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Chapter 1

Passwords: The Basics and Beyond

Solutions in this chapter:

- The Beginning

...alighting from his beast, he tied it up to a tree, and going to the entrance, pronounced the words which he had not forgotten, "*Open, Sesame!*" Hereat, as was its wont, the door flew open, and entering thereby he saw the goods and hoard of gold and silver untouched and lying as he had left them.

— Arabian Nights, The Forty Thieves

The Beginning

My fascination with security began perhaps a decade ago when I took my first job with the official title of software developer. I had written code casually for years, but this was the first time someone paid me to do it. I was a corporate employee. I wrote code all day. I had a network account that I logged in to every morning. Like almost everyone else at the company, I had a weak password that I swapped every three months with another weak password.

I had been interested in various aspects of security for a long time, but information at that time was scarce. Back then, you couldn't just search on Google for something; you found the good information by navigating an endless pathway of hyperlinks from one Web site to the next. The information that I did find was often obsolete, unreliable, or limited in context; thus, I was left unsatisfied.

Nevertheless, I studied everything I could find during any spare minute I had. After I read and reread stacks of printouts, they slowly started to make sense to me. Although I was merely a beginner, I learned a few tricks that enabled me to gain already some rank as the office hacker.

Then one morning I got my calling. A friend of mine who was one of the company executives pulled me into his office, explained a predicament the company faced, and told me that the company needed my help. The senior network administrator had been in a heated argument with the company vice president earlier that morning. In the middle of the argument, the network administrator slammed his keys on the table, cleared out his desk, and left the company. Now, the company management wanted me to break in to all the systems and recover all the administrator's passwords because the VP was too scorned to call the admin asking for the passwords. I knew that I didn't have the experience to take on such a task, but still I couldn't help being seduced by the challenge. I told him I would do it.

But once I sat down at my desk, reality set in; I was enormously intimidated by this undertaking. Sure, I knew a few tricks, but presuming that I could actually accomplish this task was absurd. I thought that perhaps I should have admitted to my friend that I wasn't as skilled as he thought. Had I gone too far? Had my own hubris clouded my judgment? As inconsequential as this incident might sound, it was my defining moment.

I could have failed. I would have failed that day if I had not discovered this remarkable truth about hackers: their superhuman skills don't make them successful; rather, everyone else fails so much at security that hackers just make it look easy. I discovered that people don't have strong passwords. Moreover, we use the same passwords repeatedly, never straying far from a few core passwords. When it comes to passwords, we just aren't that clever.

I obtained the administrator's Microsoft Access password and then his e-mail password. Next, I got his Windows NT administrator password. One password at a time his security fell—*superman12*, *superman23*, *superman95*, *Wonderwoman*.

I didn't do anything special that day except discover this decisive weakness of human security—that is, that humans are horribly predictable. Late that night I e-mailed the list of passwords to my friend. I went home, buzzing from the thrill of what I had just accomplished.

The next morning I just happened to approach the office building at the same time as the company president and vice president. They both turned, and as if they had rehearsed it beforehand, opened the front door and bowed before me. I was confused at first, but then realized that they had already heard about the passwords I had collected. I walked through the doorway feeling happy for the recognition from the top of the company. I loved the attention, but from that point on, I was infatuated—almost obsessed—with security, passwords, and the character of human behavior.

Our Passwords

Passwords, in some form or another, have long been associated with security. We see it in literature all the time: to unlock a door, to pass a guard, or to distinguish friend from enemy. These ambiguous words or phrases are the keys to magical spells or the secret codes to identify one spy to another.

Secret codes are an indispensable part of our modern lives. We use them to check our e-mail and voice mailboxes. We need them to withdraw money from an ATM or to connect to our online banking account. We use them to authorize financial transactions and to buy and sell items on the Internet. We

use them to limit access to wireless Internet connections and to encrypt our most sensitive private data. You may even find yourself needing a password to order pizza, purchase flowers, rent a DVD, or get a car wash. We are a world of secrets.

Whether they are referred to as passwords, PINs, passcodes, or some other name, they are all secret keys that we hold to gain access to the protected portions of our lives.

Passwords are more than just a key. They serve several purposes. They *authenticate* us to a machine to prove our identity—a secret that only we should know. They ensure our *privacy*, keeping our sensitive information secure. They also enforce *nonrepudiation*, preventing us from later rejecting the validity of transactions authenticated with our passwords. Our username identifies us; the password validates us.

But passwords have some weaknesses: more than one person can possess knowledge of the secret at any one time. Unlike a physical key that only one person can hold at a time, you have no guarantee that someone else hasn't somehow obtained your password, with or without your knowledge. Moreover, there is a constant threat of losing your password to someone else with malicious intent. Password thefts can and do happen on a daily basis—by the thousands. Your only defense is to build a strong password, protect it carefully, and change it regularly.

The other weakness with passwords is human behavior. Human nature is such that we do not fear threats that we do not perceive. We cannot imagine why someone would want to gain access to our e-mail or network accounts. We feel reasonably safe with the passwords that we select.

That one day at work, I walked past the company president and vice president, passed through the entrance, walked down the hall, and sat down at my desk. I logged in to my network account with my own weak password and was suddenly struck with the knowledge of my own weakness. I realized that my own security was just as fragile as the security system that I had broken the day before. Just seeing my last two passwords, someone could easily guess my current password and probably the next one after that. At least one other coworker already knew my password because I shared it with him one day when I was out sick so that he could access my files. I decided that day to change my attitude about passwords.

Silly Human Behavior

A number of years ago, I sat in an audience and watched a performance of the amazing Kreskin, a self-proclaimed mentalist. I watched as he consistently predicted and manipulated the human behavior of the audience. During his tricks, he explained that he didn't have any special powers, just an extraordinary understanding of human behavior.

He consistently guessed secrets selected by the audience and related facts about the personal lives of many audience members, facts such as their social security numbers or dates of birth. He is not alone. Psychics, fortune-tellers, mediums, magicians, and others often depend on human predictability for the success of their crafts. Undoubtedly, people just behave the same.

If you ask someone to name a vegetable, 98 percent of the time, that person will tell you a carrot. Tell someone to pick an even number between 50 and 100, where both digits are different, most commonly people will pick the number 68. Think of a card. The most common choices predictably are nine of diamonds, ace of spades, queen of hearts, or the six of clubs.

You might even find yourself with exceptional skills at predicting human nature, anticipating the behavior of others, for example, or guessing the ends of movies. Remarkably, as poor as we are at avoiding predictability, we are exceptionally capable of detecting predictability in others.

Consider the list of random passwords shown in Table 1.1. If you study the list for a few minutes, you will start to see simple and predictable patterns emerge.

Table 1.1 Random Passwords

bmw66	fuzzy1	trisha
Jessica1	Steven	123456
sa1856	Alexis	gregory2
843520	xmen94	brutus1
0214866	link11	lakers7
m9153p	1nani1	lamacod1
cyril87	Bubba1	pariz2
7082382	856899	letmein
100265	grady6	tiger69
jimmyd2	mpick1	cats999
wes333	mjordan2	supra1
053092	sti2000	bearcub
4Obelix	usa123	wargame6
6Bueler	Lieve27	dan1028
Franc1	3089172	13crow
Nicole3	Roswell	ncc1701
elin97	67bird	jun0214
toyota4	rat22	password

The amazing thing is that this small list accurately represents the nature of human passwords. I could give you a list of a thousand or even a million passwords, and you would learn little more about passwords than you could from this small list.

I know because I have actually done it. Over the years I have collected real passwords from every source I could find. I have collected almost 4 million passwords, and my list continues to grow through an automated set of tools that scour the Internet for passwords, often using nothing more than ordinary search engines such as Google. I collected these passwords to gain a better understanding of how people select passwords. For five years I collected, researched, and stared at passwords—thousands of *QWERTY*s, thousands of *12345*s.

The most amazing discovery I made was absolutely nothing. Having more passwords did not change any of my password statistics; the choices of characters remained the same. The top 500 passwords were mostly the same. Password length, complexity, and lack of creativity—all unchanged.

In fact, my numbers were pretty close to other password studies conducted decades ago. Passwords were—and still are—predictably the same over and over: a number or two at the end, a couple of numbers at the beginning, all numbers, names of loved ones, dates, vehicles, sports teams, pop culture references, and the ever-present *letmein* and *password*. I could collect another four million passwords and would probably get the same results.

You're Not That Clever

If anything frustrates me about passwords, it is that so many people think they are being clever or unique, but they just aren't. If you could see a million passwords, you would probably be surprised to find that your password looks a lot like everyone else's. If you have ever gone on a long flight across the continental United States, you might have noticed that there is not a lot to see but thousands of square miles of empty space. Occasionally, you pass over a cluster of civilization, but then it's right back to empty land.

That is very much what I see when I look at passwords. So many possibilities remain untouched, while thousands cluster around the same few passwords.

Over the years, I began to categorize passwords by their patterns. Here are some of the most common categories of password-writing patterns. These are examples of what you should *not* do; never follow these patterns.

Weak Wordlist Words

This category includes dictionary words, your first or last name, a common password, or a simple phrase that you are likely to find on some wordlist somewhere. These passwords are the worst because they are so vulnerable to dictionary attacks as explained in the next chapter.

- cupcake
- auto
- badger
- letmein
- Jonathon
- Red Sox
- dirty dog

Weak Wordlist Words with Numbers

Only trivially stronger than a simple wordlist word, these passwords include numbers that people add to the front or end of a password in attempt at security or to meet specific policy requirements. Here are some examples:

- deer2000
- atlanta33
- dana55
- fred1234
- 99skip

Weak Wordlist Words with Simple Obfuscation

Again, these passwords are only slightly stronger than a simple wordlist word. These passwords usually have some simple character replacements or deliberate misspellings. Here are a few examples:

- B0ngh
- g0ldf1sh
- j@ke

License Plate Passwords

These passwords include some short phrase that makes use of abbreviations, numbers, or other techniques. These passwords certainly are stronger than a wordlist word, but they are by no means unique. They often read like license plates. Here are some examples:

- sk8ordie
- just4fun
- dabomb
- kissme
- laterpeeps

Weak Wordlist Words Doubled

Most password-cracking tools will check for this simple pattern. Here are some examples:

- crabcrab
- patpat
- joejoe

Garbled Randomness

These passwords are technically more secure because they are random and less predictable, but as you will read in this book, having a password that is easy to remember and easy to type is also essential for security. Here are some examples:

- 9uxg\$t5C
- Bn2#sz63j
- &fM3tc8b

Patterns or Sequences

These passwords could fall into the category of wordlist words because they are so common. These passwords include some pattern or sequence that is based on the appearance or shape of letters or on the location of the keys on the keyboard.

- QWERTY
- 123456
- xcvb
- abc123
- typewriter (all letters on the same keyboard row)

Summary

The single most important aspect of information security is strong passwords. Likewise, the single greatest security failure is weak passwords. Network administrators blame users for selecting such poor passwords, and users blame network administrators for the inconvenience of their draconian password policies.

Further complicating the problem are hundreds of thousands of software and hardware products that have been and continue to be sold with default passwords that users never get around to changing (see defaultpassword.com to understand how big this problem really is).

People select poor passwords and do little to protect them. They share their passwords with others and use the same passwords repeatedly on multiple systems. At the same time, computing power has increased along with the number and quality of tools available to hackers.

Consequently, many have predicted that passwords, at least by themselves, will someday become obsolete. I hear people talk about retina or fingerprint scanners, but at some point, security will still involve some secret, some password.

The good news is that passwords don't have to be obsolete. In this book, I describe techniques for how you can build very strong passwords and explain how to protect your password from attack. All we need to do is follow some simple rules, use some basic common sense, and treat our passwords like real secrets. By implementing these practices, we can extend the life of this simple method of authentication.

The age of the password is not over yet.

Meet Your Opponent

Solutions in this chapter:

- The Cracker
- Password Cracking

The Cracker

Password cracking is the method of employing various techniques and tools to guess, methodically determine, or otherwise obtain a password to gain unauthorized access to a protected resource. Password cracking is sometimes used to legitimately recover a lost password, and sometimes an administrator will use password cracking to test user passwords. But, for the most part, password cracking is used to steal passwords.

Some call it a game; others, a crime. But whatever it is called, both the most talented computer professionals and the novice use it. As one hacker told me, “[Password cracking] is power... the power to compel a system to yield its knowledge.”

I met that hacker in an IRC room. Well known in the hacking underground for his specialized password-cracking software, this hacker agreed to speak with me on conditions of anonymity—not even a reference to his pseudonym. “I’m not a hacker or an exploiter. I just crack passwords,” he told me, “but still everyone calls me a hacker. Hacker, cracker; it’s all the same.”

Why does he do it? “For trading, selling, sharing,” he told me. “It gets me respect, and, hey, it’s fun and addicting,” he explained, “and I’m not the only one doing this; it goes on all the time.”

This is the reality. There are people who steal passwords for some form of gain, and it happens all the time.

Why *My* Password?

Perhaps the most common question I hear when it comes to security is, why would one individual have anything tantalizing enough for a hacker to steal his or her passwords? One reason for hackers’ attacks might be to disguise their identities for purposes such as sending spam, or the attack might be just one jump in the process of leapfrogging toward bigger targets. The attack might be to perform financial transactions to defraud others, or it might be to gain access to one of your subscribed services. The fact is that you cannot even comprehend the ways in which your password would be useful to another.

Password theft is a huge problem. Some Web sites are obviously more attractive targets, but no target, no matter how small, is exempt from this problem.

Password Cracking

Password cracking, once a specialized skill, is now available to just about anyone using widely available tools with names like L0phtcrack, John the Ripper, and Cain & Abel. However, before learning about password-cracking techniques, it is important to understand how a system stores your password.

