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Passware Software Makes Windows Computers Accessible to Law Enforcement Exposing Login Passwords in Minutes

Proprietary technology enables extraction of Windows login passwords from computer memory and hibernation files

Mountain View, Calif. (September 17, 2012) – [Passware, Inc.](#), a provider of password recovery, decryption, and electronic evidence discovery software for computer forensics, law enforcement organizations, government agencies and private investigators, announces that [Passware Kit Forensic v.12](#) – a new version of its flagship product – recovers Windows user login passwords from computer memory in a matter of minutes.

To reveal passwords of all previously logged-in users, Passware Kit Forensic v.12 captures live computer memory over FireWire or uses a hibernation file, if available. A proprietary technology is then used to detect, decrypt, and extract passwords of all users from computer memory. The process takes a few minutes, regardless of the password strength, which results in the investigator gaining instant and complete control over the suspect's computer, as well as access to BitLocker and EFS-encrypted files. This approach works for all modern versions of Windows, including Windows 7, and was tested with a pre-release version of Windows 8. Passware previously implemented the same technique to recover Mac OS X login passwords (see press release: <http://bit.ly/pw-mac>).

Overcoming Security Risks

Unauthorized access to computer memory content and subsequent security risks, such as extraction of user passwords, administrative control over the target system and access to sensitive information, is overcome by simply turning off the computer instead of putting it to sleep, which eliminates the presence of passwords in memory and the ability for their recovery.

Key Features

Passware Kit v.12 introduces batch file processing, recovering passwords for hundreds of encrypted files without user interaction (as illustrated on the screenshot: <http://bit.ly/pic-batch>). This automates the encrypted evidence discovery process, saving IT security specialists and computer forensics their time and efforts. Darren Fuller, director of [SecQuest Information Security](#) said, "As a security consultancy, it is important to us that we give our clients the best value for their money possible; the batch processing functions in Passware Forensic help us to achieve this. The ability to queue Lotus Notes ID files for password cracking at the same time as Excel and Word documents allows us to concentrate on other aspects of the engagement and saves on consultant time...a remarkable product!"

"With the ever-increasing volume of encrypted electronic evidence, automation becomes the only way to handle the vast amount of data efficiently," said Dmitry Sumin, president, Passware, Inc. "A typical forensic case might include dozens or even hundreds of encrypted files. Recovering passwords for all of them in an automated way saves computer forensics and IT security specialists significant time and improves efficiency in gaining access to password-protected files."

Pricing and Availability

Passware Kit Forensic is available directly from [Passware](#) and a network of resellers worldwide, and can also be purchased in a bundle with [EnCase](#) – the leading eDiscovery solution by [Guidance Software](#). The price is \$995 with one year of free updates. Additional product information and screenshots are available at <http://www.lostpassword.com/kit-forensic.htm>.

About Passware, Inc.

Founded in 1998, Passware, Inc. is the worldwide leading maker of password recovery, decryption, and electronic evidence discovery software. Law enforcement and government agencies, institutions, corporations and private investigators, help desk personnel, and thousands of private consumers rely on Passware software products to ensure data availability in the event of lost passwords. Passware [customers](#) include many Fortune 100 companies and various US federal and state agencies, such as the IRS, US Army, US Department of Defense (DOD), US Department of Justice, US Department of Homeland Security, US Department of Transportation, US Postal Service, US Secret Service, US Senate, and US Supreme Court.

More information about Passware, Inc. is available at <http://www.lostpassword.com/>. Passware is a privately held corporation with its headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. and a software development and engineering office in Moscow, Russia.

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