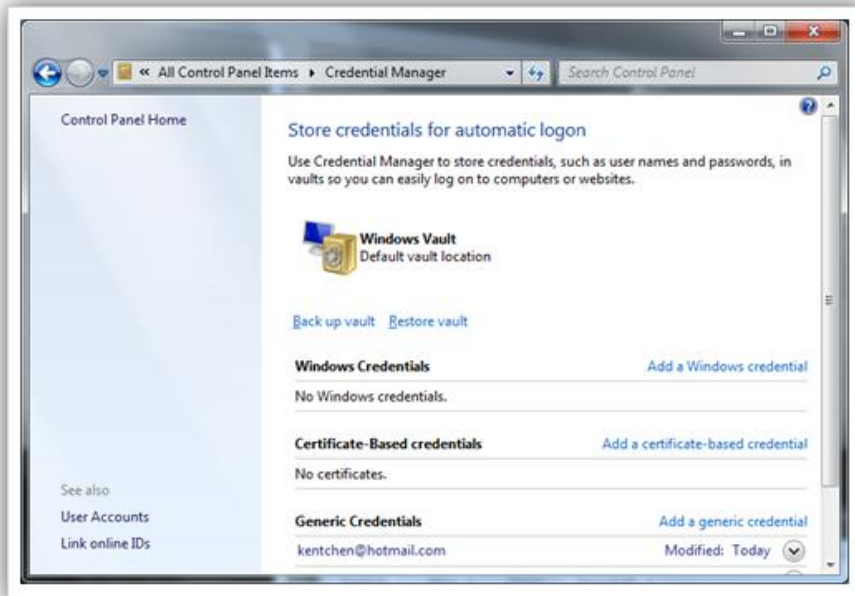


USING CREDENTIAL MANAGER TO MANAGE PASSWORDS (WINDOWS 7)

If you haven't noticed, **Windows 7** has one new tool called *Credential Manager* that can help you manage your increasing number of passwords. You can find it from **Control Panel** or launch it by typing "*credential manager*" from the start menu.



WHAT IS CREDENTIAL MANAGER, AND WHY?

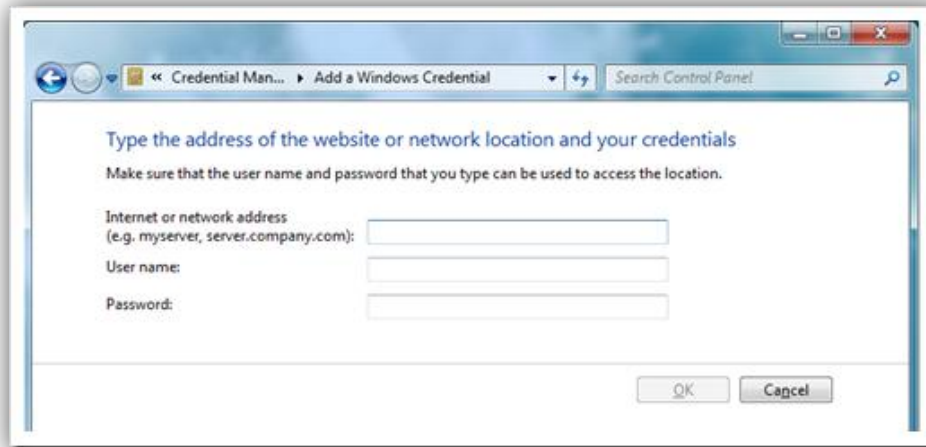
It's a new tool that allows you to store user names and passwords that you use to log on to websites or other computers on a network. By storing these information, Windows can automatically log you on to websites or other computers.

WHAT KIND OF CREDENTIALS THAT CREDENTIAL MANAGER CAN STORE?

Basically, you can store two types of credentials, windows credentials or website credentials.

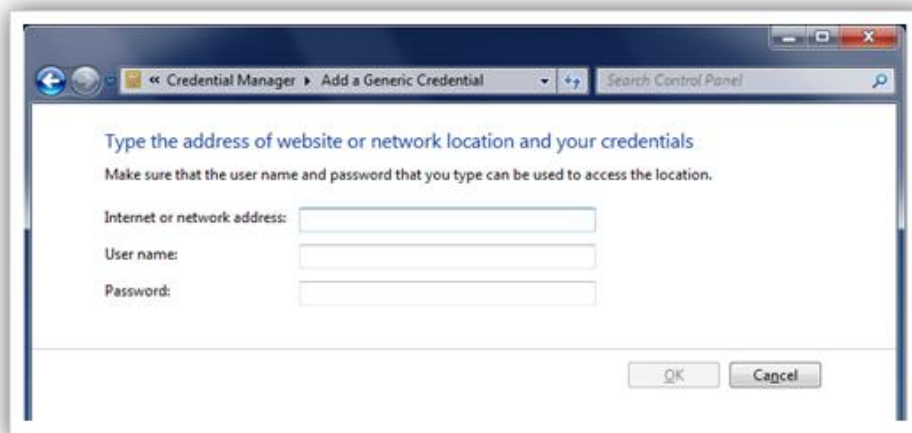
To add a Windows credential:

1. click *Add a Windows credential* link in **Credential Manager**.
2. in the **Internet** or network address, type in the name of the computer on the network that you want to access.
3. fill in the user name and password.
4. click **OK** to finish.



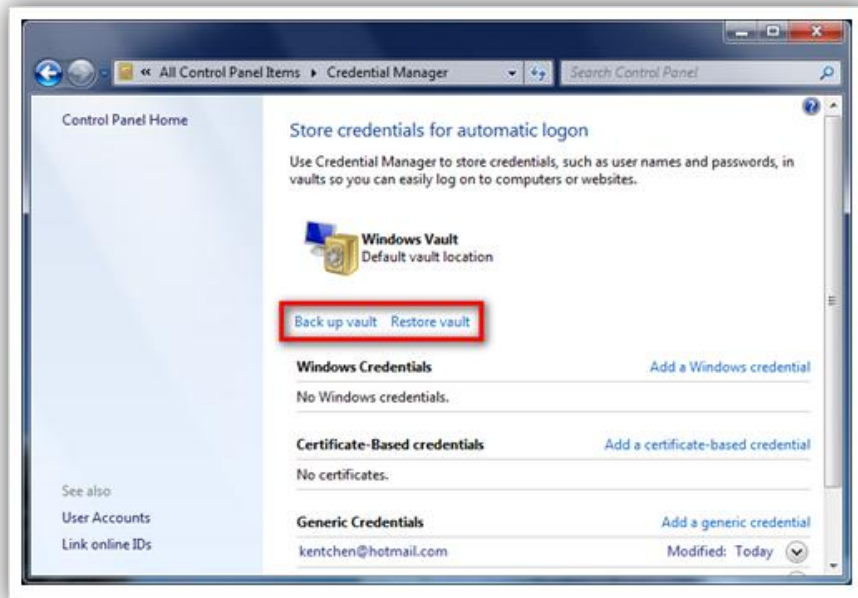
To add a website credential:

1. click *Add a generic credential* link in the **Credential Manager**.
2. fill in the information as described above.



WHERE ARE THE INFORMATION STORED?

All credentials are saved in special folders on the computer, a place called *Vaults*. Moreover, you can back up all credentials to a file and restore them on to different computer.



CAN I USE IT FOR RECOVERING LOST PASSWORD?

No, it doesn't seem to be able to show stored credential passwords in plain text in any way. So if you want to use it to recover the password you forgot you might be disappointed. It's safe though in terms of security, because it's often to use one-way encrypt method to encrypt the **password**.

That's it. Give it a try and see if it's helpful.