Plaintext, Encryption, and Hashes

A system can use three basic methods to store your password. Every time you enter your password, the system must have some method to determine if you entered the correct password. It must store *something*.

The first—and most obvious—method is simply storing your password exactly as you entered it. This *plaintext* method stores the plain data without any obfuscation, encryption, or encoding. When you log in to your computer or a network account, it can compare the password entered with the copy stored in a database. If they match, it lets you in. The problem with this method is that you cannot always trust the security of the database. Certain users on the system will have privileges to view these databases, and therefore, all passwords would be in plain view. This method also carries a huge risk because if a hacker gains access to the database, that hacker instantly has everyone's passwords.

Imagine how hotels provided you with room keys before the days of magnetic cards. The front desk clerk would turn around to a large board representing all the rooms in the hotel, pull a key off a hook, and hand it to you. However, a couple of spare keys to your room would still be on the hook. In other words, anyone who could walk behind the hotel desk could obtain the key to your hotel room. This is approximately equivalent to storing passwords in plain text. They are available to anyone within arm's reach.

Although the plaintext method provides little password security, far too many applications still use it to protect sensitive passwords. Many software developers still have limited security training, and they repeatedly make the mistake of relying on the plaintext method.

Another method is to *encrypt* each password before storing it in the database. Encryption combines plain text with another secret key to create a garbled string that can be retrieved only by using that same key. In other words, encryption is just storing a password protected by a password. Again, anyone with that master password would have access to the entire database, making it only a little more secure than plaintext.

Using the previous example of hotel keys, encryption would be equivalent to having all hotel keys in a locked box, and only front desk employees had a copy of the master key. This method is somewhat more secure, if you trust those employees.

Password encryption is generally not acceptable for many purposes, but it certainly is better than plaintext. Sometimes, an application must store a password and retrieve the plain text for later use, and there is no way around that. For example, Windows encrypts and stores various passwords to be able to start system services and to connect to various resources. You often see this when a login dialog box pops up, and your password is already entered, represented by a string of asterisks.

TIP

When you lose your password and must retrieve it, you can tell whether a system has stored your password as plain text or if it has been encrypted. If you go through the retrieval process and the system tells you your original password, you know your password is stored in a manner that someone else could retrieve. If that's the case, your password is only as secure as the entire system's security and only as trustworthy as those managing the system.

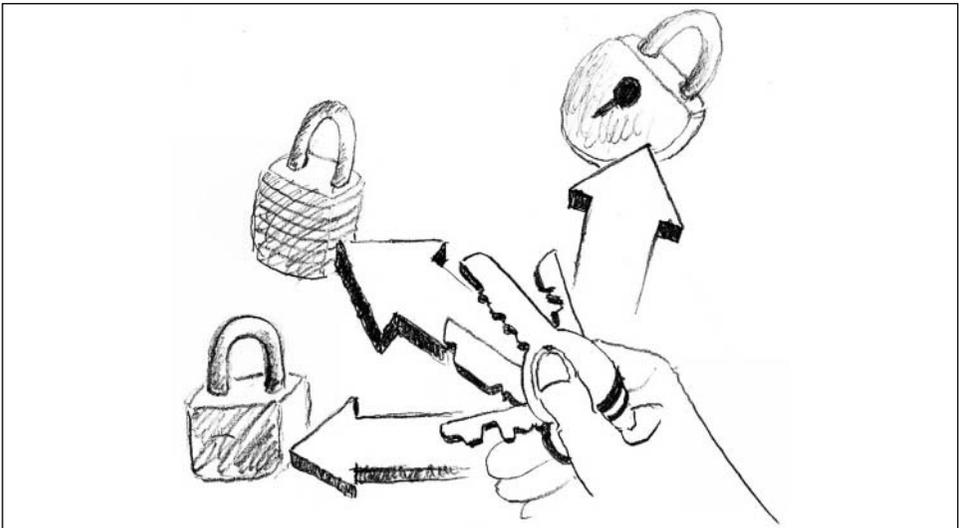
Unfortunately, encryption also suffers when programmers lack proper security training. All too often programmers try inventing their own encryption methods or use methods that have long been proven insufficient rather than relying on time-tested, widely accepted secure encryption algorithms.

The widely accepted solution for storing passwords is to use a password hash. A hash is the result of an algorithm—a complex formula—that modifies plain text in a complicated manner to produce a garbled string that represents the password. Hashing algorithms are one-way formulas because there is no reasonable way to calculate the original password from its hash. You can't just reverse the formula.

To check your password, a system will take your entry, run it through the same hashing algorithm, and then compare the result with the data stored in the hash database. If they match, the system knows that the two passwords must have been the same to produce the same hash.

Suppose you rent a safe deposit box at a local bank. You store your most sensitive items in the box, and the bank provides you with a set of two keys (see Figure 2.1). The important thing to remember is that those are the only two keys for your box. If you lose both of those keys, the bank will have to hire a locksmith to drill out the lock to gain access to your box. If you lose your key, and the bank manager tells you that the bank can provide another copy, watch out because the bank has a spare copy somewhere.

Figure 2.1 Keys and Locks



A password hash is similar to a lock. Someone cannot easily use the lock itself to construct a new key. Therefore, you can feel quite safe that someone can possess the lock without putting your key at risk. If a system uses password hashes, you can feel reasonably safe that your password is not directly exposed. It is not completely safe (this method carries some risks that I will explain later in this chapter), but it is the safest method commonly in use.

How Your Password Falls

The method used to steal your password depends on the target system. Some passwords, such as operating system passwords, have mechanisms to lock out after several failed attempts. You might also see this with sensitive online accounts such as on banking Web sites. Other times, a hacker might be able to use techniques to launch sophisticated offline attacks that are limited only by the attacker's CPU power and patience.

The difference between an online and an offline attack is that an online attack has the protection of the system where the password is stored. Offline attacks have no protection.

Online attacks use the normal login mechanisms of a system. Faced with a login prompt, an attacker can either manually enter passwords or use some software tool to automate the process. Online attacks are normally easy to detect—and block if necessary—so they are not usually successful. With an online attack, the attacker will want to guess your password with just a few guesses to avoid detection.

However, patient hackers can use stealthy methods with online attacks. For example, they could use an automated tool to try logging in with a different password once every hour 24 hours until it finds a valid password. Another method is to try a single common password and cycle through a large list of usernames to find those users with that password. Yet another method is to take several common username/password combinations and try them across hundreds, or even thousands, of Web sites.

Online attacks are difficult but there are enough people with enough weak passwords that they will always yield results. The benefit of an online attack is that it is simple to launch a quick, anonymous attack against a web site or even a single account.

Offline attacks are more sophisticated, but when they are successful, they usually provide a huge windfall for the attacker. Offline attacks occur when an intruder is somehow able to obtain access to the database of password hashes. I explained earlier that password hashes are one-way functions and that they cannot be directly converted into passwords, but if someone can steal the hashes, they can perform an offline attack.

If someone can obtain password hashes, they can perform dictionary and brute-force attacks, essentially trying millions of passwords until they find the right one. These attacks are equivalent to trying every key on a huge key chain until you find the one that opens the lock. Because there is no system to enforce lockouts or other countermeasures, attackers are free to try as many passwords as they want for as long as they want. Because so many people have weak passwords, they are quite vulnerable to offline attacks. It is not uncommon for a hacker to obtain passwords for 50 percent of all hashes in just a matter of minutes.

Offline attacks usually involve taking a password, hashing that password, and then comparing it against the hash in the hash database. If the attacker's search finds a hash that matches, that means the attacker guessed a correct password.

The prerequisite for an offline attack is that the attacker must have already broken the system's security enough to obtain the database of password hashes. Sometimes this requires a sophisticated attack, but all too often, programmers or system administrators make mistakes that expose these hashes. In fact, it is often possible for a hacker to obtain password hashes using nothing more than a search engine such as Google.

Knowing what to search for, an attacker could search for vulnerable Web sites, obtain their hashes, and set their software to crack those hashes until they find an account to gain access. This is quite common in the porn hacking community where some individuals, the exploiters, obtain the hashes, and others, the crackers, use their software to crack them. Once these hashes are cracked, the attackers can trade or even sell large lists of passwords to others.

In the following sections, I describe a few of the online and offline methods that password crackers use.

Smart Guesses

The easiest method to gain your password is simply to guess it. Many hackers simply try the five most common passwords for a particular system. They might also try a blank password and a password that is the same as the username. If they get nothing they just move on to the next account and keep trying until they find the accounts with weak passwords. These methods work by attempting them on large numbers of accounts. Hackers often use automated tools that allow for large-scale attacks.

If someone knows you, that person might try entering passwords related to your personal life—for instance, trying the name of your girlfriend or prized sports car. Someone might happen to know one or more passwords you have used elsewhere and try those. This technique is the most basic form of attack, but it is still very effective.

Dictionary Attacks

Dictionary attacks are usually offline attacks against a password, but they can also be effective online when used correctly. A dictionary attack involves taking a list of words, often a dictionary, and trying every word until a valid password is found. To facilitate dictionary attacks, many wordlists are available on the Internet at Web sites such as <http://sourceforge.net/projects/wordlist>.

Many software tools are available to automate dictionary attacks against various systems. Most of these tools are smart enough to try simple variants of

dictionary words, such as words followed by one or two numbers or simple letter substitutions.

Brute-Force Attacks

Brute-force attacks are more tedious but more complete versions of dictionary attacks. Brute-force attacks also involve trying millions of passwords, but they work by trying every combination of every letter and every punctuation symbol until a password is found. This type of attack could potentially take years to succeed, so it is often used as a last resort. Brute-force attacks are slow and time-consuming, but still quite common. I will cover brute-force attacks in more detail in the Chapter 4, “Character Diversity: Beyond the Alphabet.”

Rainbow Tables

Offline attacks work by hashing millions of passwords in order to find hashes that match those of the target. Rainbow tables facilitate these attacks by pre-computing the hashes for billions of passwords. These tables take a very long time to generate, but once you have the tables, you can crack a large number of passwords in a matter of seconds.

To make things easier, the Shmoo Group has computed these tables and made them freely available on its Web site, <http://rainbowtables.shmoo.com/>.

Rainbow tables are significant because they immediately make every password that contains fewer than 15 characters immediately vulnerable if exposed to an offline attack.

Social Engineering

Sometimes a hacker can get your password simply by asking for it. Although it is perhaps the oldest trick in the book, this technique is still quite effective.

Hackers might pose as help desk or support staff and try to trick you into revealing your password. They might send you an e-mail claiming that your eBay or PayPal account is suspended, providing a place for you to enter your password. They might even take advantage of your greed by providing some trick to get rich quick or take advantage of others and in the process take advantage of you.

The best defense for these types of attacks is simply never giving out your password to anyone, no matter who you think they are.

Other Techniques

Hackers have many techniques at their disposal. They can use *key loggers* to record every keystroke you type on your keyboard. They can use *sniffers*, specialized tools to watch network traffic to obtain passwords sent over the network unencrypted. They can exploit vulnerabilities in Web browsers to obtain cookies that might contain authentication information. They could even hold a gun to your head and just ask for your password. The techniques are numerous, and they constantly evolve.

Winning the Numbers Game

The most effective way to defeat password crackers is to use strong passwords. If your password is long enough, random enough, and does not contain personal information, obtaining your password using the most common techniques would be extremely difficult. A strong password is essential in this world.

Fortunately, the numbers can be on your side.

Most password-cracking techniques involve a trade-off of time or CPU power. Searching through billions of passwords while trying to find the right one takes time. However, computers are growing more powerful every year. It is not unusual for a password-cracking tool to be able to search through a million passwords per second—almost a hundred billion passwords a day.

This processing power means that you aren't safe enough forcing attackers to try a billion passwords; you need to force them to try a trillion, or a thousand trillion. The numbers are your only defense.

You need to make cracking your password so difficult that no one will have the patience or resources to do so. Throughout this book, I will explain how to gird yourself with this protection, but for now I will explain why the numbers are so important.

The complexity of your password determines how long it will take someone to crack your password. Your password should never be simple enough to be vulnerable to a dictionary attack, and you should hide your password among a thousand trillion other possible passwords. Thus, your password must comprise at least 10 characters and contain more than just lower-case letters.

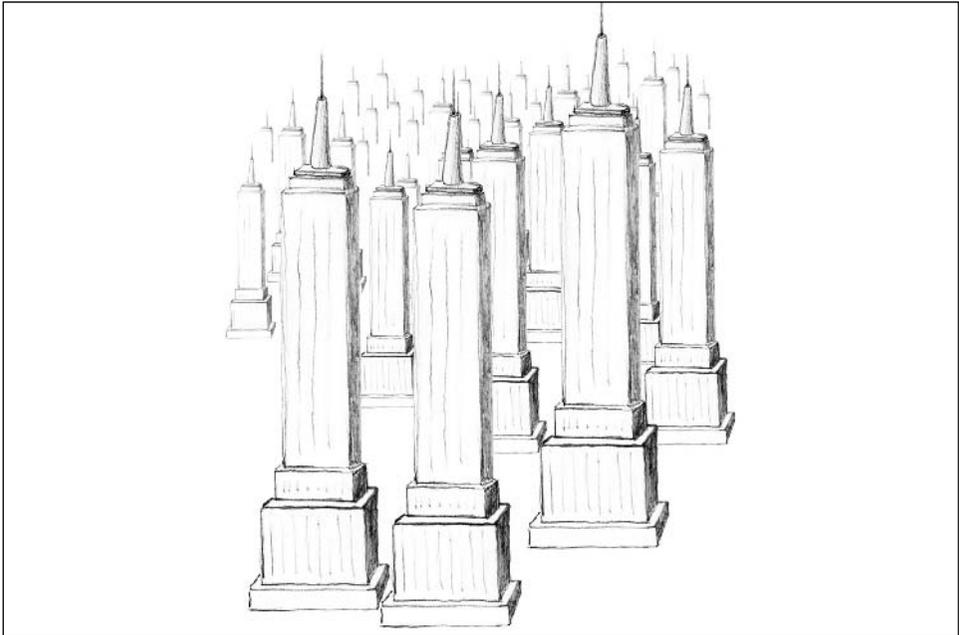
A number like a trillion is hard to imagine. Here are some facts to put it into perspective:

- A trillion (1,000,000,000,000) is a thousand billions, at least in most English-speaking countries. (In the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand a 1 followed by 12 zeroes is called a billion).
- A light year—the distance it takes for light to travel in a year—is about 6 trillion miles.
- The moon has about 81,000 trillion tons of mass.
- The world's 200 richest people have an estimated combined wealth of more than \$1.3 trillion
- It would take just over a trillion pennies to fill the entire Empire State Building.

