



# Big Browser

Attacking & Defending the Process that Knows Everything.

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# What are Secrets?

- Passwords (duh)
- Cookies
- Stored Data
  - Credit Card Info
  - Stored Addresses
  - Etc.



## New Emotet Variant Stealing Users' Credit Card Information from Google Chrome

📅 June 08, 2022 👤 Ravie Lakshmanan

<https://thehackernews.com/2022/06/new-emotet-variant-stealing-users.html>



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# Where are the Secrets?

- Keyed-in data
- Intercepted Communications
- On disk
- In memory
- Information delivered by the browser  
(if you ask nicely)





# ○ Keylogging



# Keylogging

Recording secrets. One keystroke at a time.

## Hardware



## TikTok's in-app browser could be keylogging, privacy analysis warns

Natasha Lomas @riptari / 5:36 AM CDT • August 19, 2022

 Comment



## Software

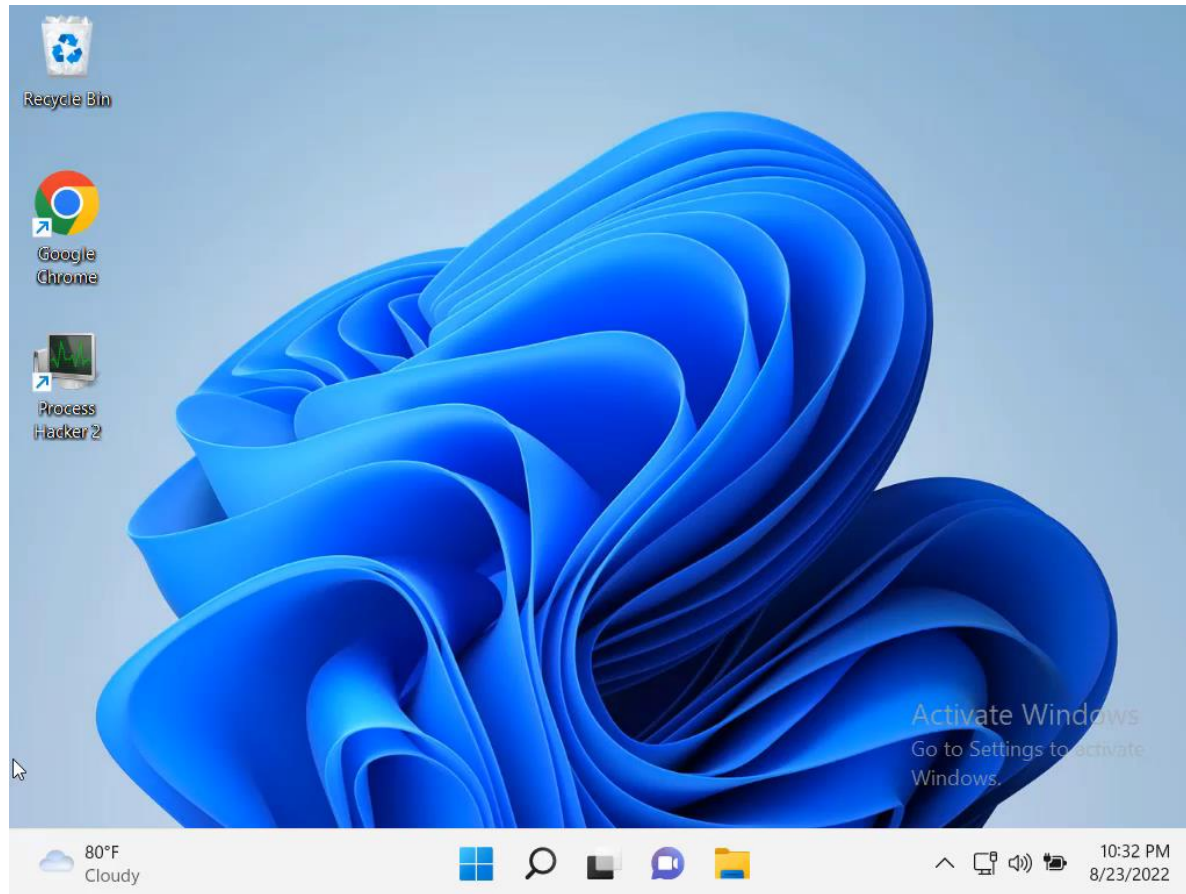
- **Real Free Keylogger** (link [here](#))
- **Basic-Windows-keylogger** (GitHub [here](#), blog [here](#))
- **EVERY C2** out there

(Cobalt Strike, Metasploit, PowerShell Empire, Brute Ratel, etc.)



# Demo

Basic-Windows-keylogger (GitHub [here](#), blog [here](#))



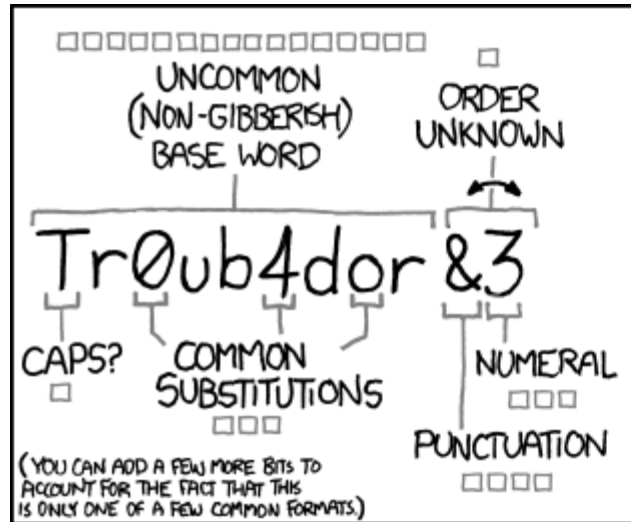
BRACE YOURSELF

~~IT'S A LIVE~~  
DEMO





# XKCD – Password Strength



~28 BITS OF ENTROPY

$2^{28} = 3 \text{ DAYS AT } 1000 \text{ GUESSES/SEC}$

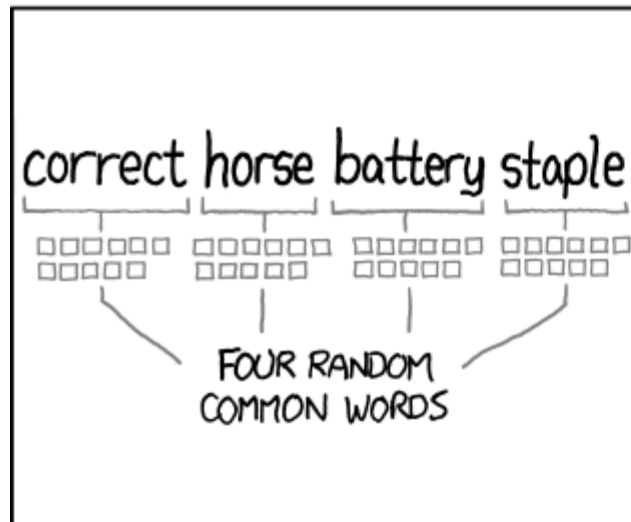
(PLAUSIBLE ATTACK ON A WEAK REMOTE WEB SERVICE. YES, CRACKING A STOLEN HASH IS FASTER, BUT IT'S NOT WHAT THE AVERAGE USER SHOULD WORRY ABOUT.)

