Mimikatz for Show, DPAPI for Pro

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Separation of Privilege







Scenario - Supakorp

- Modern Security Controls
- Virtual desktop access
- Compromised a privileged account
- Objective is in Azure AD
- Developers have access





"Living off the Land"



Approach

Identify Targets Users

Identify Target Systems

Access Devices

Credential Access

T1087.002 - Domain Account T1069.002 - Domain Groups

T1018 – Remote System Discovery

T1046 – Network Service Discovery T1135 – Network Share Discovery T1021.002 – SMB/Windows Admin Shares

T1053.005 – Scheduled Task
T1555 – Credentials from Password Stores
T1555.003 – Credentials from Web Browsers
T1539 – Steal Web Session Cookie



Identify Target Users & Systems

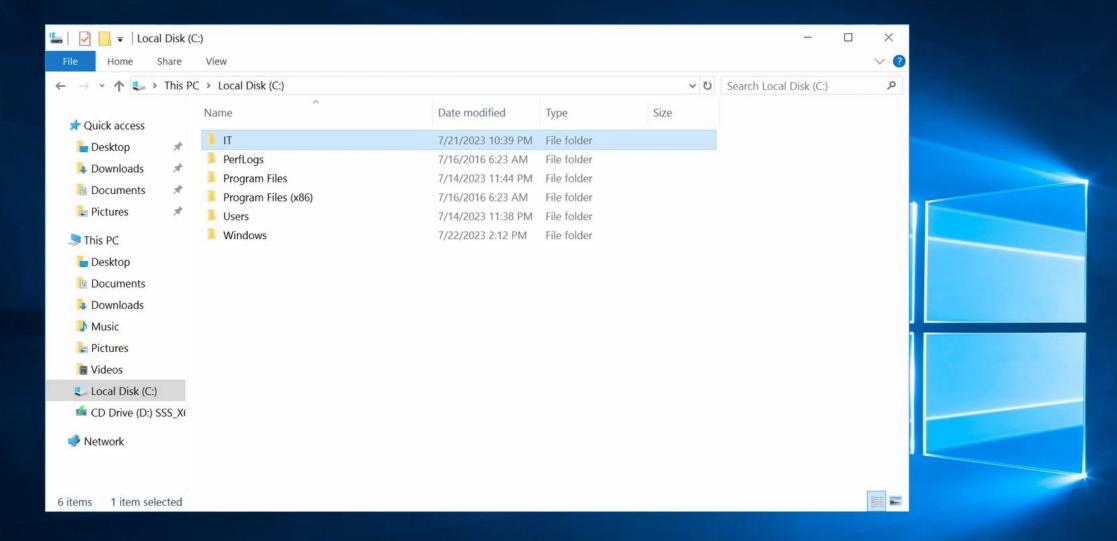


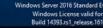




Recycle Bin





















Identify Target Users & Systems

How odd.... Ol' Douglass in accounting is doing an awful lot of administration

- Detection Business as Usual (BAU) account using administrator tools
- Prevent Block administrator tools for BAU accounts
 - Bonus: Break malware's initial execution chains
- False positives? Too many?





"The actors use tools already available on the victim network—and, as needed, add additional tools, such as Windows Sysinternals..."

CISA - Conti Ransomware - https://www.cisa.gov/news-events/alerts/2021/09/22/conti-ransomware

nltest /domain_trusts
net group 'Domain Admins' /domain
ping.exe -4 -n 1 *

ACSC - #StopRansomware: BianLian Ransomware Group - https://www.cyber.gov.au/about-us/advisories/stopransomware-bianlian-ransomware-group