On the other hand, IBM's Blue Gene/L supercomputer can operate at speeds of over 280 *teraflops*, an abbreviation for a trillion floating-point operations per second. A trillion is a large number, but computing power can shrink it quite quickly.

Your password needs to be a single penny in a thousand Empire State Buildings full of pennies (see Figure 2.2). That is your only protection.

Figure 2.2 Make Your Password Like a Penny in a Thousand Empire State Buildings Full of Pennies



For someone to try cycling through a thousand trillion passwords, it would take them a very, very long time—at least using today's technology. If someone used a hundred computers, at the rate of a million passwords per second, expecting to crack your password on average halfway through, the time needed to crack your password would be 317,098 years.

Summary

Password security depends greatly on your own attitude and caution about security. If you are careless with your passwords, you can probably count on an attacker stealing it some day. You must also be careful about what information you reveal about yourself. Always remember that just about anything you post in a public Internet forum could be indexed by search engines such as Google.com and archive sites such as Archive.org. This information could be around for years, even decades. Old Web sites that you no longer have may still exist in some cache somewhere, available to anyone who wants to gather information about you. Numerous public sources of information also might reveal private information about you. Your e-mail address is probably already scattered throughout the Internet.

Always use caution when you publish any information on the Internet and consider the ramifications. Web sites such as eBay encourage sellers to create a profile page where you can provide personal information about yourself, your family, your pets, and your interests. This information can be useful for a hacker if your password is somehow related to that information. Furthermore, someone could use a Web site like eBay to determine what kinds of things you have bought or sold in the past. Again, this is all information that an attacker might use against you.

Be smart about what you publish and be smart about your password. This book should give you the ideas and techniques necessary to build strong, unbreakable passwords.

Is Random Really Random?

Solutions in this chapter:

- Randomness
- Compensating for Lack of Randomness

Randomness

Password security essentially revolves around one basic strategy: creating a password that no one else can predict (or guess) within a reasonable amount of time, and then changing it regularly to continually make it difficult to predict.

It is not easy to “intentionally” be unpredictable. Human beings have to struggle to be random and sometimes in the process end up being even more predictable. Randomness—the most important aspect of password security—is what we struggle with the most.

Part of the problem is that we generally have a poor concept of randomness—it is difficult to define. For example, when we gamble on a certain slot machine for a period of time with no luck, we tend to move on to another, perhaps luckier, machine. When someone scores a huge jackpot on a machine, they believe that it is now *spent* and move on to another machine. Gamblers talk so much about winning streaks, being hot or cold, and payout averages that they are almost superstitious about randomness. However, the flaw in this is that random has no preference and no memory. Randomness does not track statistics and is completely unpredictable. Sure, if you track enough slot machines over a long enough period of time they will pay off, but a slot machine could get three jackpots in a row or never hit a jackpot. Randomness does not know the difference—there is no trend or bias.

NOTE

I have heard gamblers theorize that gaming companies design slot machines specifically to benefit the casinos that own them, by somehow manipulating the randomness of the machine. However, this could not be farther from the truth. These companies go to great lengths to ensure that their machines are as random as possible; inconsistencies in their randomness could potentially be exploited. Kevin Mitnick writes about this in his book *The Art of Intrusion* (Wiley, ISBN: 0-7645-6959-7). In this book, he describes how four individuals found weaknesses in and exploited the random number generators in slot machines for their own benefit.

If it has been 100 years since the last 100-year storm, do you think one is due any day? Additionally, after that storm, do you think people should worry about the next one?

We also have trouble recognizing whether data is random or not.

Consider the first 50 digits of the value of π :

3.141592653589793238462643383279502884197169399375. The number looks random, but if you looked at it long enough you might see some patterns. Is it truly random? If you had a computer generating random numbers repeatedly, it would eventually produce the number that represents π , although it might take decades to happen.

NOTE

π is such a complex number that many people consider it close to being random. There is a 63 percent chance of finding the digits of your birthday in the first 100 million digits of π (see <http://www.angio.net/pi/piquery>).

Likewise, you may have heard that if you had enough monkeys randomly typing on typewriters they would eventually produce the entire works of Shakespeare. As unlikely as this seems, does it mean the works of Shakespeare are random? Are dice random? Is the static on a TV screen random? Are cloud formations random? Is your password random?

What Is Randomness?

Randomness is a strange concept. We do not really know what true randomness is. We call something random when we see no apparent pattern in a sequence. For example, we can see that the sequence 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 is not random because we see a pattern. We can easily speculate how the sequence would continue. The sequence 10, 100, 1000, 10000 also has a recognizable pattern. On the other hand, the sequence 93, 2, 75, 49, 36 has no apparent pattern and therefore, we cannot predict the next number in the sequence. If there is no formula or pattern we can use to reproduce the sequence, then we consider that sequence random. In other words, randomness is the absence of order.

The lack of order, however, does not guarantee that something is random. A sequence is only random if there is no way it can be reproduced given any circumstances or information (e.g., the value of Pi appears random but there is a specific method used to reproduce those digits).

It is difficult to actually determine if a sequence is truly random; therefore we look at several properties of a sequence to determine its randomness:

- **Even Distribution** An equal probability of distribution over the entire set of data.
- **Unpredictability** Any one piece of data has no relationship to any previous data and provides no information about the data to follow.
- **Uniqueness** It would be extremely rare to randomly produce the same sequence of data more than once. The longer the sequence, the more unique it becomes.

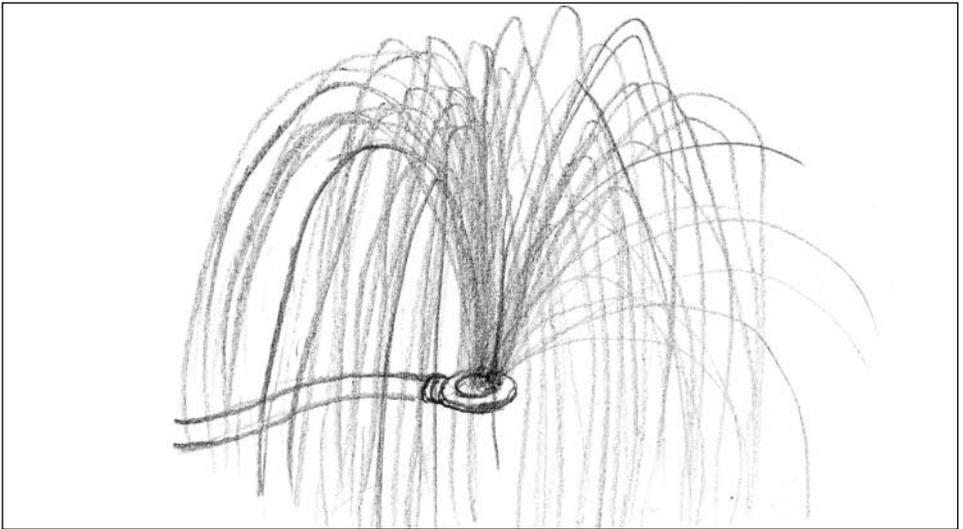
These three properties deem random data impossible to guess, therefore making randomness a vital element for strong passwords.

Unfortunately, completely random passwords are very difficult to remember and even if we could remember them, creating them would be a complicated task.

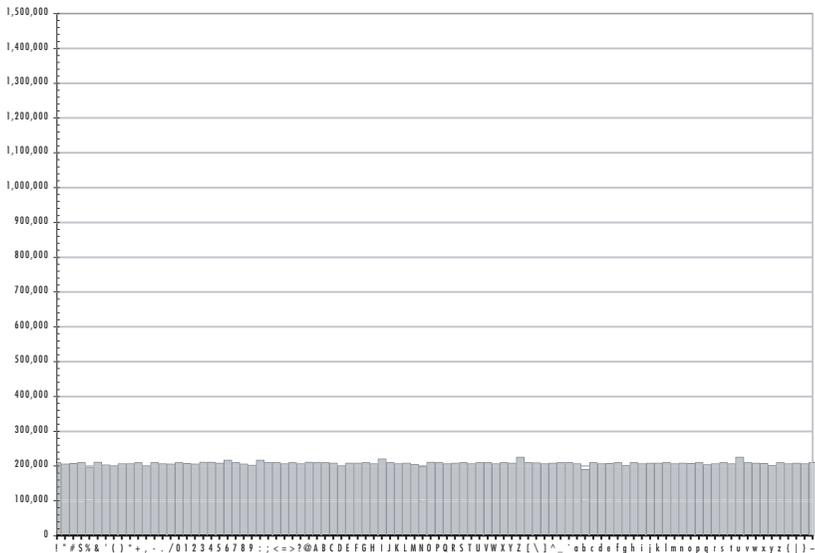
Even Distribution

Even distribution means that before producing a random sequence of data, there is an equal probability of all possible outcomes. Before you roll a dice, there is an equal chance of landing on any one of its sides. Because of this even distribution, we can assume that after a long period of time, randomly generated data will cover the entire data set.

Imagine a lawn sprinkler (see Figure 3.1). As it sprays out droplets of water, it is impossible to predict which blade of grass will be hit with any particular drop of water. Before any drop of water leaves the sprinkler, there is an equal probability that any blade of grass within range of the sprinkler will receive water. Likewise, if you run the sprinkler long enough, water will eventually cover all of the grass within the sprinkler's range. Furthermore, you can normally expect that all of the grass will receive approximately the same amount of water over a period of time, because the distribution is non-biased.

Figure 3.1 A Lawn Sprinkler

Human languages are not random; therefore, the passwords derived from these languages are also not random. If we counted the appearance of each different character in each different password, we would see that we are far from random. Figure 3.2 shows the actual distribution of password characters for over three million passwords. The figure clearly shows that most people prefer lowercase letters and some numbers in their passwords. If passwords were truly random, there would be a more even distribution like that in Figure 3.3, which represents passwords created by a computer random character generator.

Figure 3.3 Passwords Created by a Random Character Generator

Unpredictability

What makes something truly random is having no prior knowledge to help determine what data will appear next in a random sequence. In the English language, it is extremely rare for the letter “Q” to be followed by anything but the letter “U”; therefore, the sequences of letters in English phrases are quite predictable and therefore not truly random. With perfect randomness, every piece of data is completely independent of every other piece of data. There is no memory and there is no relationship between any two pieces of data.

The English language is full of repetition, which is helpful when communicating, but also makes it predictable. Some letters are used more than others and some words are used more than others. Figure 3.2 demonstrates the uneven distribution of letter passwords, which are largely based on dictionary words.

This is why many security professionals recommend using completely random sequences of letters rather than English words—they are just too predictable.

You can gauge the unpredictability of a sequence by measuring its *entropy*. Entropy is the measure of disorder, or lack of information. Information density is basically a measure of how much redundancy there is in a data sequence.

To illustrate entropy, consider this phrase from William Shakespeare's Hamlet, "To be, or not to be." It is a short phrase made up of 20 characters, but how much information does it really contain? You might say that there are 20 pieces of information, but if you look closely, there really are only six unique letters in this phrase. Moreover, if you look closer, you might notice that there are only two word pairs, "to be" and "or not." Perhaps you could argue that the phrase is made up of only two pieces of information. You could even argue that the entire phrase is so common (Googling for that phrase turns up 2.3 million results) that the entire phrase is a single piece of information.

It turns out that the English language is estimated to be 50 percent redundant. In other words, you could leave out half of the letters in a sentence and it could still be understood. That also means that a password based on English words must be twice as long as a completely random password to have equivalent entropy.

Uniqueness

If you take a sequence of random data (e.g., ten random characters), you have a small chance of repeating the same 10-character sequence twice. However, as the length increases, there is a smaller chance of repetition. That is why it is so difficult to randomly guess a valid credit card number. There are so many possible variations of credit card numbers that for every valid number there are potentially millions of unused numbers. Because random numbers are so evenly distributed and because there is no relationship between any two characters, chances are that truly random sequences will rarely repeat.

A lack of randomness is a huge weakness with most passwords. There simply are not enough different words, even if you consider all common languages and if you add numbers to the end of each word. Eight lowercase letters arranged in any order could potentially produce 26^8 or 208,827,064,576 possible words. However, in the entire English language, there are only about 17,000 eight-letter words, of which only about 500 are commonly used. That means that for every eight-letter English word there are more than 12 million eight-letter combinations that are not English words.

Because most passwords are not evenly distributed, unpredictable, or unique, they are vulnerable to attack and provide little security. Rather than being evenly distributed, most passwords are clustered together in groups of similar passwords.

To demonstrate the lack of randomness in passwords, compare the entire land surface of the United States to the total possible variations of eight char-

acters that you can type on a typical keyboard. The surface area represents the total number of passwords, only considering passwords of exactly eight characters. Now imagine millions of people picking a one-centimeter spot anywhere in the entire United States to represent their password. Based on actual password data, despite the fact that they had the entire area of the United States to utilize, 98 percent of all passwords would fit into an area about 36 inches square.