DIFFICULTY TO GUESS: **EASY**

WAS IT TROMBONE? NO, TROUBADOR. AND ONE OF THE 0s WAS A ZERO?

AND THERE WAS SOME SYMBOL...

DIFFICULTY TO REMEMBER: **HARD**



~44 BITS OF ENTROPY

$2^{44} = 550 \text{ YEARS AT } 1000 \text{ GUESSES/SEC}$

DIFFICULTY TO GUESS: **HARD**

THAT'S A BATTERY STAPLE.

CORRECT!

DIFFICULTY TO REMEMBER: **YOU'VE ALREADY MEMORIZED IT**

THROUGH 20 YEARS OF EFFORT, WE'VE SUCCESSFULLY TRAINED EVERYONE TO USE PASSWORDS THAT ARE HARD FOR HUMANS TO REMEMBER, BUT EASY FOR COMPUTERS TO GUESS.



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# Mitigation

Keylogging is a broad general issue that is not specific to browsers, and there are various commercial anti-keylogging products available.

- Ghostpress [[Link here](#)]
- KL-Detector [[Link here](#)]

Password Managers



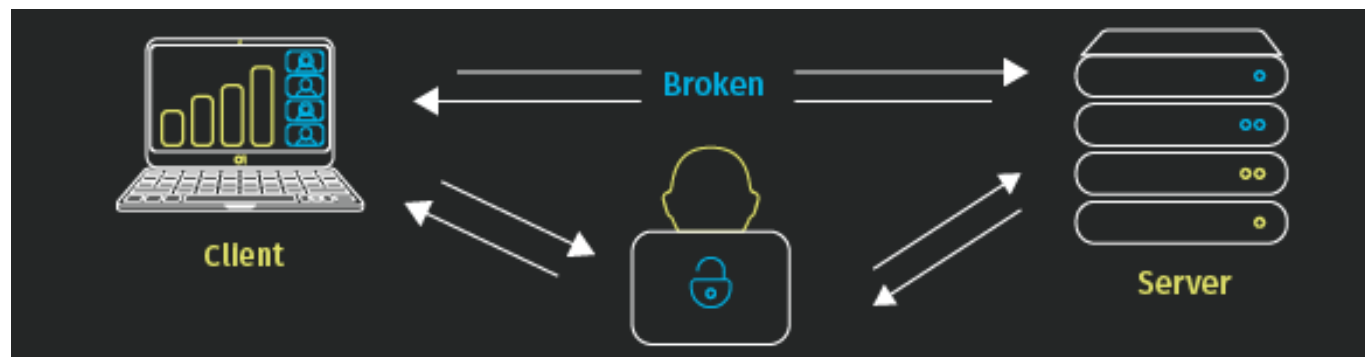
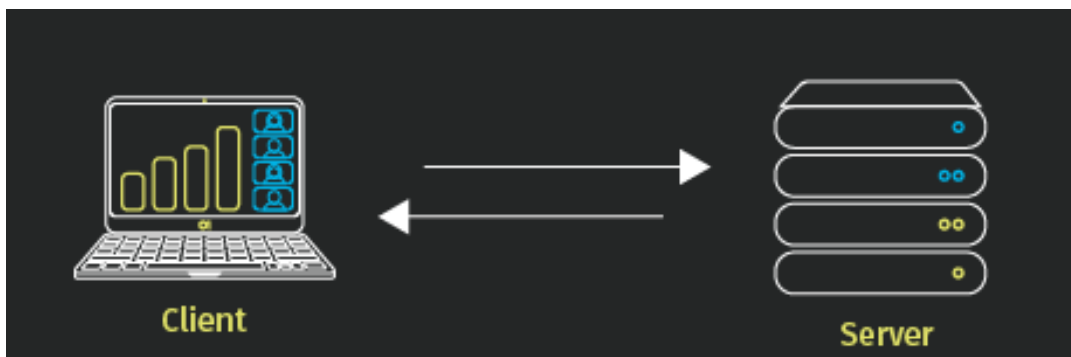


# ○ In-line Attacks



## In-line attack. (MITRE T1539, MITRE T1557)


- “This issue is out of the scope of this presentation and is included in this list of attack vectors on browsers for the sake of completeness.”
- An in-line attack on the connection between the browser and the server of a web application can capture clear-text passwords and cookies (with “tokens”) if the communication is not secured (HTTP and not HTTPS).





# Examples:

- Evilginx 2 [GitHub [here](#)] [Blog [here](#)]
- EvilProxy
- MITMF [Link [here](#)]
- Social Engineering Toolkit (SET) [Link [here](#)]

 **Jeremy Kirk**  
@Jeremy\_Kirk

Bypassing MFA at a big scale may be possible with "EvilProxy" a cybercriminal service discovered by @RESecurity. It uses a reverse proxy to nab session cookies, a technique that's been used before but now is wrapped in a slick phishing kit. Yikes. [#infosec databreachtoday.com/cybercriminal-...](#)

[EvilProxy] Phishing as a Service / Фишинг как услуга  
by evilproxy · Monday July 4, 2022 at 09:48 AM

July 4, 2022, 09:48 AM (This post was last modified: July 12, 2022, 07:03 AM by evilproxy.)

**Reverse proxy**  
Our phishing pages are 100% identical

You get LOGIN, PASSWORD, COOKIES and more info about user

Мы можем помочь вам повысить устойчивость к фишинговым атакам. Наши симуляции фишинга поддерживаются программной платформой с полным набором функций, необходимых для проведения фишинговых кампаний. **Получите демоверсию совершенно бесплатно на 1 день!**

**GOD User**

**GOD**

Posts: 6  
Threads: 1  
Joined: May 2022  
Reputation: 10

**We can help you improve your resilience against phishing attacks. Phishing simulations are supported by an in-house developed software. Get a demo completely free 1 day!**

