizzes





# Certified Red Team — GredOps Infiltrator (CRT-COI): Giveaway



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