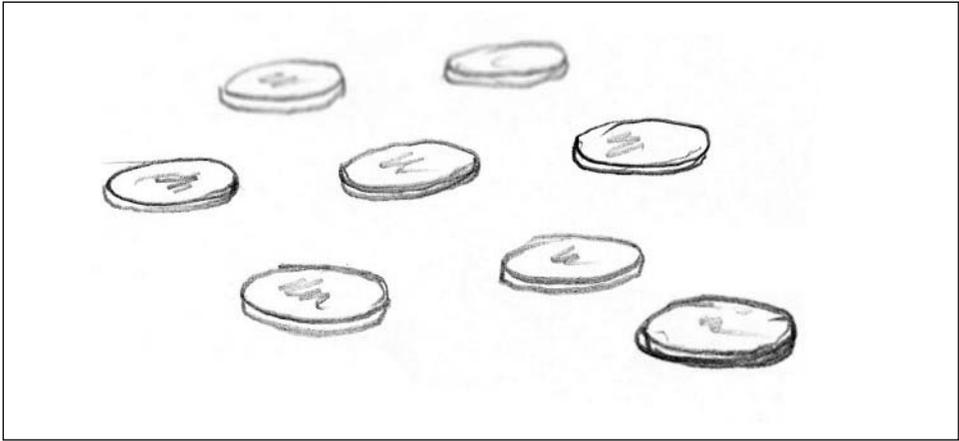
If you are trying to crack passwords, this is wonderful news. You do not have a huge space to search because most passwords are in approximately the same location.

Human Randomness

Because humans have such a poor understanding of randomness, it is very difficult for us to produce randomness on our own. Try this yourself. On a computer keyboard, type a long string of random characters. As you type, you will notice that it is difficult producing data that would be considered truly random. Chances are you will have many *asdf* and *uiop* sequences in your typing.

To make matters worse, the harder you try to be random, the more predictable you become (e.g., you might purposely avoid any redundancy or obvious patterns and as a result create other predictable patterns. Consider the “guess-which-hand” game. Put an object in one of your hands, place both hands behind your back, and ask a child to guess which hand the object is in. At that point, their guess will be somewhat random. Play it again and this time their guess is largely based on the result of the last game (e.g., if they correctly guessed the left hand last time, they might try guessing the left hand again the next time). On the other hand, they might be smarter and expect you to switch so they guess the right hand. Play the game repeatedly and you will see patterns develop in both your selection and the child’s response.

If you give someone a handful of pennies and ask them to spread the pennies out randomly on a table, you will find that at first glance, most people seem capable of arranging the pennies in a manner that looks random. But, often if you look closely, there is some pattern that defines the randomness (e.g., although the pennies look randomly arranged, the spaces between each penny might actually be the same (see Figure 3.4). In our attempt to create randomness, we still fall back to some pattern.

Figure 3.4 A Seemingly Random Arrangement of Pennies

Our lack of randomness is evident in our passwords. We tend to use words close to our personal lives or our environment. We pick numbers and words that mean something to us rather than selecting from the entire range of available words. We might try to open a dictionary to a random page and pick a word, but even where we open the book or what part of the page we select from has some bias.

Machine Randomness

It turns out that computers have their own problems when it comes to creating randomness. You cannot just tell registers and circuits to pick a series of truly random characters. A computer needs precise instructions, even when it comes to knowing which random character to produce. As a result, computers use what is called a Pseudo Random Number Generator (PRNG). Pseudo random numbers are not truly random, but rather an algorithm that creates numbers that appear to be random, but that are actually a predictable sequence of numbers. The key to the randomness is the *seed*, a value used to initiate the random sequence. If you know the seed, you can reproduce the sequence of random numbers.

To address this, computers use sophisticated methods to seed their random number generators and to gather random data. These can be based on time, environmental factors, or user activity with a keyboard or mouse. Some have even taken it further in their quest for true randomness. Table 3.1 shows some publicly accessible sources of random data and the method used to produce this data

Table 3.1 Publicly Accessible Sources of Random Data

URL	Source of Entropy
www.random.org	Atmospheric noise collected with a radio
www.fourmilab.ch/hotbits	Radioactive decay of Krypton-85
www.lavarnd.org	Random noise from a CCD camera

Compensating for Lack of Randomness

Now that I have demonstrated how insufficient our supply of randomness is, I will tell you that it does not matter so much when it comes to passwords. This is because we can compensate for our lack of true randomness with a few tricks that work well for passwords.

I stated earlier that random sequences have an even distribution of characters. In other words, they guarantee there will not be an *uneven* selection of characters. As Figure 3.2 shows, we are uneven in our character selections but we do not have to be perfect to thwart password crackers. In fact, we only need a few dispersed characters to gain the same benefit. Just the possibility of having a few numbers or symbols anywhere in a password makes things harder for a cracker. There does not need to be an even distribution of characters, just enough to force the crackers to anticipate and check for them every time.

To illustrate this, consider the widely recognized game of Rock, Papers, Scissors (RPS). The game is very simple. Two players simultaneously select one of three hand gestures to represent rock, paper, or scissors. The winner is determined by these three rules:

1. Rock smashes scissors.
2. Scissors cut paper.
3. Paper covers rock.

Every gesture chosen has an equal chance of winning, losing, or drawing an opponent's gesture. RPS is a fascinating study of randomness, because rounds of RPS are basically series of random combinations. It has long been considered a fair method of selection or elimination.

At first glance, the results of any RPS round seem quite random and should even out over time, just like a coin toss or rolling dice. There are three

choices for each player and each player has the opportunity to choose any of these three in an unpredictable manner.

Strangely enough, this is not case. There are strategies and there are people who consistently win the game using these strategies. There are even competitions and world championships.

If you play against Stanford University's automated Roshambot (<http://chappie.stanford.edu/~perry/roshambo/>) long enough, odds are you will find yourself losing to the software program. The computer clearly has a better strategy than most humans do.

There are many advanced RPS strategies, called *gambits*, which go by names such as “Scissor Sandwich” and “Paper Dolls.” A gambit is a series of three throws selected with strategic intent. There are only 27 possible gambits in RPS, and eight in particular that are most commonly used. These so-called “Great Eight” gambits are as follows:

- Avalanche (Rock-Rock-Rock)
- Bureaucrat (Paper-Paper-Paper)
- Crescendo (Paper-Scissors-Rock)
- Dénouement (Rock-Scissors-Paper)
- Fistfull o’ Dollars (Rock-Paper-Paper)
- Paper Dolls (Paper-Scissors-Scissors)
- Scissor Sandwich (Paper-Scissors-Paper)
- Toolbox (Scissors-Scissors-Scissors)

Experienced RPS players chain these moves into larger combination strategies. It is interesting to note that of the above gambits, only two use all three gestures. In fact, there is not an even distribution of the three gestures among the great eight. Rock appears six times (25 percent), Paper appears ten times (42 percent), and Scissors appears eight times (33 percent). Yet these techniques work.

If you play RPS against someone who rarely, if ever, chooses Rock, you will still have to anticipate that they possibly could and therefore play as if they would suddenly change their strategy. The same is the case with passwords. Your password does not need to be a perfect mix of letters, numbers, and punctuation without any repetition to be effective. There just has to be enough diversity for an attacker to always have to consider that possibility.

Less Predictable

We are probably incapable of true unpredictability on our own, but that is okay. True unpredictability means that every piece of information in your password is independent of every other and that you cannot use partial knowledge of a password to predict the remainder. That means that a truly unpredictable password would be a stream of unrelated characters, which is always difficult to remember. On the other hand, as you try to improve the memorability of your password, you will undoubtedly increase predictability.

Fortunately, as explained in Chapter 2, “Meet the Opponent,” cracking passwords is an all or nothing pursuit. If someone tries to guess your password, they will be either 100 percent right or 100 percent wrong; there is no in-between. The computer will never tell them that the password they entered is 20 percent incorrect. With that in mind, a password does not have to be completely unpredictable to be effective. All it takes is enough unpredictability to prevent the password from being vulnerable to attack. You can use the rest of the characters to help you remember the password.

Here are some examples of completely unpredictable passwords:

- 3Kja&Ey#
- u?7h%dPW
- @bx8R2k\$

On the other hand, here are some better passwords that use unpredictability just enough to keep the password strong without sacrificing the ability to remember them:

- WhitenEighteen
- Fast+rocketing+
- creepy—FIVES
- Imp ort.ant
- cake and tape

If you look at these passwords, you can see that many individual characters might be predictable, based on the characters before and after. However, the password as a whole is not predictable and therefore sufficiently strong.

More Unique

There is no such thing as “more unique”—something is either unique or it is not, there are no levels of uniqueness. However, when it comes to passwords, you need to think in terms of being *more* unique. By this I mean that your password should be so different from anything else that even a super-fast cracking tool that tried every imaginable permutation still would not come across your password. This is where most people fail. Consider the following list of actual passwords based on the word *dragon*:

\$dragon, 01dragon, 108dragons, 12dragon, 13dragon, 19dragon, 1Dragon, 1dragon1, 1dragon2, 1Dragons, 21dragon, 2dragon, 2dragon5, 34dragon, 3dragon3, 44dragon, 4dragon, 4dragon4, 5dragons, 64dragon, 666dragon, 69dragon, 6dragon9, 77dragon, 79dragon, 7dragon2, 7dragon9, 7dragons, 87dragon, 89dragon, 96dragon, 9dragon, 9dragons, balldragon, bdragon, blackdragon, bluedragon, darkdragon, Drag0n, Drag0n11, drag0n21, drag0n22, drag0n42, drag0n8, drag0n89, drag0nFF, Drag0ns1, dragon, dragon*p, dragon@, dragon, Dragon0, dragon00, dragon01, dragon01p, dragon02, dragon03, dragon04, dragon05, dragon0512, Dragon06, dragon07, Dragon1, dragon10, dragon101, dragon11, dragon116, dragon12, dragon123, dragon1232, dragon13, dragon14, dragon15, dragon15a, dragon16, dragon17, dragon18, dragon19, dragon1966, dragon1976, Dragon2, dragon20, dragon21, dragon22, dragon23, dragon25, dragon26, dragon27, dragon28, dragon29, dragon31, dragon32, dragon323, dragon33, dragon3317, dragon34, dragon35, dragon36, dragon369, dragon37, dragon3x, Dragon4, dragon42, dragon43, dragon44, dragon45, dragon46, dragon47, dragon49, dragon4ever, dragon4m, dragon5, dragon50, dragon53, dragon54, Dragon5fist, dragon5m, dragon6, dragon60, dragon62, dragon63, Dragon64, dragon65, dragon66, dragon666, Dragon69, dragon6c, Dragon6f, Dragon7, dragon70, dragon71, dragon713, dragon72, dragon73, dragon74, dragon75, dragon76, dragon761, dragon77, dragon8, dragon81, Dragon85, dragon87, dragon88, dragon89974, dragon9, dragon93, DRAGON95, dragon96, dragon97, DRAGON98, dragon99, Dragona, dragonar, dragonas, dragonass, dragonb, dragonball, dragonballs, dragonballz, dragonbeam, dragonbone, dragonbreath, Dragonbz, dragonclaw, dragondb, dragone, dragone1, dragonef, Dragoner, dragones, dragoney, dragonf, Dragonf1, dragonfang, dragonfi, dragonfighter, dragonfire, dragonfire12, dragonfl, dragonfly1, dragonfly, dragonfly1, dragongod, dragongt, dragongu, dragonha, dragonhe, dragonhu, dragonj2, dragonj3, dragonja, dragonjd, dragonki, dragonl, dragonlady, dragonlance, dragonlord, dragonlords, dragonlvr, dragonman, DragonMaster, dragonn, dragonnes, dragonnor, Dragonor, dragonorb,

dragonos, dragonov, dragonp, dragonpa, dragonphoenix3, dragonR, dragonrage, dragonrat, dragonrd, dragonri, dragonron, dragons, dragons1, dragons2, dragons52, dragons531, dragons7, dragons9, dragonsf, dragonsign, dragonsl, dragonslayer, dragonsp, Dragonsss, Dragonst, dragonsy, dragonsz, dragonT, dragononta, dragonontale, dragonontalep, dragonontR, dragononus, dragonow, dragonowa, dragonowi, Dragonwing1, dragonwo, dragonwolf, Dragonwyng, dragonx, dragonx1, dragonz, dragonz1, Dragonz4, dragonzz, firedragon, gothik_dragon, Greendragon, hcdragon, icedragon, mydragon, pdragon, pdragon9, pendragon, ratdragon9, rbdragon, rdragon, reddragon, redragon, sdragon, sdragon739, sexdragon, SilkDragon, silverdragon, snapdragon, Tdragon, tsdragon, wdragon, wdragon1, wikeddragon, xdragon, xdragon3x, yearofthedragon

If you study the list for a few moments, you will see that it would not be difficult for a computer to try 90 percent of those variants in very little time. While these passwords are unique, most of them are not different enough to resist exposure to a smart password cracker. You should also notice how consistent and predictable these passwords are.

Nevertheless, you might also notice that there are a few passwords that are somewhat less predictable than the rest. Passwords like *gothik_dragon* and *dragonphoenix3* are more unique in the sense that it would take many more permutations of the word *dragon* to arrive at those passwords. These passwords hint at the key to uniqueness: make your passwords longer. A long, unique password has much less chance of being cracked than a short unique password. It is simple math; the more characters you include in your password, the more opportunity you have to make it unique. In addition, since you already know that English is about 50 percent redundant, you should expect to make your passwords twice as long as you normally would.

Sure, humans are poor sources of randomness, but with a little help and some simple strategies, we can make up for that and have very strong passwords. The next two chapters, “Character Diversity: Beyond the Alphabet” and “Password Length: Making It Count,” demonstrate ways that we can increase the distribution, unpredictability, and uniqueness of our passwords.