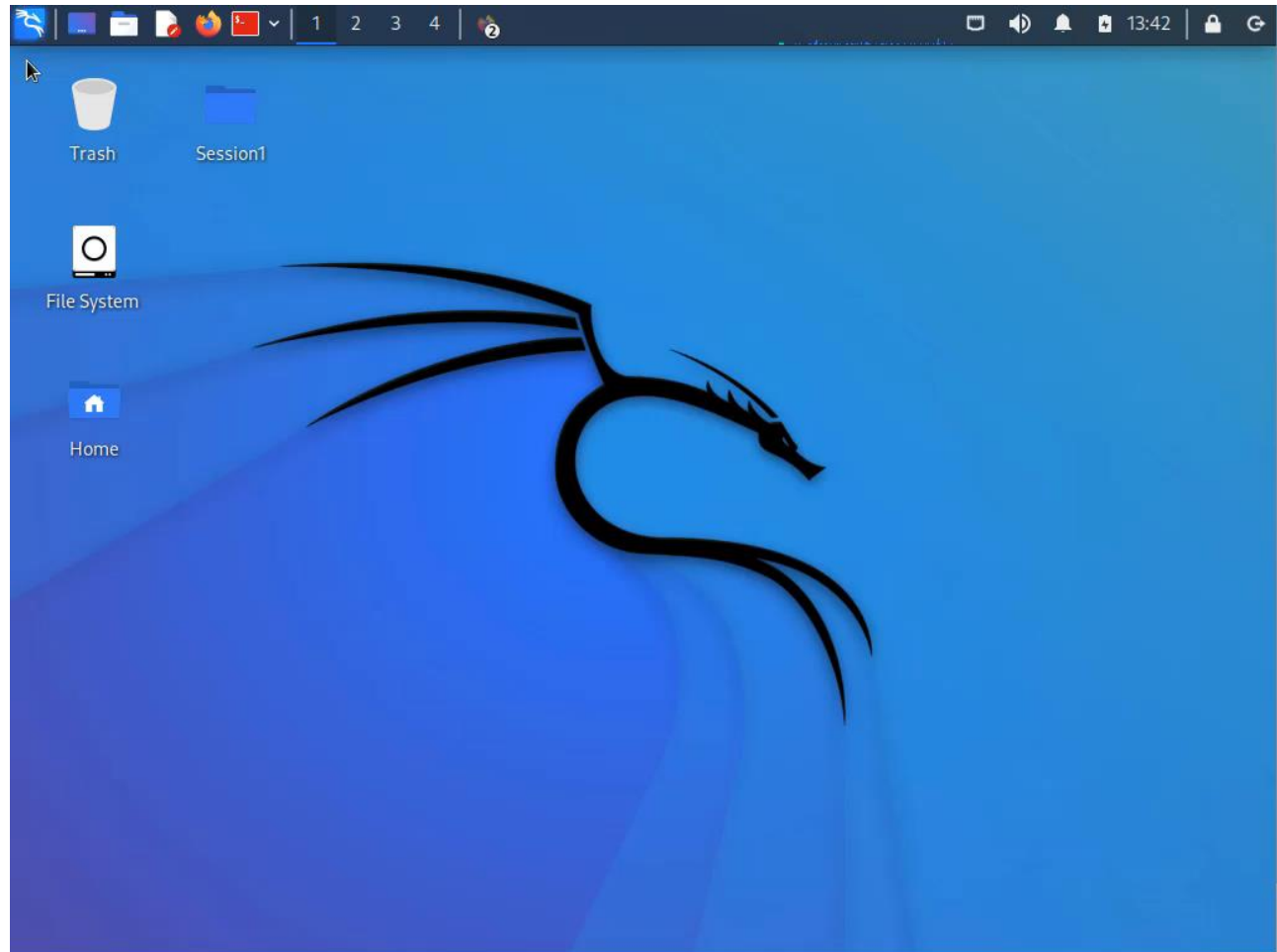
**+ Services:**

- google.com 10/20/31 days = 250/450/600\$ (Click!)
- microsoft 10/20/31 days = 150/250/400\$ (Hotmail, CORP, Remote)
- icloud.com 10/20/31 days = 150/250/400\$ (auto token/cookies ref)
- dropbox.com 10/20/31 days = 150/250/400\$ (also sign in with google)
- github.com 10/20/31 days = 150/250/400\$
- linkedin 10/20/31 days = 150/250/400\$

5:34 AM · Sep 5, 2022 · Twitter Web App



# Demo: Social Engineering Toolkit





# Mitigation

- Encryption
  - TLS/SSL
  - VPN
- End User Awareness



# —○ Secrets on Disk







# Secrets stored on disk.

- Stored by Chromium in disk files using DPAPI encryption
  - Cached logon credentials used as decryption key.

**AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default>Login Data**

MITRE T1555/003

<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1555/003/>



# Examples:

- ChromePass [Link [here](#)]
- LaZagne [Link [here](#)]
- HackChrome [Link [here](#)]



# DEMO TIME!



Command Prompt

```
C:\temp>
```





# Mitigation

Block unauthorized processes from accessing sensitive browser files.

`AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default>Login Data`

`"?:\Users\*\AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User Data\*\Login Data"`

- Direct READ access (*i.e. copy operation*)
- File or path rename operation  
(*which might take the file out of the scope defined above*)
- Zipping or archiving by any standard program  
(*i.e. tar.exe should not be authorized to access this file*)