ipconfig /all
net group "Domain Admins" /dom
netstat –ano

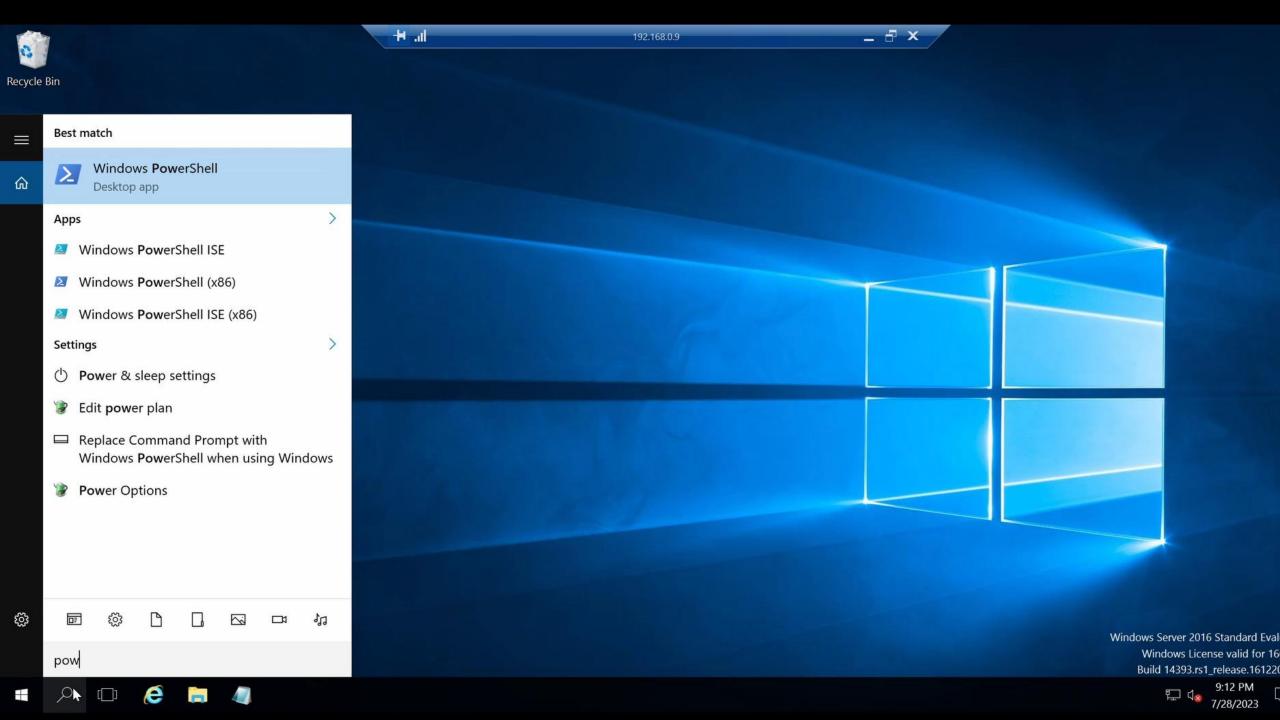


CISA - People's Republic of China State-Sponsored Cyber Actor Living off the Land to Evade Detection https://www.cisa.gov/news-events/cybersecurity-advisories/aa23-144a