Character Diversity: Beyond the Alphabet

Solutions in this chapter:

- **Understanding Character Space**

Understanding Character Space

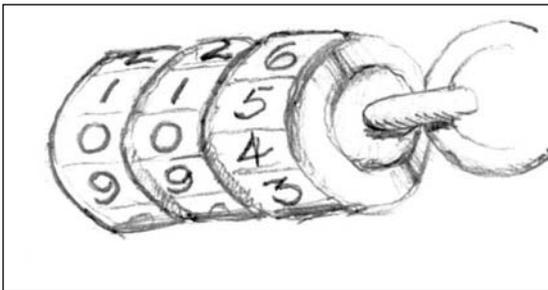
A number of years ago I did technical support for a large PC manufacturer. One day I took a call from a customer who complained that his floppy drive would not accept his floppy disk. I have received similar calls many times in the past, and I knew he just wasn't inserting it correctly. After struggling for a few minutes and failing to get him to orient the disk properly, I decided on a new strategy.

I instructed the customer to hold the floppy disk and try to insert it. If it didn't fit in the slot, I told him to rotate it clockwise one turn and try it again. After trying all four sides, I had him flip it over and try the next four sides. I figured that there are only eight possible ways you could insert the disk, so he would eventually find the correct one. He eventually got it, but it somehow took him nine attempts to get it right!

This was essentially a *brute-force* method of finding the correct way to insert the disk. If you try every possible direction for inserting the disk, you will eventually find the correct one. In this case, it would take a maximum of eight attempts (or maybe nine for some people) to find the correct direction.

At the beginning of the last school year, my son wanted to ride his bike to school but he forgot the combination for his bicycle lock. I looked at the lock and saw that there were three dials, each one with the digits 0 through 9 (see Figure 4.1). Immediately I thought I might be able to discover the code using the brute-force method. To do this, I set all digits to 0 and pulled on the lock. It didn't open so I tried 001, then 002, then 003, and so on. I knew that the combination was somewhere between 000 and 999—a thousand possible combinations.

Figure 4.1 A Bicycle Lock Having Three Dials, Each with 10 Numbers, Giving the Lock 1,000 Possible Combinations



Of course, I wouldn't have to always try all thousand combinations. It could just as likely be the first one I tried as the last. Statistically, there would be a 50 percent chance of me finding the correct combination halfway through, so I'd probably end up trying around 500 combinations. That might be a lot of work but it certainly is doable. I could just work my way through the possible combinations while watching TV, lying in bed, sitting on the toilet, or whenever I find spare time on my hands.

This is another example of a brute-force attack. If you try every possible combination, you'll eventually find the right one. In fact, you're guaranteed to ultimately find the correct one if you're diligent enough.

Brute Force...

How I Eventually Cracked the Lock

It turned out that cracking my son's bicycle lock didn't take 1,000 attempts after all. I discovered a flaw in the lock's design. I found that once I correctly set the leftmost number, I could slide the lock out one notch where the next dial stopped it. After I found the second number I could slide it out one more, and so on until the third number. This meant I could brute force one digit at a time—starting at 0 until I found the first digit, and then repeating the method for each dial thereafter. So there were a maximum of 10 solutions for each digit, for a total maximum of 30 attempts. It turns out I cracked the combination in about 15 attempts.

The correct way to have designed the lock is to have required all three digits to be correct before you could move the lock at all.

One thousand possible combinations is a lot, but imagine a bicycle lock that not only had the numbers 0 through 9 but also had the letters A through Z on each dial. That means there would be 36 possible settings for each dial. If there were three dials, each with 36 possible values, that would be a total of 36^3 or 46,656 possible combinations. Simply by making the dials bigger, we made the lock's combination much more difficult to crack. The more values we can fit on each dial, the longer it would take to try all the combinations.

If we could fit every character available on a standard English keyboard on to each dial, then we could increase the number of possible combinations to more than 850,000, with just three (very large) dials. So while someone

might be willing to try 1,000 combinations, few bikes would be worth the time put in to trying 850,000 possible solutions.

Cracking passwords using the brute force method means you try every possible value for each character position in the password until you find the correct password. For a five-character password, a cracker might start with *aaaaa* and go through every possible combination up to *zzzzz*. Obviously, this is a lot of permutations but there are specialized password cracking software applications that can rapidly try all possible passwords from *aaaaa* to *zzzzz* in a matter of seconds.

TIP

In reality, many automated password cracking tools do not go through each letter alphabetically, but rather start with the most common letters based on character frequency. Some tools are smart enough to adjust these character frequencies based on passwords it has already cracked.

To make things more difficult for password crackers, we use the same strategy as increasing the number of values on each dial of the bicycle lock. In other words, instead of using just lowercase letters for your password, you should use numbers, uppercase letters, punctuation, and so on. The next time you go to set a password and the system says you need numbers or punctuation in your password, essentially all you're doing is using a bigger dial. The bigger the dial, the longer it takes to brute force your password.

TIP

On most systems, passwords are case-sensitive. This means that it distinguishes between uppercase and lowercase letters, so the password *Apple* is not the same as *apple*. This is good because it allows more possible values for each character of your password.

This concept applies to just about anything you can brute force. For example, say you borrowed someone's key ring but do not know what key

will work on a particular lock. Clearly, the greater the number of keys on the ring, the longer it will take for you to find the correct one.

Password Permutations

Most people underestimate the number power of *permutations*. This is perhaps because we see them more as *combinations*, which are mathematically different. Combinations refer to all possible selections from a pool of items where the order is not important. Permutations are the same thing, except that they take into account the order, allowing for more possible results.

Imagine, for example, a simple lottery game where you pick any three numbers from 0 to 9. You win if you match any of the winning numbers in any order. Suppose that you pick the numbers 1, 2, and 3 so if they draw out a 2, then a 1, then a 3, you are a winner. If they draw the numbers 3, then 2, and then 1, you are also a winner. In fact, given three numbers from 0 through 9, there are only 220 different combinations so you would always have a 1-in-220 chance of winning. This is called a combination.

I'll spare you the detailed math involved (see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Combinations_and_permutations for the full explanation), but the formula for this is

$$\frac{(n + r - 1)!}{r!(n - 1)!}$$

Where n is the pool of numbers from which you can select and r is the quantity available. In this example, if you worked it out, it would come out to 220.

If you consider the order in which the numbers are drawn, the odds of winning decrease dramatically. Suppose that the lottery has a jackpot that you win if you match all three numbers in the exact order in which they were drawn (see Figure 4.2). And since we are comparing all this to passwords, suppose that any number could be drawn more than once. That means that the possible permutations are 10 numbers times 10 numbers times 10 numbers, or 10^3 , or 1,000.

Figure 4.2 In a Lottery If You Get a Win by Matching Any Three Numbers in Any Order, There Are 220 Possible Combinations. If Order Does Matter, Then There Are 1,000 Possible Permutations.



The difference between 220 and 1,000 is great, but to help you better understand the difference, let's look at how the numbers grow depending on how many numbers you can choose from, as Table 4.1 shows. If you increase the pool of numbers you can select from, the number of permutations increases dramatically.

Table 4.1 Increasing the Pool of Numbers Greatly Increases the Permutations

Selections	Combinations	Permutations
3	220	1,000
6	5,005	1,000,000
7	11,440	10,000,000
8	24,310	100,000,000
9	48,620	1,000,000,000
10	92,378	10,000,000,000
11	167,960	100,000,000,000
12	293,930	1,000,000,000,000
13	497,420	10,000,000,000,000
14	817,190	100,000,000,000,000
15	1,307,504	1,000,000,000,000,000

Instead of 0 through 9, if you could pick any three numbers between 0 and 15, it would result in 4,096 permutations. This number of permutations grows much faster than the number of combinations.

Just as with lottery numbers, the larger the pool of characters you use in your passwords, the more possible permutations there are. This can make a big difference in resisting a brute force attack.

Character Sets

Too many password policies seem random, rejecting one password but accepting a similar password for no obvious reason. A friend recently explained to me a new system that he has at his workplace. When you set a password, there is an interactive gauge that, as you type, rates your password as Poor, Average, Better, and Strong. He pointed out to me that he entered his typical password, the one he always uses, and it gave him a rating of Average. But to his surprise, he simply added an asterisk to the end of the password and it increased to a Strong rating. What *he* learned from this experience is that asterisks make your password stronger.

But that system is a bit misleading. It wasn't the asterisk itself that added to the password strength, but the fact that he pulled from a different *character set*.

NOTE

Johnny loved surfing the Web, and kept track of his passwords by writing them on Post-It notes. His mother noticed his Disney Online password was, "MickeyMinnieGoofyPluto," and asked why he chose such a long password. Johnny replied, "Because, they said it has to have at least four characters."

In password terms, a character set is a group of keyboard characters that someone might use in a password. The basic character sets are

- **Numbers** Digits 0 through 9
- **Lowercase letters** Lowercase letters from a through z
- **Uppercase letters** Uppercase letters from A through Z
- **Symbols** Other punctuation and symbols such as the tilde (~), asterisk (*), or equals sign (=).

Many systems try to evaluate the potential strength of your password by checking to see how many different character sets you use—the more the better.

When establishing a password policy, a system administrator might require that you use a mix of more than one character set in your password. In Windows, there is a standard password complexity setting that requires using characters from at least three character sets. If you get an error message saying that your password doesn't meet complexity requirements, it usually means it wants more character sets, so try adding some numbers and symbols. The following are some examples of using different character sets:

One Character Set:

- applepie
- 6565656

Two Character Sets:

- HappyCamper (uppercase and lowercase)
- notnothing! (lowercase and symbol)

Three Character Sets:

- 677Mustangs (uppercase, lowercase, numbers)
- wrong3@email.com (lowercase, symbols, number)

All Four Character Sets:

- Different-2day
- 4 Broken (shellfish)
- Www2.example.com

NOTE

Most of the automated brute-force tools that crackers use let you choose which characters to use in the attack. Most commonly, they will try only letters and numbers to keep the attack time reasonable. When they change this setting, they usually do so by character sets. Therefore, by using any character in a character set, you require the cracker to try all characters in that set.

Lowercase Letters

Most passwords consist of lowercase letters of the alphabet. More than 75 percent of all characters used in passwords are lowercase letters, and more than 60 percent of all passwords use all lowercase characters and nothing else.

Lowercase letters are the basis for most passwords, but you should try to use other character sets in addition to your lowercase letters.

Lowercase letters are common simply because they are the easiest and fastest to type. This makes them useful when you make extra long passwords. In fact, you should think of lowercase letters as your main strategy to increase the bulk and complexity of your passwords.

Here are some examples of using lowercase letters creatively in your passwords:

- yer weather is colllder
- sitting at the mall in springville
- collidingwithatomss
- left at the firststoptlight

Note how these passwords are all 20 characters or longer. They are easy to type and easy to remember. If you use passwords less than 15 characters, you should avoid using all lowercase letters and mix in other character sets.

Uppercase Letters

It is interesting to note that less than three percent of all passwords contain uppercase letters. Most of the time, uppercase letters appear only in the first or second character positions. In other words, most of these are capitalized words. Don't forget to use uppercase letters and be sure to use them unpredictably throughout your password.

The following shows some examples of using uppercase letters in your passwords:

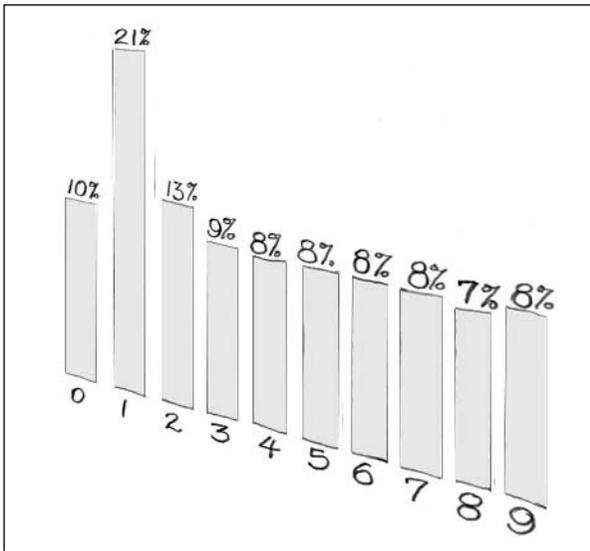
- Evan the IV
- Call the FBI
- CRAVING.com
- Radio 99.3 KRPP
- whitefish.DLL

Numbers

Numbers are probably the most common method people use to increase the character sets in their passwords. The problem with numbers is that most people use them in such a predictable manner that they often do little to increase the strength of their passwords. You should still use numbers in your passwords, just be smart when you use them.

The most obvious weakness with using numbers is that there are only ten of them, which is only a small increase in character space. To make things worse, people tend to prefer some numbers over others. For example, most people use the number one much more than any other number. Figure 4.3 shows the breakdown of which numbers appear most frequently in passwords.

Figure 4.3 Number One Is the Most Common Number People Use in Their Passwords; Almost Twice As Much As Any Other Number



Looking at that chart, crackers could modify their brute-force strategy to only include the numbers one and two, which will get them a third of all passwords containing numbers.

In addition to using common numbers, people also tend to make patterns or sequences out of numbers. Examples of this are passwords that contain numeric strings such as 12345, 1212, 2005, 99, and so on. In fact, many of the top 500 passwords (shown in Chapter 9) are simple number sequences. Furthermore, if your password is *Fluffy12* and you are forced to change it, it is

too easy to derive a predictable password such as *Fluffy13*. Avoid having more than 10 percent of your password be numbers, and avoid predictable numeric patterns.

The most common password pattern utilizing numbers is a dictionary word or name followed by one or two numbers, such as *cecil6*, *ford99*, *katie5*, or *broncos12*. You should avoid this pattern.

Almost a third of all passwords end in a number. Ten percent of all passwords end with the number one. If you use numbers in your password, try using them throughout your entire password and don't forget about the less popular numbers.