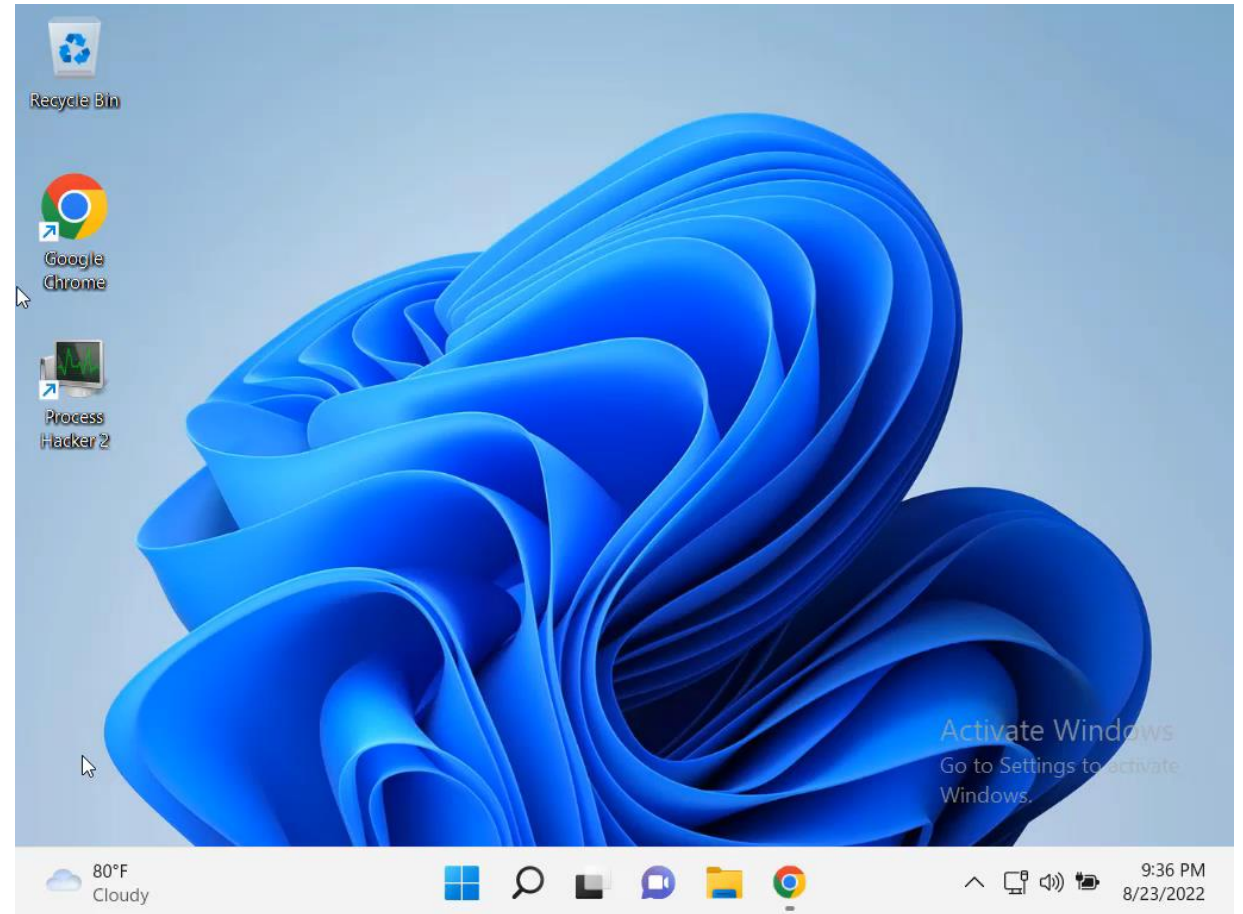
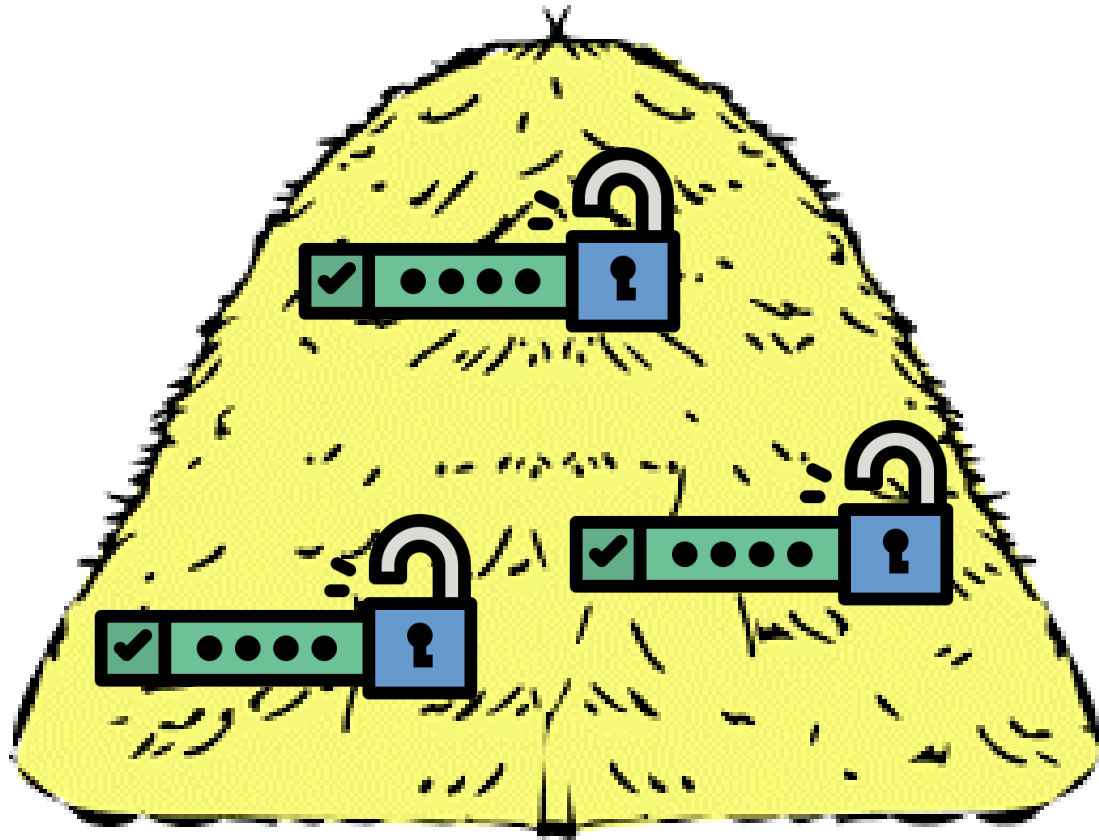


# —○ Secrets in Memory





# Cleartext Secrets in Unprotected Memory







# Secrets in Memory

- Access browser from an external process
- Create a browser process
- Dump the memory of the browser process