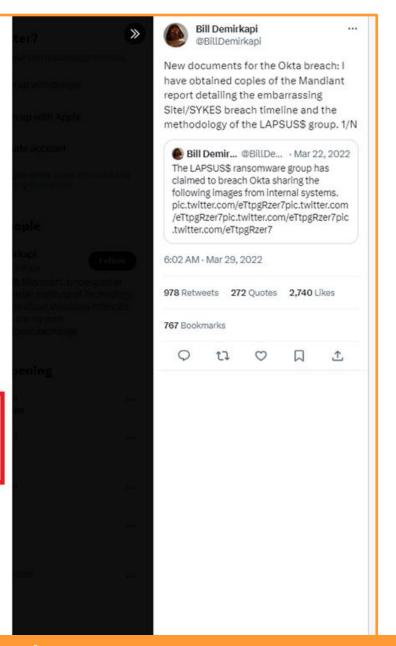
Access Devices







2022-01-20 18:56:00	C:\system.hiv created on [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 18:57:17	C:\Users\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]\Documents\mimikatz_trunk\x64\hash.txt	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 18:58:05	hxxps://pastebin.com/7E30i24r by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 19:06:43	RDP logon by [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED] from [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Move Laterally
2022-01-20 19:53:31	Bing search for Process Hacker by [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Establish Foothold
2022-01-20 19:55:37	Process Hacker downloaded from hxxps://objects.githubusercontent.com	Establish Foothold
2022-01-20 19:55:58	Bing search for Mimikatz by [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 19:57:07	Mimikatz downloaded from hxxps://github.com by [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 20:58:31	RDP disconnect from [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED] by [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Move Laterally
2022-01-20 23:02:41	First malicious logon by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com to 0365	Initial Compromise
2022-01-21 00:05:15	[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com accessed hxxps://[INTERNAL URL REDACTED]/personal/[INTERNAL USER NAME REDACTED]/Documents/Projects/ryk/DomAdmins-LastPass.xlsx via SecureLink	Internal Recon
2022-01-21 03:29:30	REDACTED]@sykes[.]com	maintain Fresence
2022-01-21 05:29:51	[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED] added to TenantAdmins group by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com	Maintain Presence
2022-01-21 05:39:13	Malicious Email Transport rule to forward to BCC all mail to the accounts [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com and [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Establish Foothold
2022-01-21 14:11:38	Last malicious logon by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com to O365	Complete Mission



LAPSUS\$ Breach of Okta - Timeline

Access Devices

- Need to account for:
 - Privileged account compromise
 - EDR will not detect everything
- Network Segregation
- Too hard? How about incrementally?

MFA on Remote Desktop - Not going to cut it

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Do not let PERFECT be the enemy of pretty GOOD

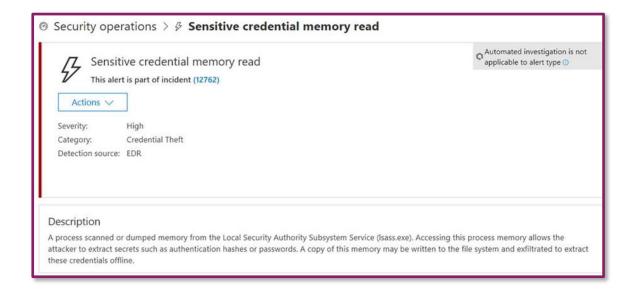




- "Traditional" Credential Access LSASS Dumping T1003.001
- Local Security Authority Service (LSASS)
- Memory contains the goodies

A tale as old as time itself:

- Pentester got local admin to a server...
- disconnected admin sessions...
- 3. Mimikatz...
- 4. Domain Administrator



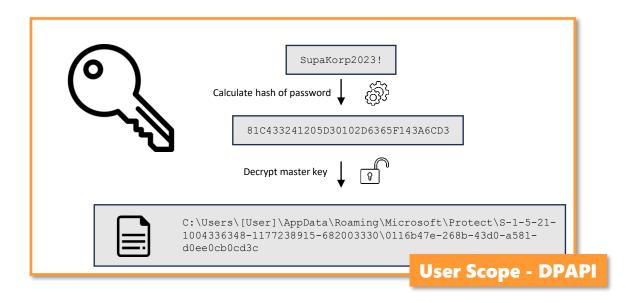
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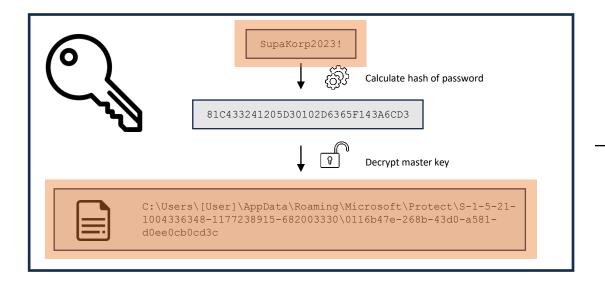
LSASS process is heavily monitored