The following are some examples of how to use numbers in your passwords:

- 1515 Parsley Road
- 12 dozen dozens
- Channel 42 news
- Wasted 500 bucks
- Lost 7 socks
- Scoring 8 more points
- Go 50 miles on Rt. 80
- 1-800-go-NUTS

Symbols

Symbols are any characters that are not a number or a letter. This includes

- **Punctuation** Punctuation symbols for your language such as the period (.), comma (,), or apostrophe (").
- **Keyboard symbols** Non-punctuation symbols found on a standard keyboard, such as the tilde (~), backslash (\), or pipe (|).
- **Non-keyboard symbols** Printable characters that do not appear on a standard keyboard and require special key sequences to type, such as the copyright symbol (©), the diaeresis (¨), or the inverted question mark (¿).

- **Nonprintable characters** Special control characters that do not print but that you can sometimes, rarely, use in passwords. This includes characters such as the backspace, enter, or tab.

Modern computer systems support a much greater character space beyond that of a typical keyboard. If you run the Character Map program by opening the Start Menu, selecting Program Files, and opening the Accessories menu, you will see that there are many different characters available, depending on the font. In fact, Microsoft's Arial font contains more than 65,000 different characters and symbols from a variety of languages. The support for these extended characters is referred to as Unicode.

You can access any of these characters by using the Alt key on your keyboard. For example, if you open WordPad, you can create a smiley-face character (☺) by holding down the Alt key, typing 9786 on the number pad, and then releasing the Alt key. Some typefaces may not support all these characters and will instead display a small box, but that does not matter because you never see your password anyway. Not all systems allow you to use these symbols in your passwords, but Windows will let you use any character code up to 65,535.

Using symbols, especially non-keyboard symbols, allows for the greatest possible character space. This is equivalent to the bicycle lock with 65,535 different positions on each dial. An eight-character password utilizing this entire character space allows for 340,240,830,764,391,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 different permutations. Although that password is still guessable, the chances are that no one will ever guess it in a single lifetime.

However, that isn't to say that you should always use these characters. Keep in mind that typing these character codes using the Alt key and the number pad is slow and cumbersome. In fact, if you consider the number of keystrokes, it might be just as effective to make your password longer, as I explain in Chapter 5. Nevertheless, utilizing the full character space might be effective in high-security situations or with passwords that you rarely have to type manually.

Spaces are another underutilized password character. Most people don't realize that many systems do allow for spaces in passwords. Windows, for example, lets you use spaces not only within your password but also before and after your password. If you create a password combination followed by three spaces, someone else would have to do the same to gain access to your account—the spaces are part of your password.

Using spaces is a particularly effective strategy because:

- They are easy to remember. In fact, they are just spaces—nothing to remember at all.
- They encourage users to create longer, multiword passwords.
- They are easy and natural to type.
- They extend the character space beyond lowercase letters and numbers.

The only disadvantage I can think of for using spaces is that hitting the space bar makes a unique sound different than other keys. Perhaps using too many spaces would be revealing enough to a very clever attacker, who also happens to be within earshot when you type your password. This is hardly enough of a disadvantage to avoid spaces though.

TIP

Spaces can save you in surprising ways. I once instructed a client to use spaces in passwords. One day he wrote down the Administrator password on a piece of paper as he was setting up a new system. The paper went missing without him noticing that it was gone. He did, however, notice the next day that someone had tried and failed several times to log in to that Administrator account. The logs led him directly to the culprit, who was promptly fired.

So what saved my client from this intrusion? When he set the password, he ended it with a single space, which he obviously did not write down on paper. The other employee was trying the written password—without the trailing space.

Like numbers, people generally use symbols in a predictable manner. You are more likely to see periods, exclamation points, and question marks at the end of a password and are more likely to find hyphens, dashes, and commas between dictionary words. Dollar signs usually precede numbers, and percent signs will more likely follow numbers. The single most common use of symbols is a hyphen character in the fourth, fifth, and sixth character positions of a password, such as in passwords like *wall-orange* and *knot-five*.

The following are some examples of integrating punctuation and symbols into your passwords:

- Making \$\$\$\$count
- 2+2+3 isn't five
- 1/2 the_meal
- Batman and/or/not Robin
- <h1>Introduction</h1>
- If (x=0) then
- C:\Program Files
- (999) dog-walk
- Smileys :) ;)
- Not! Again!?
- www.eatingcoldpizza-forbreakfast.com
- Staying “interconnected”

Summary

Character diversity is a key component of strong passwords. The purpose of using many different types of characters is to reduce the predictability and weakness of your passwords. Using numbers, uppercase letters, and symbols, if employed properly, can enhance the creativity and uniqueness of your passwords.

You want your password to be unique. In fact, you want them so unique that it would be unlikely for anyone else to have that very same password. Increasing the types of characters you use greatly increases your chances of building those unique passwords.

Password Length: Making It Count

Solutions in this chapter:

- Benefits of Long Passwords
- Building Longer Passwords

Introduction

A couple of years ago, I was preparing to speak in front of a group at a conference. As I set up for the presentation, attendees slowly filled the room. I connected my laptop computer to the projector screen and logged in. This was my travel laptop. I password-protected my screensaver and set it to activate after just a few minutes of inactivity. And, of course, I had a very strong password.

As I set up, the screensaver activated several times, and each time I had to enter the password. As the audience filled, I started noticing occasional chuckles out in the audience that seemed to increase in volume each time. It took me a while, but I finally made the connection—they laughed each time I logged in to my laptop. My password at the time was 63 characters long. Apparently, they found that amusing.

But, if you know me, you know that I always use long passwords. Some people think I'm overly paranoid. Some people don't see how I can memorize passwords that long. However, using long passwords is the single most effective strategy in keeping your passwords secure. It is, in fact, so important that it can even make up for failing to follow any other password policy.

And they aren't that hard to remember.

The Benefits of Long Passwords

Long passwords are by no means the burden that most people imagine. Most people see long passwords as hard to remember and hard to type. The opposite is actually true. Long passwords certainly can be easier to remember, easier to type, but best of all, most difficult to break.

Easy to Memorize

The average adult in the U.S. has to remember 9.8 passwords, pin codes, or other bits of secret information. But for people who are around computers all day, such as IT professionals, they could easily find themselves having to keep track of 50 or more passwords. When you consider that many systems require you to regularly change your passwords (and you should on your own anyway), that's a lot of passwords to keep straight. Remembering all those passwords is obviously a big concern.

Sure, it seems logical that longer passwords might be more challenging to remember. But I say it's easier to remember long passwords than it is to remember short passwords—if you do them right.

Consider the following examples of short passwords that many security professionals would consider adequately secure based on widely accepted security best practices:

- Sup3rm@n
- Br9T&o2_
- Bl4CK-hAt
- Y*c77pw\$
- 4W5T1UP

These might be fairly strong passwords, but you'd need some time to memorize them. If you studied those five passwords for a minute and then looked away, chances are you wouldn't be able to recall more than one or two of them. Go ahead and try it yourself. Now think about how much more difficult it would be if you had to remember a dozen different passwords like that, each of them unique. No wonder people hate passwords like these.

Now compare those with the following simpler, but longer passwords:

- skyisfalling
- in a coalmine.
- walnut-flavored
- orange toothpaste
- a hundred pesos

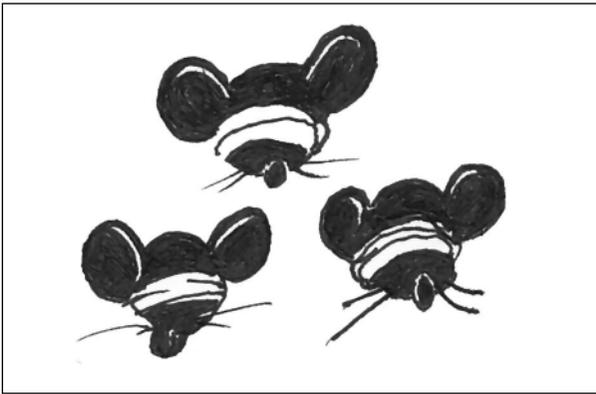
If you study this list for a minute, you'd quickly realize there's much less effort involved in memorizing these passwords, even though each is at least twice as long as those on the other list. Which ones would you rather have to memorize? It's interesting to note that the passwords on the second list are mathematically just as strong, (or stronger) as those on the first list. I'll explain just why this is true in more detail later in this chapter.

The actual number of characters in a password has nothing to do with our ability to memorize it. Our minds don't store information as individual characters; we see chunks of information and save those chunks, no matter how big they may be. For example, consider the phrase, *three blind-folded mice*. We don't memorize 18 letters, two spaces, and a dash. Instead, we memorize just four pieces of information—the four words in the phrase. We don't have to bother remembering the spaces, and perhaps not even the dash in the middle. That's the secret to long passwords—you may have a 24-character

password but only have to remember a few pieces of information, and anyone can do that. In fact, if you visualize three blindfolded mice in your head, you really only have to remember one piece of information—that image in your head.

Part of the trick is that having more information actually helps you to remember it. If we left out any portion of the phrase *three blindfolded mice*, such as *three _____ mice*, we would still remember that word due to the context that the other information provides (see Figure 5.1).

Figure 5.1 When Remembering a Long Password, Such As **Three Blindfolded Mice**, It's Easy Just to Remember a Simple Mental Image.



An interesting side effect of this is that with long passwords you can record small reminders without having to record your entire password. For example, you might write down *blind mice* as a reminder until you are comfortable with the new password. This also works well in those cases where you have no choice but to share a password with others. If others forget the password, you can simply remind them that it is the *mouse* password without having to say the whole password within earshot of others.

Human brains have plenty of capacity to store and retain information and even a small child can easily memorize entire nursery rhymes or songs. The trick is to put things into a form that our brains can easily work with. Using long passwords gives you more space and opportunity to incorporate patterns or memorization techniques, such as those I'll describe later in this chapter.

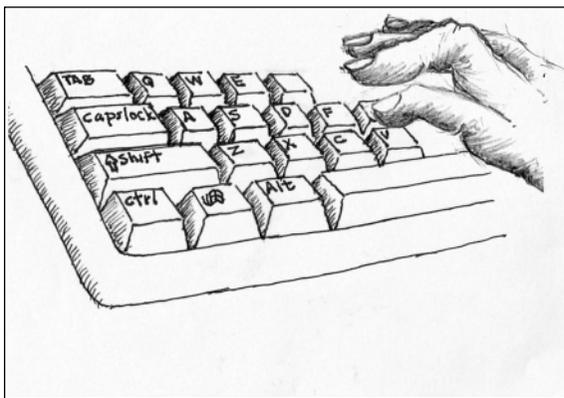
Easy to Type

Again, this goes against conventional wisdom, but I also say that you can type longer passwords faster than you can shorter passwords. In addition, you can type them more accurately.

There is one provision, however, that you must already know how to type. If all you do now is hunt and peck, a long password is just a lot more hunting and a lot more pecking. But, if you can already type reasonably well, you will find yourself spending much less time entering long passwords.

My reasoning is based on what I explained earlier: people think in terms of words and phrases, not individual letters. It turns out that when we type on a keyboard we do the same thing. In our minds, we don't spell out each individual letter, we verbalize the words in our minds and our fingers just type that word. What slows us down is when we have to think about what we're typing. You might notice that as you type, you pause slightly between each sentence and even a little between each word. You type it as you say it in your head (see Figure 5.2).

Figure 5.2 When Typing, You Don't Type Individual Letters But Whole Words at a Time. Long Passwords Using Known Words Are Easier than Short Ones Composed of Random Characters.



If you have a password like *c@45Wa#B*, you tend to break it up into individual letters and hesitate as you think about, and type, each one. Furthermore, a password like *c@45Wa#B* requires reaching your fingers more across the keyboard and using extra keystrokes to hold down the shift key several times. Longer passwords, on the other hand, do not require as many

unique character sets (such as symbols or numbers) so you can focus on lowercase words you're more accustomed to typing.

Try it yourself. Time yourself typing passwords from the two lists in the previous section and you'll see the difference.

Another bonus with typing normal words is that you not only type them faster, but you tend to type them more accurately. The concept is still the same—people tend to type in words, as opposed to letters, and therefore are more accurate in doing so.

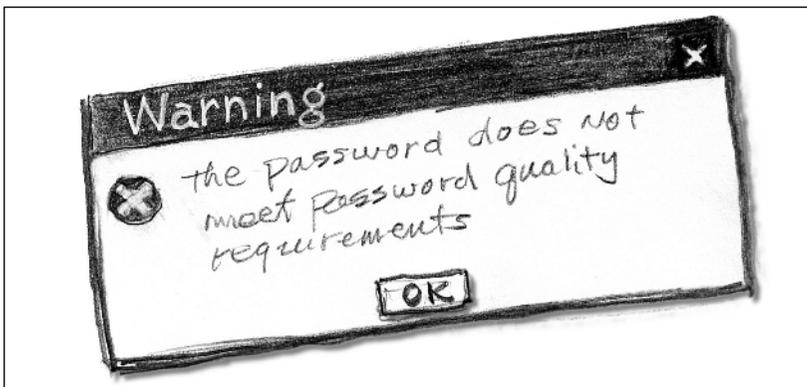
Harder to Crack

The greatest benefit of longer passwords is that password length is the single most important factor in building strong passwords. If your password is long enough, you really don't have to bother so much with numbers and symbols. Additionally, you don't have to worry about changing your password as frequently as you would with a shorter password.

There is a myth prevalent in the IT world that your password must be completely random and use a variety of character sets to be effective. Many system administrators would love seeing their users coming up with passwords like *7mv4?gHa* or *Y6+a4P#5*. While these passwords might be somewhat strong, this is not the only way to come up with strong passwords.