MITRE T1555/003

<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1555/003/>



# Example

mimikittenz [GitHub [here](#)]



```
Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\Thomass> Invoke-mimikittenz

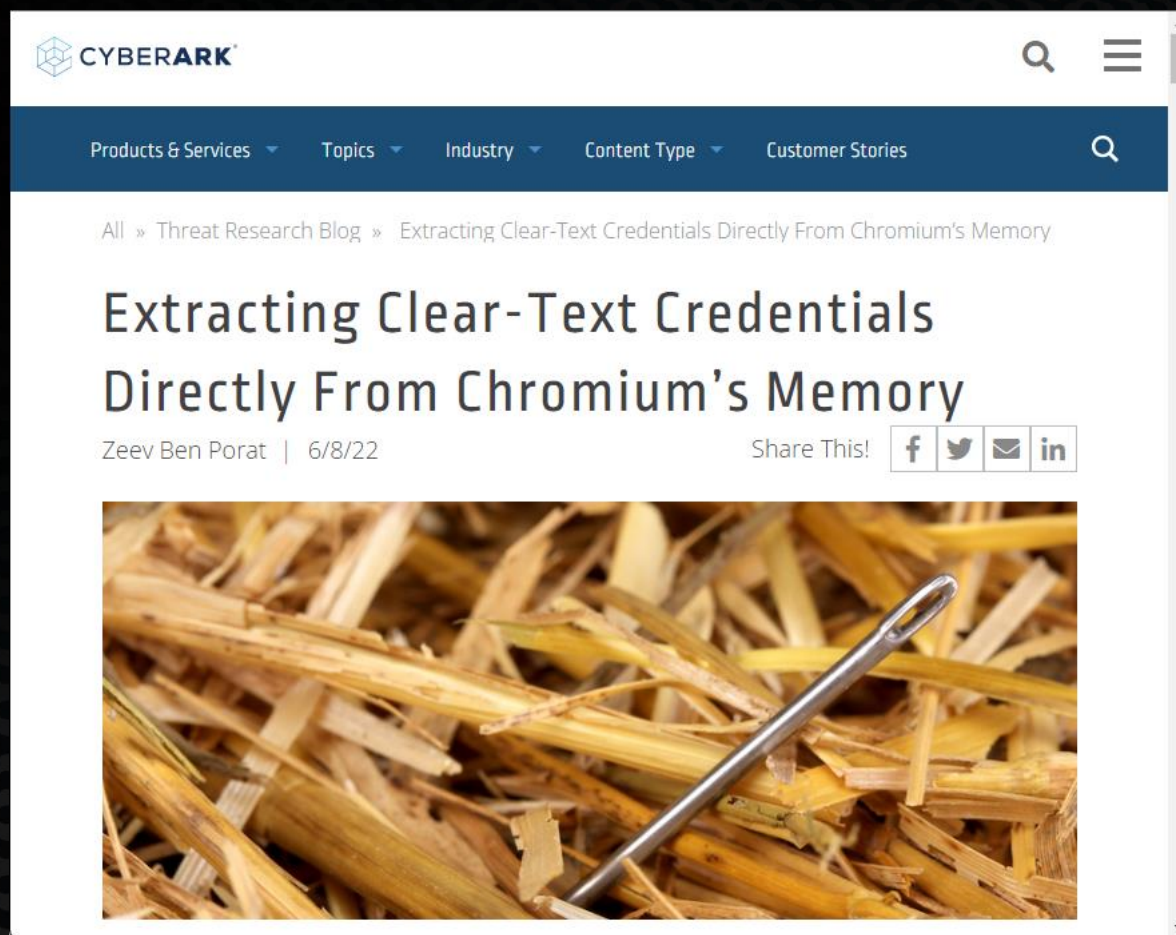
mimikittenz-1.0-alpha
CAN I HAZ WAM?
jamieson@dringensec.com

PatternName      PatternMatch
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Dropbox          login_email=papaluspall%40paypil.com&login_password=cro0ducile%40&
Slack             &crumb=s-1467644415-719b8f08a1-%E2%98%83&email=slacker%40slacker.com&password=slackmeup2&remember=on ...
Slack             &crumb=s-1467644415-719b8f08a1-%E2%98%83&email=slacker%40slacker.com&password=slackmeup2&remember=onon ID...
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Xero              fragment=&username=tfntrader%40ato.com&password=wherethetfns%40__RequestVerificationToken=
awsWebServices   &email=awsadmin%40test.com&create=0&password=gizmedeseawskeysbr0&metadata1=
Jira              username=jira%40test.com&password=testjira028%40&rememberMe=
Gmail             &Email=putterpanda%40gmail.com&Passwd=putterpandaAPTchall&PersistentCookie=
Dropbox          login_email=dropppingboxes%40trustyemail.com&login_password=testerouspasserous2&
Gmail             &Email=putterpanda@gmail.com&Passwd=putterpandaAPTchall&PersistentCookie=
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PS C:\Users\Thomass>
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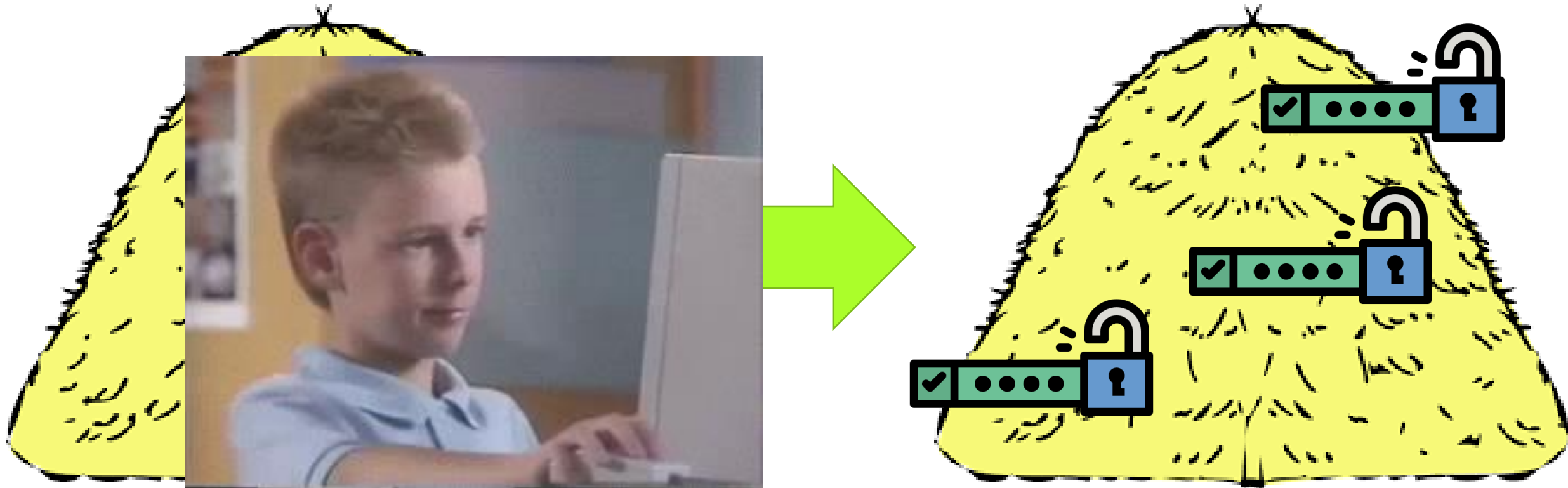


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# DEMO TIME!



# Chrome Password Manager Dump

- Forces the password manager to load all passwords into the memory.
- Extracts passwords (and associated usernames and URLs) from the memory.

```
Command Prompt - LocalMachine\Software\Classes\Chrome
::\AVtesting\TC2>whoami /priv

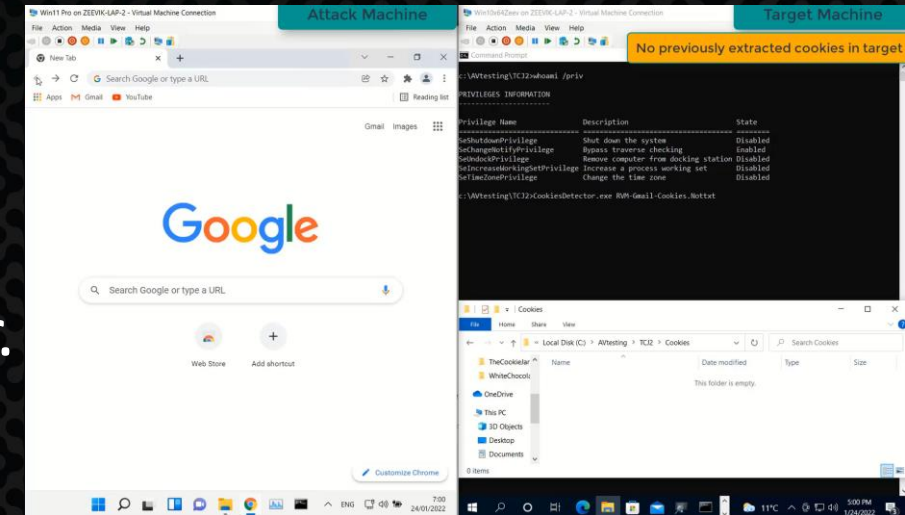
PRIVILEGES INFORMATION
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Privilege Name      Description              State
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SeShutdownPrivilege Shut down the system     Disabled
SeChangeNotifyPrivilege Bypass traverse checking Enabled
SeUndockPrivilege Remove computer from docking station Disabled
SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege Increase a process working set Disabled
SeTimeZonePrivilege Change the time zone      Disabled

