

Dark Web Purchase Guide

Purchasing on the Dark Web can be tricky. Should you purchase the information being sold? Will it be posted elsewhere if it is purchased? Why does each item cost a different amount?

These are just some of the questions organizations have regarding purchasing items on the Dark Web. This document covers some best practices when making purchases on the Dark Web with a Threat Command.

How to purchase information sold on the Dark Web

- Initiate request via “Ask an Analyst”
- If bulk alerts are requested, the analyst team responds with the number of credits required to make the purchase.
- The requester is required to approve the request before the information is purchased.
- Information is purchased and sent via a secure link in the “Ask an Analyst” channel.
- The customer's account will be charged with the amount of credits according to the number of alerts purchased.

The screenshot displays the Intsights Threat Command interface. At the top, a green banner reads "Remediation completed successfully". The main panel shows an alert for a "Suspected Phishing Domain - 'intsights.com'". The alert details include: Alert ID: 560bd109b426413232e897e, Source URL: http://intsights.com, Last updated: Oct 05, 2022 | 7:24 AM, Source date: Apr 06, 2019 | 10:00 PM, and Status: Open. Below the alert details are tags for MITRE categories and a list of associated domains and IP addresses. The "Description" section states that the domain is suspicious and may be used for phishing attacks. The "Recommendations" section advises blocking the domain in URL filtering and mail systems, preventing phishing emails, and clicking "Remediate" to initiate the takedown process. On the right, a chat window titled "Ask an Analyst" is open, showing a conversation where a user asks for help with the alert and requests remediation. The chat interface includes a welcome message, a prompt to type a question, and a response from the analyst team.

DW purchases a service package:

Package credits service will include purchase items, subject to the fair use policy, directly related to an alert within the customer's account dashboard only.

The service includes the basic item cost as presented in the source, in addition to the analyst labor costs associated with the transaction fee.

Rapid7 reserves the right to deny or approve the transaction individually. In these situations, additional credits may be required to initiate the transaction.

Common Questions about Purchases on the Dark Web

1. How many credits will it cost to purchase the item being sold?
 - Each alert that the customer wants to purchase the information will cost one credit per alert but is limited according to the Fair Use Policy.
2. Will the information be posted elsewhere on the Dark Web after purchasing it?
 - Unfortunately, there is no way to know for certain if specific information purchased will be posted elsewhere in the future. What we can do is give our recommendations based on whether the information purchased typically appears elsewhere in the future. In most cases, it is beneficial to validate the information being sold prior to purchase. If found to be legitimate, the organization can take the appropriate course of action to mitigate the risk.