- Data Protection API (DPAPI)
 - Encrypt/Decrypt
 - Windows manages the hard stuff
- Protects data at rest
- Data Protection Scope
 - User Any process running as the user
 - System Any process running on a system
- API uses a "master key"
 - Stored in a file
 - Encrypted User scope: password hash

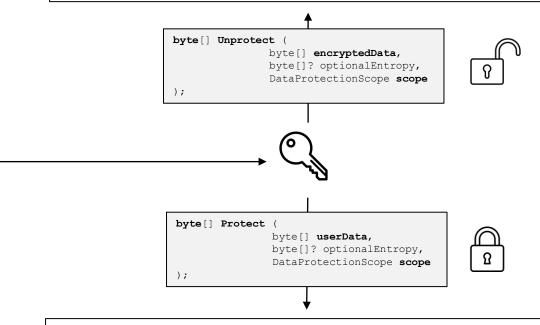
C# Interfaces







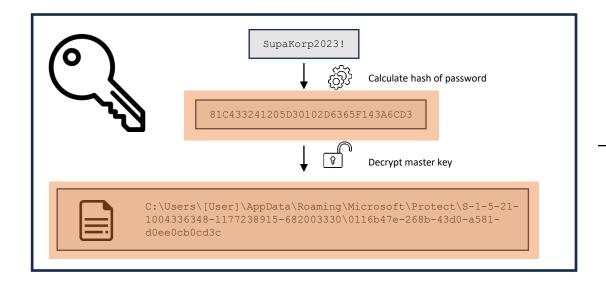
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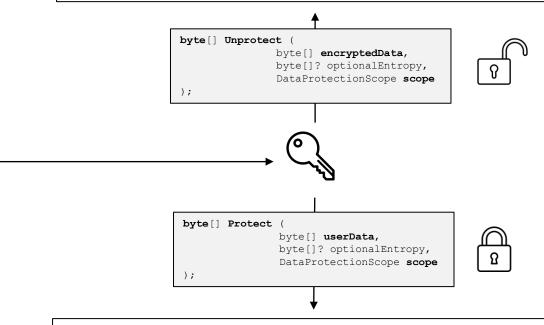
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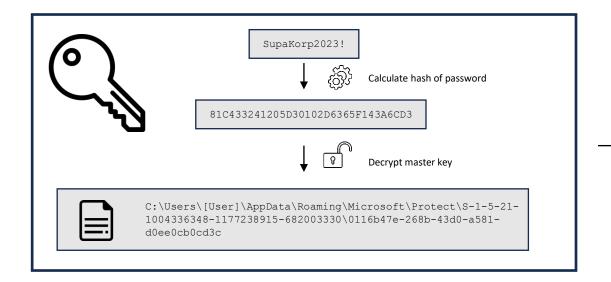
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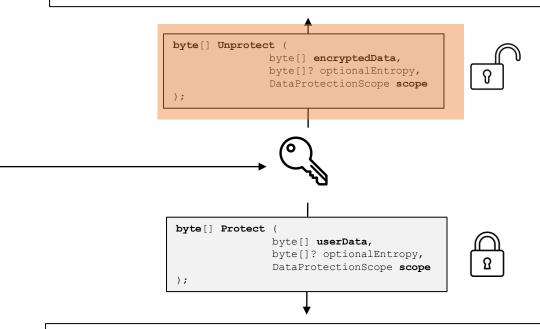
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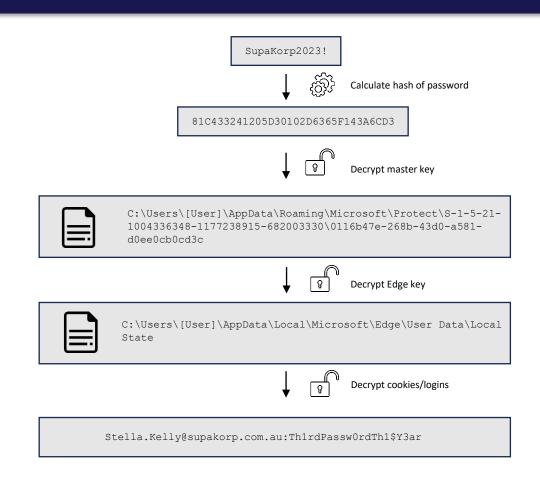
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 RDCM password entries encrypted with DPAPI

