

What is the Dark Web?

And Other Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the Dark Web? The Dark Web is a hidden universe contained within the Internet- a sublayer of the Internet that is hidden from conventional search engines. Search engines like Google, BING and Yahoo only search .04% of the indexed or "surface" Internet. The other 99.96% of the Web consists of databases, private academic and government networks, and the Dark Web. The Dark Web is estimated at 550 times larger than the surface Web and growing.

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What does it mean when a password has a long series of numbers and letters? This means the password was breached as "hashed". It's not uncommon for these passwords to be "cracked" and available on 3rd party websites.

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Are there any special credentials needed to investigate the Dark Web? You do not need special permission to access the deep or Dark Web. However, accessing the Dark Web requires the use of a "TOR" browser and should only be done using a VPN encrypted tunnel.

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What can I do to make sure my info isn't for sale on the Dark Web? Dark Web Scanning is one way to figure out if anyone at your company has had their credentials stolen and possibly sold. It is important to get ahead of the game because once it's stolen, it's hard to tell how many dangerous hands it can fall into.

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What do people do on the Dark Web? Because users can remain anonymous while visiting this sub-space of the Internet, it's become a prime location for illegal activity. There's been a lot of focus on illicit drug sales on the Dark Web, but the shady deals that happen there also include the sale and purchase of stolen credentials for the purpose of hacking and gaining access to sensitive data.