::\AVtesting\TC2>
::\AVtesting\TC2>
::\AVtesting\TC2>
::\AVtesting\TC2>LoginDataExtractor.exe AutoRunChrome+
.
```



# Gmail Session Hijack

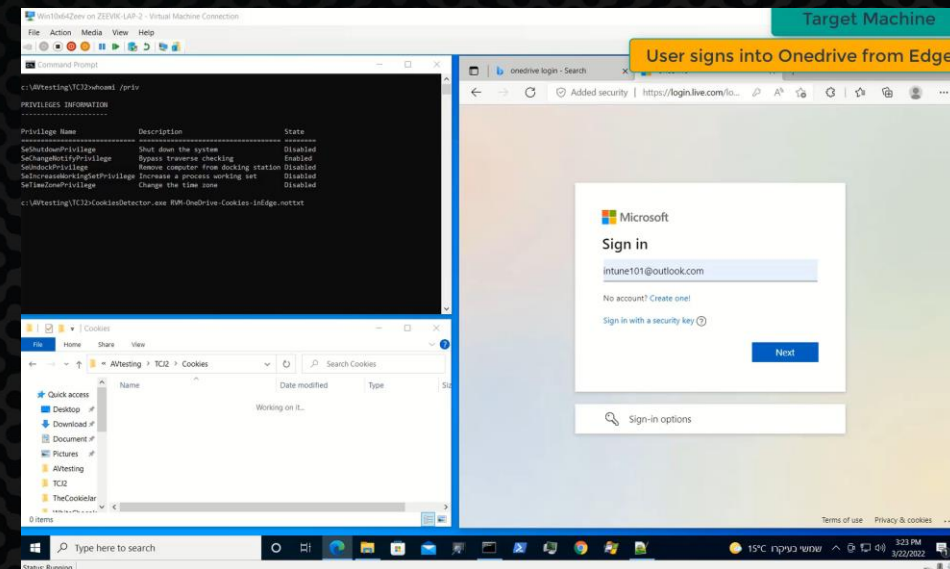
- Waiting for user to start a Gmail session.
- Extracting session cookies from memory.
- Activating “same” session on a remote computer.





# OneDrive Session Hijack (from Edge)

- Wait for user to start a OneDrive Session.
- Extract session cookies from memory.
- Encode cookies for Cookie Manager.
- Activate “same” session on remote computer.



## Genesis Wiki

**Genesis Store** - professional place that helps you to increase anonymity in World Wide Web.

Genesis Store specializing in selling:

- FingerPrints (FP),
- Cookies,
- Inject Scripts info,
- Form Grabbers (Logs),
- Saved Logins,
- Other personal data obtained from different devices in the WEB.

Each bot in the store may include all mentioned above info of partial.

To help you work with this information we have developed professional software:

**Genesis Security** - the proprietary plugin which can simplify your work with FingerPrints and Cookies of the bots (holders).

You may purchase all the necessary data on any bot (holder).

NB: we do not check the sources or the accounts, we provide the info «as it is».













Fingerprints may be obtained in 2 different ways:

- real FP scratched by bot from the user's Device,
- generated FP based on the data grabbed by bot on the user's Device.

To find usefull information how to use this service, you can look at following sections:



## Available Bots

COUNTRY	LAST 24H	LAST WEEK	LAST MONTH	AVAILABLE
Overall				
 221	+819	+6732	+28108	<a href="#">424654</a>
Grouped by 				
 US	+52	+641	+3061	<a href="#">13390</a>
 ES	+70	+559	+2265	<a href="#">34857</a>
 FR	+73	+536	+2227	<a href="#">40666</a>
 IT	+89	+585	+2202	<a href="#">57045</a>
 RO	+88	+564	+2086	<a href="#">22700</a>
 AR	+53	+482	+1901	<a href="#">17252</a>
 PL	+47	+464	+1684	<a href="#">19126</a>
 HU	+45	+426	+1559	<a href="#">13062</a>
 CL	+35	+372	+1429	<a href="#">10335</a>
 NP	+28	+265	+1245	9950





## Bots

Extended Search

☐ Enabled ☒ Resource name / URL ☐ Without Resources **Resources total** min max **\$ Price** mix max

paypal,ebay,hotmail.com...

☒ FormParser ☒ SavedLogins ☒ InjectScript ☐ Only Sale

**Bot Name** Bot name **Bot OS** Win **Fingerprints (browsers)** min max

**Date Install** from yyyy-mm-dd to yyyy-mm-dd **Last Update** from yyyy-mm-dd to yyyy-mm-dd **Bot Country** Any country **IP** 95.123

Reset all Reset Search