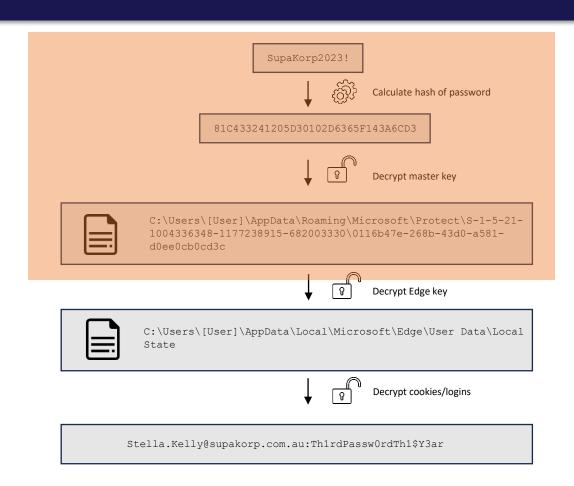
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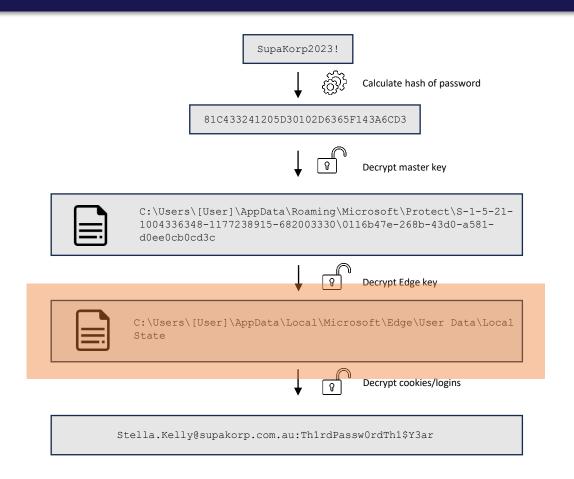
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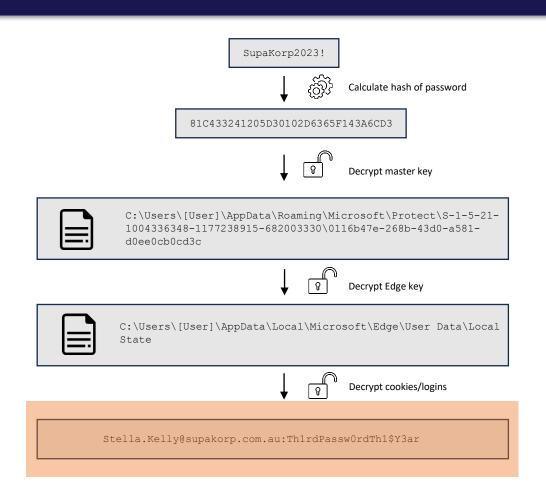
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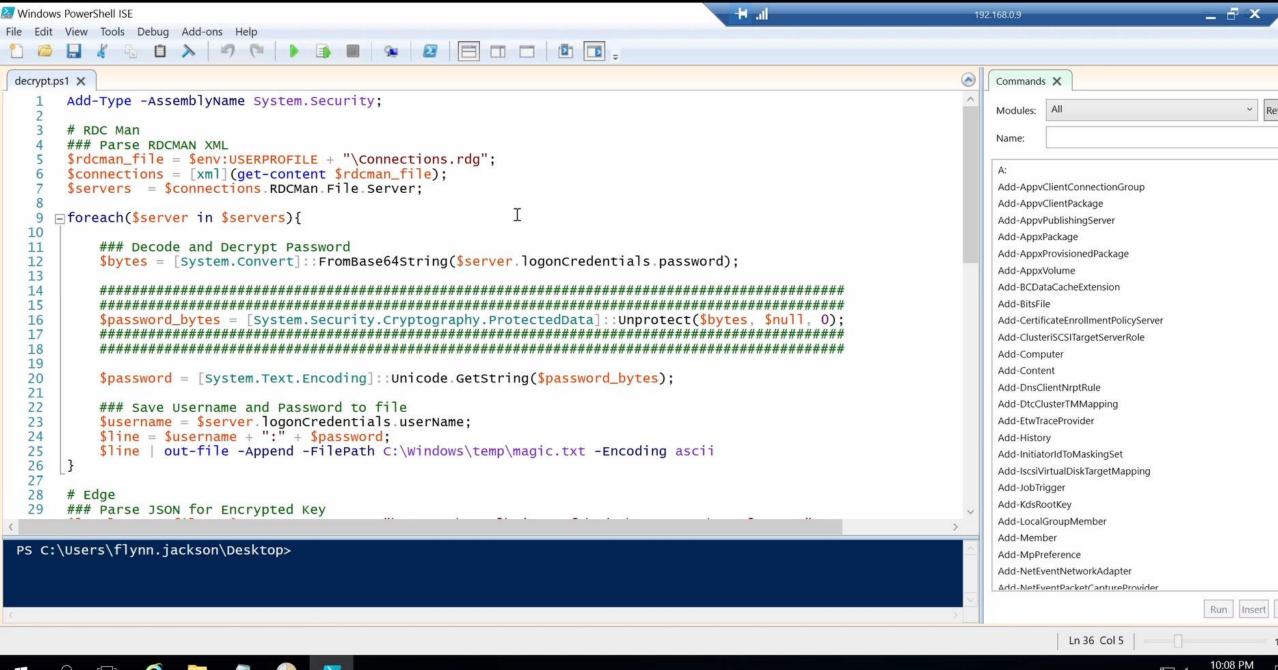