Often, administrators will try to force users to come up with strong passwords by implementing strong password requirements. If you've worked in an organization such as this, then you're well familiar with frustrating messages like that shown in Figure 5.3.

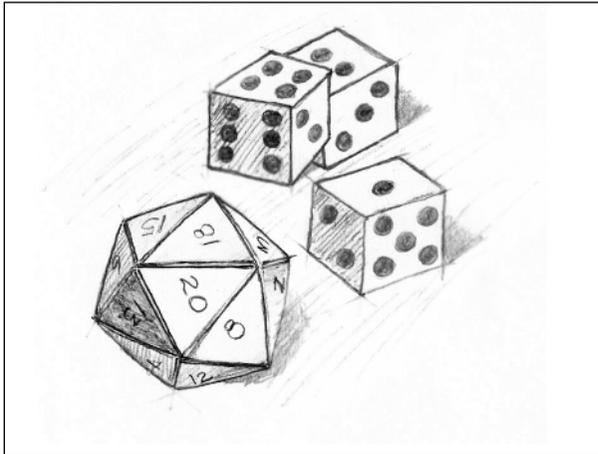
Figure 5.3: In an Effort to Force Users to Create Strong Passwords, Many Administrators Implement Complex and Confusing Password Policies.



There are two ways to increase the strength of your password: increase the character sets you use or increase the length of your password. In the previous chapter, I explained how you can use different character sets to make your password more resistant to brute-force attacks. Although this is an important strategy, it turns out that increasing the password length is just as effective, maybe even more effective. All it takes is adding a few characters to the length of a lowercase password to make it just as effective as a password that uses a mix of characters.

Consider this example: which do you think would have more possible combinations, rolling a 20-sided die just once or rolling a regular six-sided die three times? It turns out that a 20-sided die has only 20 possible outcomes, but rolling the six-sided die three times has 6^3 , or 216 possible outcomes, as Figure 5.4 shows.

Figure 5.4 Which Has More Possible Outcomes: A Single 20-Sided Die or Three Six-Sided Dice?



If you compare this to passwords, Table 5.1 shows the difference between a password using all lowercase characters and a password that utilizes the full range of keyboard characters.

Table 5.1 To Strengthen a Password, You Can Increase Its Length or Make Use of More Character Sets

Length	Lowercase Only	All Keyboard Characters
3	17,576	857,375
4	456,976	81,450,625
5	11,881,376	7,737,809,375
6	308,915,776	735,091,890,625
7	8,031,810,176	69,833,729,609,375
8	208,827,064,576	6,634,204,312,890,620
9	5,429,503,678,976	630,249,409,724,609,000
10	141,167,095,653,376	59,873,693,923,837,900,000
11	3,670,344,486,987,780	5,688,000,922,764,600,000,000
12	95,428,956,661,682,200	540,360,087,662,637,000,000,000
13	2,481,152,873,203,740,000	51,334,208,327,950,500,000,000,000
14	64,509,974,703,297,200,000	4,876,749,791,155,300,000,000,000,000
15	1,677,259,342,285,730,000,000	463,291,230,159,753,000,000,000,000,000

According to this table, a seven-character password that incorporates the full range of keyboard characters is much more resistant to a brute-force attack than a seven-character lowercase password. However, a ten-character lowercase password has about twice as many permutations as the strong seven-character password. That means that a password such as *dozennozes* is more resistant to a brute-force attack than the password *J%3mPw6*.

NOTE

Keep in mind that the numbers shown in Table 5.1 grow exponentially, so the longer the password, the more characters you'll need to keep them equivalent.

For example, a short password might just need one or two characters added; a long password might need five or more extra characters. Also, remember that these numbers mean absolutely nothing if you use easily guessable passwords such as dictionary words, the name of your cat, or your favorite sports team.

Sure, it's always better to incorporate symbols and numbers into your password, but if your password is long enough, say 20 characters or longer, it really doesn't make that much of a difference any more.

Did You Know?

Password Policies

If you're a system administrator and you enforce strict password policies, you may want to take a step back and rethink your strategy. A typical password policy might require a password of at least eight characters long and insist on the use of numbers and symbols. The problem with that policy is that you tend to get a whole lot of passwords like **'72Mustang** or **Michael-23**. While these aren't horrible passwords, they are somewhat predictable.

The bigger problem, however, is that users tend to get frustrated with password error messages, and many don't fully understand exactly how to avoid the message. Often, they just keep trying different passwords until one is finally accepted. So often, I hear users complain about their strict password policies at work—everyone hates them. Moreover, they resent the admins who enforce them.

There is an easier way, however, to ensure strong passwords without so much user frustration. Let them use whatever characters they want, even if they are all lowercase characters, but enforce a minimum password length that ensures adequate strength, say 15 characters or more. Users are more willing to enter longer passwords that always are accepted than struggle with entering the minimum number of character sets. Don't bother with complicated password policies, just enforce a minimum length.

On the same note, users also get frustrated with having to change their passwords every couple of months. Enforcing long passwords also helps make up for password aging policies; allowing users to stick with their passwords longer. Plus, users are more willing to come up with long passwords if they get to keep them for six months.

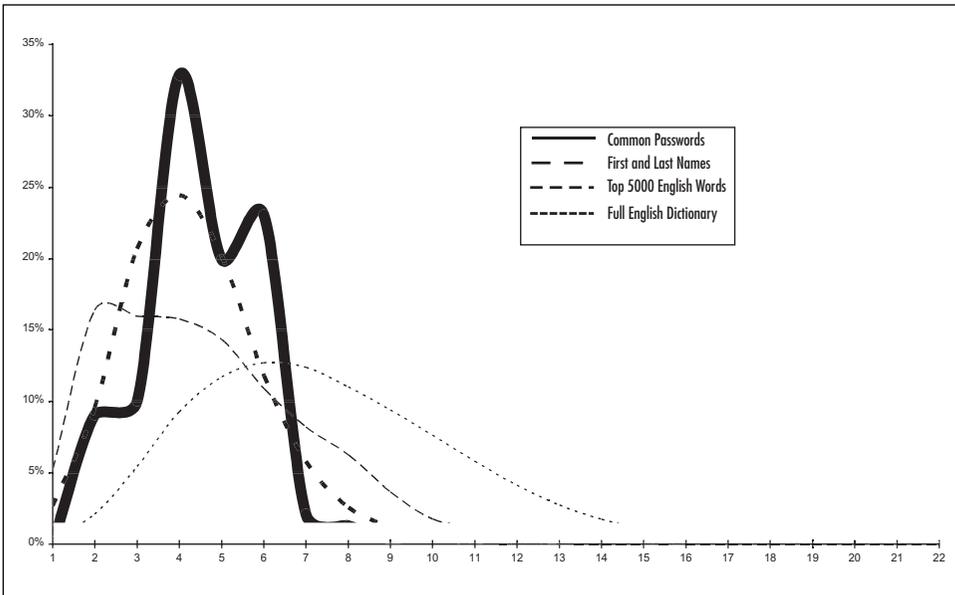
Other Security Benefits

Long passwords are mathematically more complex and therefore harder to crack, but there are also other security benefits to long passwords. The longer

the password, the more likely it is to be different than any anyone else's password, and uniqueness means strong passwords. If you have a password of at least 12 characters, you eliminate nearly all common dictionary words, names, and most other common passwords. The longer your password, the less likely it will appear on any precompiled list.

Figure 5.5 shows the breakdown of word lengths of various lists. The solid line represents the lengths of more than two million actual passwords. Notice how few passwords exceed seven characters in length. By the time you get to 12 characters in length, you have eliminated most common words. Finally, a password of more than 20 characters is not likely to appear on any list.

Figure 5.5 A comparison of Word Lengths in Various Word Lists, Few Lists Contain Words Longer Than 12 Characters



Most techniques for gathering passwords focus on going after the low-hanging fruit—trying common passwords that are six to eight characters in length. Using passwords beyond that length automatically excludes you from many attacks. For example, attackers sometimes use Rainbow Tables, as explained in Chapter 2, to precalculate hashes in order to speed up password-cracking attacks. However, at this time there are no publicly available rainbow tables that go beyond eight characters in length. Using long passwords automatically protects you from rainbow table attacks.

Another real benefit is that in Windows, if you use a password that's 15 characters or longer, Windows does not store the LanMan hash. LanMan hashes are bad because they are particularly vulnerable to some types of password attacks (see Chapter 2 for more on LanMan hashes). If your password is 15 characters or longer, there is no LanMan hash for hackers to go after.

Building Longer Passwords

My own password strategy is to first build a long password, and then make it just a little longer.

However, sometimes the hardest part of building long passwords is coming up with creative techniques to make your passwords longer without making them any harder to remember. The following sections explore some techniques that might help.

Adding Another Word

The simplest way to make your password longer is to add another word along with some kind of punctuation. This can add six to eight characters to the length of your password but only requires remembering one or more pieces of information. Consider, for example, how adding a single word enhances the length of the passwords shown in Table 5.2.

Table 5.2 Adding a Word to Your Password

Before	After
Marty29 (seven characters)	Marty29-thumbna1l (17 characters)
Shopping (eight characters)	Goin' shopping (14 characters)
4Chewbacca (ten characters)	4Chewbacca—chewy (16 characters)
Broncos (seven characters)	Broncos helmet. (15 characters)

Bracketing

Bracketing is a technique where you wrap your password in one or more symbols. These symbols could be parentheses, quotes, braces, or just about anything you want. Bracketing only adds a couple more characters to your password, but remember, your strategy should be to make your password longer, and then make it a bit longer. Bracketing is a great way to add that last little bit.

Some examples of bracketing are shown in Table 5.3.

Table 5.3 Bracketing Your Password

Before	After
Starfleet (nine characters)	*Starfleet* (11 characters)
Sugarless (nine characters)	"sugarless" (11 characters)
buyingmoretime (14 characters)	buying(more)time (16 characters)
jamesjames (ten characters)	<<jamesjames>> (14 characters)
Dawghouse (nine characters)	<!—dawghouse—> (14 characters)

Number Patterns

Normally, I would say that adding one or two numbers to the end of your password is not a great strategy, because it is so predictably common. However, adding a long, formatted number somewhere in a password is very effective in increasing both the length and the character diversity of your password. It is okay to use simple patterns in this case because the password as a whole will still be unpredictable.

Some examples of number patterns in passwords are shown in Table 5.4.

Table 5.4 Adding Number Patterns to Your Password

Before	After
Dolphins (eight characters)	Dolphins #919 (13 characters)
JudgeJudy (nine characters)	JudgeJudy 4:00pm (16 characters)
sphYnx (six characters)	\$4.99 sphYnx (12 characters)
terriers (eight characters)	93033 terriers (14 characters)

Fun Words

Some words are just more fun to speak or type than others. Consider, for example, the words *guacamole*, *fandango*, *chimichanga*, *zygomatic*, or *vociferous*, which are just more interesting than other words. Take advantage of this and try incorporating these words into your passwords. Other words are interesting for other reasons. For example, the word *lollipop* has just four letters and they all sit next to each other on an English keyboard.

The following is a small collection of words that are just plain fun to say:

Ampersand, Bamboozle, Bangkok, Barf, Bongo, Booger, Brouhaha, Buttafuco, Buttock, Canonicalization, Cantankerous, Chimichanga, Circumlocution, Conundrum, Crustacean, Dag Nabbit, Flabbergasted, Flabbergasting, Flatulate, Floccinaucinihilipilification, Gibberish, Glockenspiel, Gobbledygook, Goulash, Hasselhoff, Hobgoblin, Idiosyncratic, Jambalaya, Juxtaposition, Kumquat, Loquacious, Lumpsucker, Mesopotamia, Nugget, Obfuscate, Oligopoly, Orangutan, Oscillate, Phlegm, Platypus, Plethora, Poo Poo Platter, Rancho Cucamonga, Ridiculous, Sassafras, Shenanigans, Spatula, Specificity, Stromboli, Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, Supercilious, Superfluous, Titicaca, Tomfoolery, Turd, Vehement, Vehicular, Yadda Yadda, Zamboni, Zimbabwe, Zoology.

Repetition

If you have trouble coming up with long passwords, try incorporating repeating patterns. Repetition means that you just remember one piece of information and enter it two or three times. Repeating patterns are tricky because they're somewhat common and predictable. Some password cracking programs, for example, can take a standard dictionary and try repeating each word twice, and can try all those potential passwords in a matter of seconds.

But if your password is already strong on its own, you can bet that repeating it will make it much stronger, without requiring that you remember any additional information. If you slightly modify how you use repetition and incorporate different delimiters, you can further increase the password strength.

The following are some examples of effectively using repetition:

- whiteyogurt-yogurtwhite
- 21bear22bear23
- Pirate—PirateBoat
- tennis/friend/tennis
- 44-forty-four-44
- heads-shoulders-knees-toes-knees-toes
- piano..girl..piano..girl

Prefixes and Suffixes

Adding prefixes and suffixes to regular words not only lengthens your password, it further ensures that your password is unique and will not appear on any common wordlist.

Prefixes and suffixes can be extremely effective with a little creativity:

- non-davincitized
- semi-tigerishly
- off-whitenessless
- pizzatized-sauce
- spicily-peppering

Colorizing

Sometimes when you're really stumped about how to enhance your password, try adding a little color. However, use these type of passwords cautiously because there really aren't that many basic colors to choose from.

Nevertheless, they're an easy way to strengthen your password:

- greenish**sheeps
- alice+blue+bulldog
- Yellowing yellow roman
- Strawberry-blue-2
- Dark blue tornadoes

Sentences

Pass phrases have long been a good password strategy. Taking a simple word and turning it into a sentence gives you a chance to not only increase the length of your password but also incorporate punctuation and other symbols:

- Turn left, then turn right, ok?
- Buying 22 more bananas.
- Hiking up Mt. Maple
- It costs \$3 more.