BOT NAME/	RESOURCES KNOWN / OTHER	COUNTRY / HOST	PRICE
Filter bot name	Any	Filter resource name/domain: paypal,ebay.com,hotmail.com...	US
<a href="#">258498755844CAF0CD64FA768CE149A5</a>	<div><div> Instagram</div><div> Tumblr</div><div> Office365</div><div> EtsyStore</div><div> wifiguest.ecsd.net</div></div> <div><div> Netflix</div><div> ShutterflyStore</div><div> Live</div><div> Amazon</div><div> EANetwork</div></div> <div><div> Google</div><div> Twitter</div><div> Steam</div><div> WishStore</div><div> Indig...</div></div>	US 46.244... Windows 10 Home	59.00
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937F534FCFE2384B8E251C7A6F5ACA40

Country	US
Resources	77
Browsers	2
Installed	2021-09-02 16:24:44
Updated	2021-09-02 17:45:11
Ip	76.189...
Os	Windows 10 Home
Price Usd	24.00

Browsers for Genesis Security:

Last update info: 2021-09-02 17:45:11

937F534FCFE2384B8E251C7A6F5ACA40

- edge
  - Cookies 31 (2021-09-02 17:43:13)
- chrome
  - Cookies 1556 (2021-09-02 17:43:13)

Resources: 77 = 0 77 0

Know resources: 18

Google	3	Steam	3	Airdroid	2	Box	1	Facebook	1	Live	1
MEGAnz	1	WishStore	1	Office365	1	Dropbox	1	Points2shop	1	Bankmobil...	1
Vimeo	1										

Other resources: 59

www.asecampus.com	2	www.wizard101.com	2	stark.mywconline.com	2	plarium.com	1
watchseries.cr	1	forums.nexusmods.com	1	popplet.com	1	poster.gamesprite.me	1
www.explorelearning.com	1	accounts.nintendo.com	1	www.sidereel.com	1	manage.airpush.com	1
www.coolflashcards.com	1	www.nexusmods.com	1	login.cengagebrain.com	1	starkstate.emsicc.com	1
www.pandora.com	1	sep.snapon.com	1	login3.id.hp.com	1	my.scloud.live	1
bankmobilevibe.com	1	www.darkness-realm.com	1	www.filmlush.com	1	accounts.fitbit.com	1
tubitv.com	1	www.getrave.com	1	bethesda.net	1	www.supertracker.usda.gov	1
ssc-cas2.starkstate.edu	1	ssc-cas1.starkstate.edu	1	sso.pokemon.com	1	www.romulation.net	1...

Last update Saved Logins: 2021-09-02 16:48:52

Last update Form Parser: 1970-01-01 00:00:00

Last update Inject Script: 1970-01-01 00:00:00

RESOURCE NAME / URL	SOURCE	DATASETS	BROWSER	KNOWN	GRABBED / UPDATED
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## C401B4177825109E5F8150FF882AEEEE

Add to Cart

Reserve

Buy

Country	US
Resources	19
Browsers	2
Installed	2021-08-27 18:25:54
Updated	2021-09-02 16:08:51
Ip	71.191...
Os	Windows 10 Home
Price Usd	17.00

1 fingerprints

Browsers for Genesis Security:

