

Hacker group releases password to alleged NSA files

April 9 2017, by The Associated Press

A secretive group that published a trove of hacking tools allegedly used by U.S. spies has released a password that it says can unlock related files.

In a Medium post , the "Shadow Brokers" group revealed a [password](#) to files associated with the leaked toolkit, purportedly from the U.S. National Security Agency. Some [security experts](#) tweeted that the password works, but that couldn't be independently verified.

An October leak by the group included information that experts said might identify computers used to obscure U.S. electronic eavesdropping.

The group's post also included a discursive rant against President Donald Trump, including criticism of the recent U.S. airstrike on a Syrian air base, Trump's attacks on some congressional Republicans and his decision to remove adviser Stephen Bannon from the National Security Council.

© 2017 The Associated Press. All rights reserved.

Citation: Hacker group releases password to alleged NSA files (2017, April 9) retrieved 27 April 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2017-04-hacker-group-password-alleged-nsa.html>

| |
|--|
| <p>This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.</p> |
|--|