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- Privileged Access Workstations/Devices (PAWS/PADS)
- Jump server is achievable
- Remote Desktop with MFA
- Conditional Access Policies

"Cloud Only" accounts

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Securing devices as part of the privileged access story - https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/security/privileged-access-workstations/privileged-access-devices

Secure Administration - https://www.cyber.gov.au/resources-business-and-government/maintaining-devices-and-systems/system-hardening-and-administration/system-administration/secure-administration

Microsoft Azure Active Directory M365 Minimum Viable Secure Configuration Baseline -

 $https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Microsoft%20Azure%20Active%20Directory%20M365\%20Minimum%20Viable%20SCB \\ \%20Draft%20v0.1.pdf$



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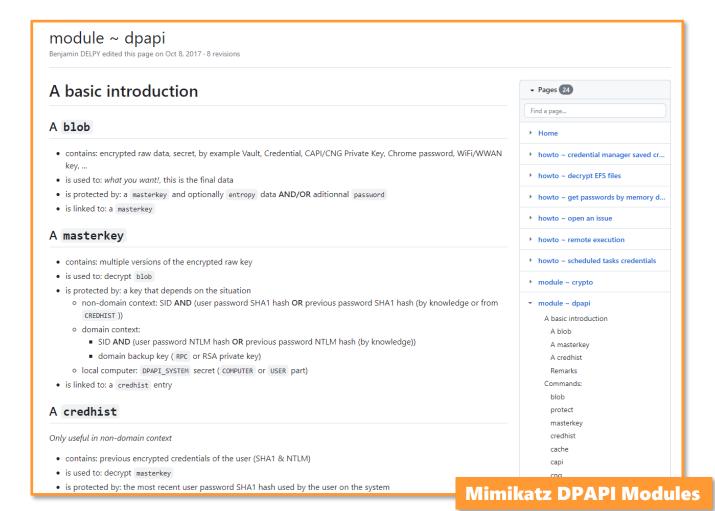
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