Last update info: 2021-09-02 16:08:51

## C401B4177825109E5F8150FF882AEEEE

edge

Cookies 408 (2021-08-27 18:56:18)

chrome

Cookies 47 (2021-08-27 18:56:18)

Configs 1:

Version Chrome 92 (Chrome 92.0.4515.159)

Config Update 2021-09-02 14:58:16

User Agent Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/92.0.4515.159 Safari/537.36

IP 66.176...

Resources: 19 = 1 18 0

## Know resources: 11

1	Live	4	Amazon	2	Google	2	Netflix	1	Alibaba	1	Facebook	1
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## Other resources: 8

1	evoload.io	1	www.encuentra24.com	1	mls.foreclosure.com	1	learn.canvas.net	1
1	www.puntosreales.com	1	puntosreales.com	1	id.tigo.com	1	micuenta.tigo.com.ni	1

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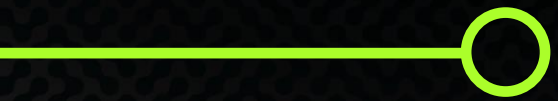
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# Mitigation

**Block unauthorized processes from accessing browser's memory.**

- Only binaries signed by the developer. (i.e. Google)
- Only binaries where OriginalFileName = "chrome.exe"





# Ask the Browser Nicely

*(Command Line Arguments)*





# Command line arguments

“Alex” (@mangopdf) published in 2018 a method to activate the browser with a command line parameter (- -remote-debugging-port) that lets you ask the browser “nicely” to give you all its cookies.



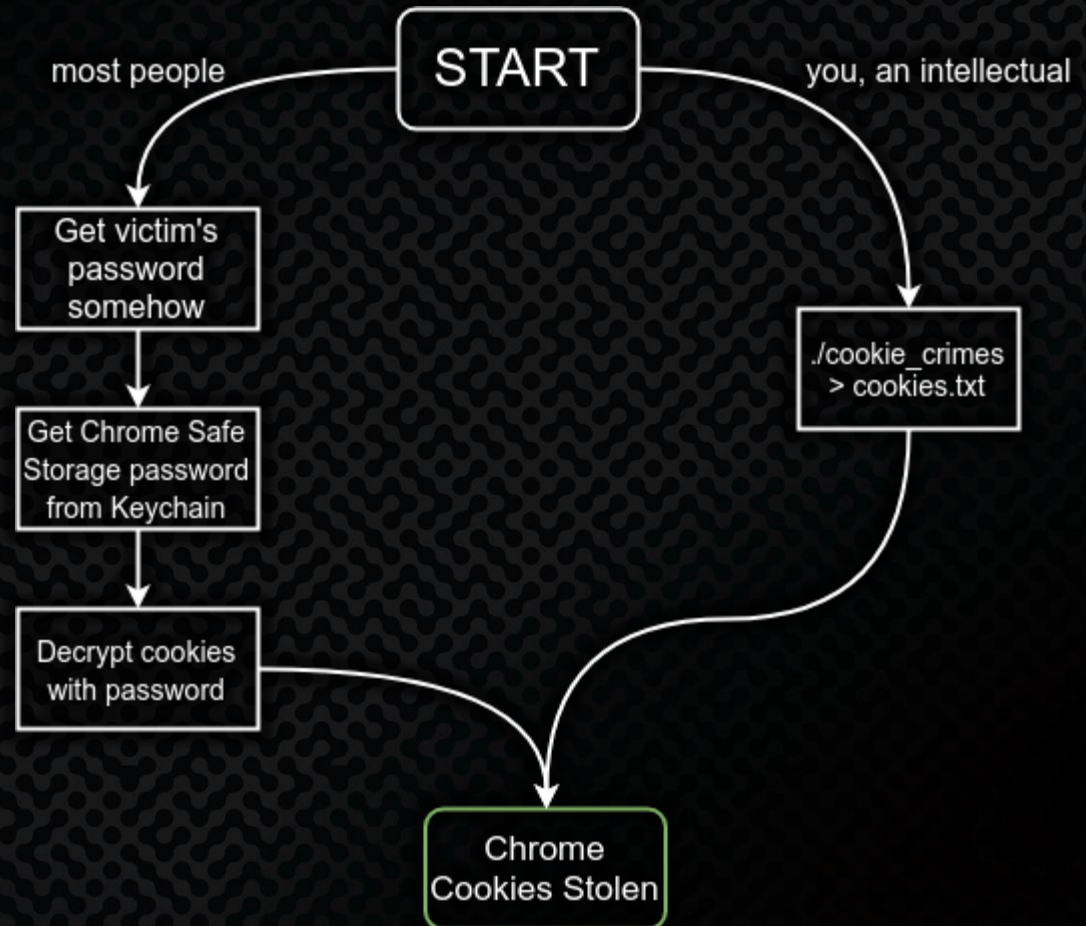
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWAetsJqey0>



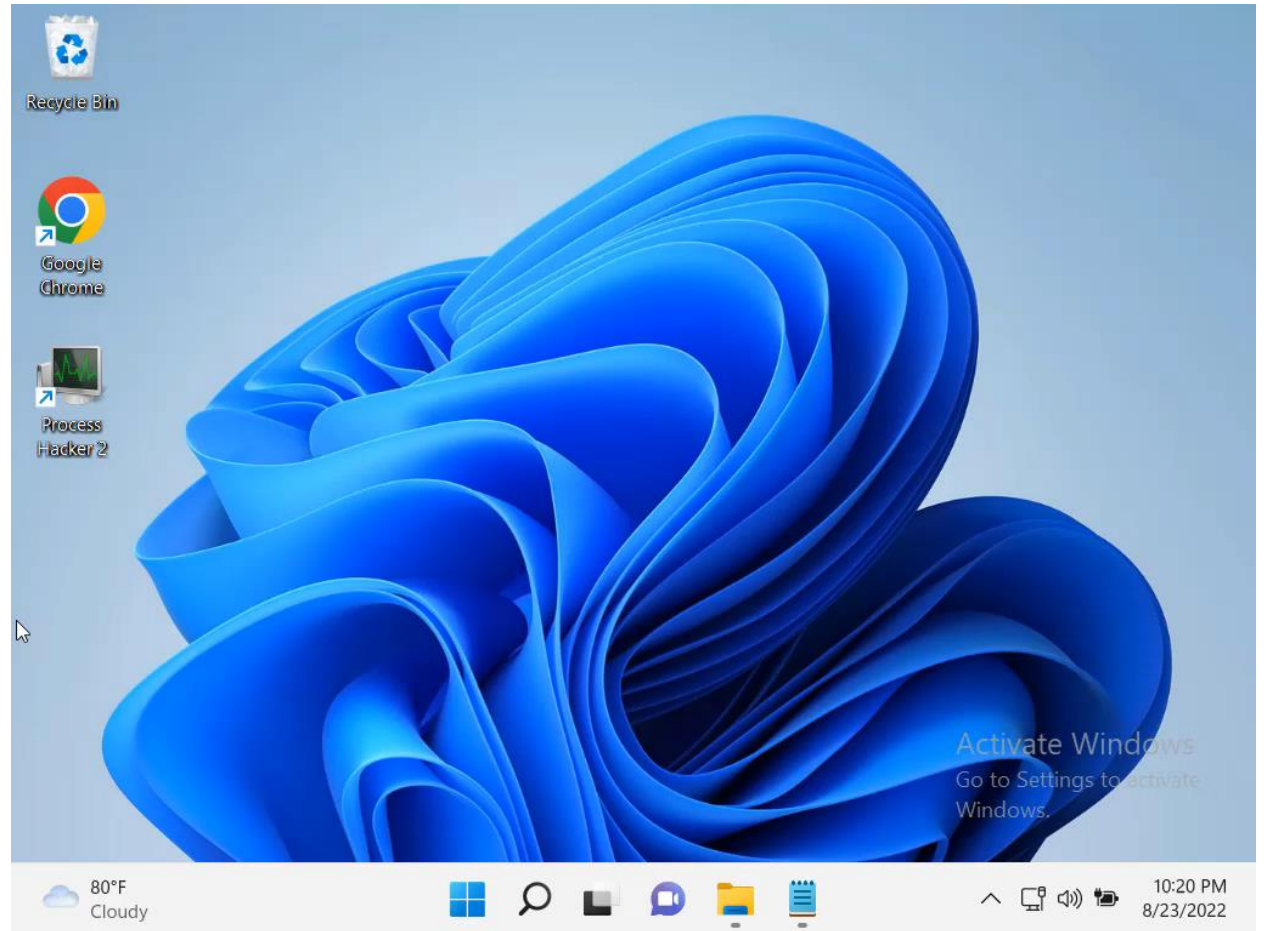
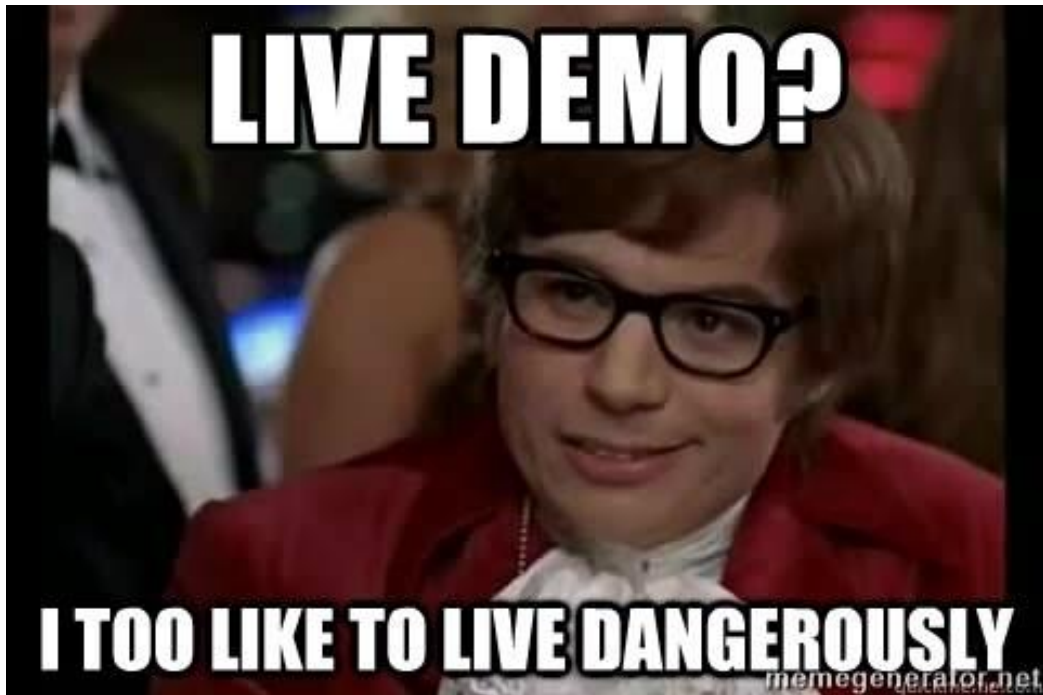


# Example – Cookie Crimes

[GitHub [here.](#)] [“Alex”’s Blog [here](#)]



# DEMO – Cookie Crimes





# Mitigation

Block unauthorized processes from creating a browser with “dangerous” command line arguments

- `--remote-debugging-port`
  - Track **all** browser debugging ports that are currently open.
  - Allow only specific applications (e.g.: ChromeDriver.exe) to connect to these ports.
- `--remote-debugging-pipe`
- `-- headless`





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# Summary of Secrets

- Keyed-in data
- Intercepted Communications
- On disk
- In memory
- Information delivered by the browser  
(if you ask nicely)



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# Mitigation Summary

- Deny any access to sensitive files
- Deny any access to browser's VM
- Prevent unauthorized processes from creating the browser process
- Block suspicious command line options when browser is created





Thank you!



Terima kasih!