Summary

If you want your password to be stronger, make it longer. Think 15 characters or more as a good baseline. But, for those passwords that will protect extra-sensitive information, consider a password of 30 characters or more. Once you get comfortable with techniques like those covered in this chapter, you'll find that your longer passwords are easier to remember, easier to type, and much more difficult to crack. It's not that difficult, it can be fun, and even a child can do it.

Time: The Enemy of All Secrets

Solutions in this chapter:

- Aging Passwords

Aging Passwords

Passwords are secrets and your best passwords should be your best-kept secrets. Nevertheless, passwords age and old secrets are poor secrets.

Eventually, your password will expire. The system that handles your password may or may not force you to change an expired password; however, as with all expired items, you should discard it.

It's About Time

Some people say “time is money.” Some say that “time flies.” Some have “time on their hands” and others have “time to kill.” However, time and passwords do not mix. Time is one aspect of password security that you cannot control; you cannot let your passwords get too old.

The primary reason you should regularly change passwords is because password cracking takes time and as time passes the risk of a password being cracked increases. There may be no one trying to crack your password, but you should take precautions based on the assumption that someone is. We do not expect to get in a car accident every time we drive, but we put our seatbelts on every time based on that assumption.

If a password were strong enough that it would take 60 days to crack, then after 60 days the chance of that password being compromised would increase. Every day that passes further increases the risk. Passwords are typed on keyboards, saved on disks, stored in memory, traverse networks, and are sometimes shared with others. All of these things potentially reduce the security of your password over time, and the only way to renew that security is to set a new password.

There are other risks with old passwords. People tend to become attached to passwords and use the same one on multiple systems. Having old passwords that are on multiple systems is dangerous. Regularly changing passwords is a good routine.

Overbearing Policies

Perhaps the most annoying of all password policies is *password aging*. Everyone hates the “Password Expired” message that pops up, especially when rushing to meet a big deadline or otherwise distracted. Moreover, all of the warnings do not really help.

Password policies enforced on computer systems have one primary objective: to prevent people from being careless with their passwords. However, people find ways around policies, so administrators design other policies to prevent people from bypassing the first policies.

Understanding the logic behind the policies can help you understand the need for these policies. Moreover, if you are an administrator who sets these policies, maybe you can adjust these policies to better accommodate your users.

Password Expiration

As mentioned earlier, password expiration is based on the assumption that someone is trying to obtain your password. This may or may not be true, but the fact is that there are many people trying to get many passwords and you do not want your password to be one of them.

Passwords expire because they cannot be protected 100 percent. Hackers have many tools at their disposal to collect passwords and password hashes. You may be the actual target or you may have just been an innocent bystander in another attack. There might be some people at your organization learning to become hackers, so they test out their skills on fellow employees. A system administrator might run the very same tools that hackers use to check the strength of passwords on the system. Your system might be infected with a worm or virus that installed a keylogger. There are thousands of ways your password could be compromised.

The only way to really combat this is to try to stay one step ahead of the hackers and keep changing your passwords. If someone already has your password, hopefully changing it will lock him or her out.

The optimal time to change your password depends on how strong your password is, how important the information that you protect with the password is, and how well protected the system that stores it is. We all have a number of passwords, protecting everything from our sensitive financial accounts to our online shopping carts. A compromise of some accounts would potentially be devastating, while losing a password on another account might be of no consequence. If you want to protect an account, use a strong password and change that password regularly. Some accounts can be left for a year without changing the password, but other passwords should be changed every three months.

Most administrators require users to change their passwords every 60 to 120 days, largely because most people have poor passwords. It turns out that even 60 days is not enough to protect a weak password, so this policy is not quite as effective as it seems. Most weak passwords can be cracked within 24 hours; therefore, 60 days provides little protection. Personally, I would rather choose a very strong password and not have to change it for 120 to 180 days. Any password, no matter how strong it is, eventually expires, but a strong password will last much longer than a weak one.

Creating a password aging policy is tricky. The first priority should be building strong passwords.

Password Histories

Password aging is an important policy, but as soon as administrators started enforcing this policy, users found ways to circumvent it. They would simply alternate between two passwords, switching back and forth every time they were forced to change their passwords. Another trick was to change their password then turn around and change it right back.

This obviously defeats the purpose of requiring a password change. To combat this, administrators found a mechanism called a *password history* to prevent reusing the same passwords repeatedly. A password history is a list of previous passwords that the system uses to prevent you from using the same passwords over again. Some systems keep track of the last few passwords and other systems keep track of more than 20 passwords.

Minimum Age

Everyone thought that was the solution but it did not take long for users to figure out that all they had to do was change their password enough times and then they could flush the list and go back to their original password. So rather than just come up with a better password, they would go through the effort to reset their password a dozen times just to get back to their original passwords. And administrators, rather than teaching people how to build strong passwords, countered with a minimum password age. In other words, after changing a password you had to wait a day before changing it again.

Did Administrators Win?

Now, users have to change their passwords regularly, they cannot reuse them, and they cannot flush their password histories. So are passwords any stronger? No. These policy restrictions have led users to write down their passwords every time they change them, and use predictable patterns such as incrementing a two-digit number after the password. In some ways, their passwords are even less secure.

We all need to step back and remember the original problem, that users normally do not have great passwords. If we all had great passwords, password-aging policies would not be as important. Wouldn't it be great to only have to change your password once or twice a year?

Living with Passwords

Solutions in this chapter:

- **Making Passwords Convenient**

Making Passwords Convenient

Let's face it; passwords aren't going away anytime soon. Because no matter how much the world's authentication technology advances, chances are it will in some way always depend on a secret that only you know. Meanwhile, password-cracking methodologies will advance, and computers will become increasingly more powerful. You really won't be able to get away with your *cupcake55* or *beachbum* passwords for much longer. You need to learn how to build strong passwords that you can conveniently live with. By convenience, I mean a password that you can easily remember and type easily and quickly.

Remembering Passwords

When my youngest son was five years old, he had a 15-character password for our computer. He had to because that was my policy—even on my home network. Sure, that seems rather extreme for a home network, but I am a security consultant, so it is my job to keep up with the best security practices, even if it is at home. I am not worried about anyone cracking my son's password; it's just my policy, and everyone follows it. My family may hate it, but they follow it.

My son remembered his password just fine and had no trouble typing it in to the computer. What was his password? It was the letter O typed 15 times. He happened to like the letter O, and he could count to 15 so that was his password. The point is that he found a password that met my policy requirements yet it was something even he could remember. This is what can make passwords so easy to remember: we can build them based on our own experience. We remember the passwords that mean something to us.

Psychologists, scientists, educators, and others have developed many techniques for improving our ability to memorize information. We have all learned techniques such as mnemonics and association. All these techniques are based on the assumption that we are memorizing information that we did not choose. The advantage of memorizing passwords is that you get to choose what you are memorizing. So rather than worrying about how to memorize the passwords you select, you just have to select passwords that you can already memorize.

Several years ago, I set out to create Pafwert, a software application that would randomly generate strong passwords that are easy to remember. The biggest challenge was trying to find out what types of passwords people found

most memorable. I based many of my original attempts on well-known memorization techniques, but it turned out that these were not the most effective.

As humans we have different parts of the brain that are tuned for certain tasks. When we memorize something, we may use different parts of our brains. For example, a visual memory, such as remembering someone's face, may be handled by one part of the brain, whereas a memory of a process, such as driving a vehicle, is handled in a completely different manner. The information we remember might contain images, colors, shapes, sounds, smells, tastes, touch, positions, emotions, meaning, knowledge, context, time, and elements of language. The words in a password have some meaning to us, and the letters and characters may form some pattern. The words in a password make a certain sound as we say them in our heads, and typing the password is a kinesthetic process.

I found that the most memorable passwords were those that spread out the work across our brain, making use of various memorization techniques. This combination of techniques makes the password meaningful to us, and therefore, it is easy to remember.

We see this happen all the time with songs. We get some phrase of a song stuck in our heads while we cannot seem to remember other parts of the song (in which case we make up our own words or use the words *blah blah blah* in place of the real words). Why do some parts of the song stick in our heads, while other parts don't? Moreover, why do the most annoying songs seem to be the only ones that become stuck in our heads? That might actually be part of the answer—the fact that a song annoys us might give it meaning for us and therefore make it easier for us to remember.

In the following sections, we discuss some elements that you can use to make your passwords easier to remember.

Rhyming

Do you know what year Columbus sailed the ocean blue? If you know that answer, you probably know it because of a rhyme. Rhyming is a wonderful device that makes a password much easier to remember. Our minds seem to grasp rhymes in such a way that we instantly remember them with little or no effort. An entire phrase becomes a single piece of information in our minds that sometimes has a poetic or musical quality.

To show how much of a difference rhyming makes, consider the rhyming English spelling rule *I before E except after C*. This is a simple rule that English-

speaking children learn at a very young age. What makes the rule so simple is that it rhymes. If the rule were *I before R except after H*, it would have nowhere near the rhythmic echo as the real rule.

Here are some examples of passwords that use rhymes:

- Poor-white-dog-bite
- Icecream2extreme
- Teary/weary chicken theory
- Thick, thick Rick

Repetition

Like rhyming, repetition adds a sort of rhythmic echo to our passwords that our minds can easily recall. When used correctly, repetition can create tempo and rhythm in our passwords, thereby making them very easy to remember. And most important, repeating means your password is longer, but there's nothing new to memorize. Remember to integrate repetition into sounds, meanings, and other aspects of your password.

Here are some examples of repetition:

- Chicky-chicky running
- 2bitter@2bitter.com
- C:\files\myfiles\newfiles\
- Purple, purple pineapple

Visualization

Visualization can be a fun device for remembering passwords. We all use visual memories to a varying degree, but it is so much easier to remember a password that we can see in our mind. It doesn't have to be a single image; it can also be a journey or a process that we visualize. The more senses we involve, the easier it will be for us to remember. Here are some examples:

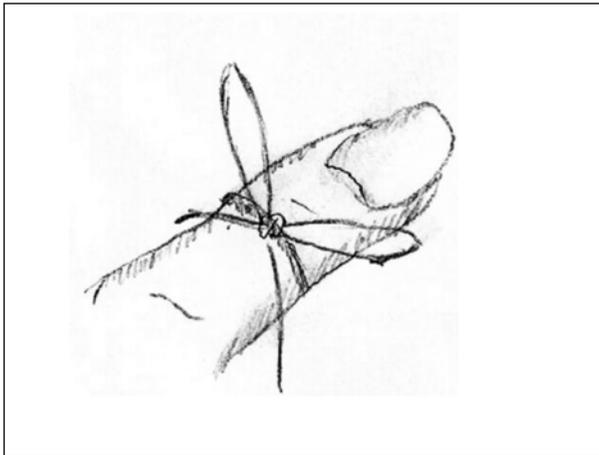
- Jabba the Hut doing the Cha-Cha
- Paquito sat on the apple!
- Frozen banana in my shoe

- Bun-mustard-hot dog-pickles
- Popping packing poppers

Association

It is sometimes intriguing how our minds wander from one thought to another, each thought triggered by an association from a previous thought. After a few minutes of our minds wandering, we marvel how we went from thinking about key lime pie to thinking about a mistake we made on our 1999 tax return. Our minds build complex and often nonsensical associations that trigger our memories. The interesting thing is that the association does not have to be a logical relationship. For example, we can remember a dentist appointment by tying a string around our finger. We see the string and remember our appointment through association (see Figure 7.1).

Figure 7.1 Tying a String on Your Finger As a Reminder



Several years ago, I was traveling for work and purchased a new notebook computer. That night I sat in my hotel room, installed Windows, and set a very strong administrator password. I then created a power user account that I could use daily. While traveling again about a year later, I happened to be in that very same city and at the very same hotel. I had a problem with my laptop and needed to log in to the administrator account to fix it.

I then realized that I had not used that password the entire year and could not remember what I had set. I did not have that password recorded and faced a big problem. I stared around the room contemplating possible solutions. I looked at the furniture. I looked at the coffee pot on the desk. I looked at the curtains. Suddenly, I remembered my password that I had not used in about a year.

How did I remember it? I was sitting in that very same hotel staring at the same furniture, the same coffee pot, and the same curtains when I first set the password. Being back in that environment was enough for my mind to associate these items with my long-forgotten password.

Sure, it might help if your associations are related to the password itself, but this story shows how powerful mental associations can be.

Humor and Irony

If you are one of those people who can never remember a joke, this technique is probably not for you. Nevertheless, we remember things that stand out for us. And funny stuff stands out. Any amount of humor and irony will help you remember your passwords:

- Was Jimi Hendrix's modem a purple Hayes?
- Gone crazy...be back in 5 minutes.
- Your password is unique—like everyone else's we put the "K" in "Kwality."
- Had a handle on security... but it broke.
- A dyslexic man walks into a bra...
- A fish with no eyes is a f sh.
- My reality check just bounced.

Chunking

Chunking has been used for a long time as a memory technique to help people remember things such as phone numbers. A simple fact is that remembering two or three small chunks of information is easier than recalling one large chunk. Research has shown that humans have the capacity to memorize five to nine items at a time. However, we can bypass this limitation by splitting things into smaller chunks and memorizing the chunks.

Here are some ways to use chunking in your passwords:

- Xzr--FFF--8888
- GgggH123-->software
- C51..D45..R22
- Explor+ation+vaca+tion

Exaggeration

Exaggeration is a fun technique that I sometimes use to make memorable passwords. Exaggeration is the technique of extending visual images or facts beyond their expected physical or logical bounds. Here are some examples:

- 43 o'clock
- December 322, 2005
- I Kicked the back of my neck

Offensiveness

Offensive words certainly do stand out. And they will stand out in your minds if you use them in your passwords. Offensive words includes swear words, gross words, slang, racial and religious slurs, crude behaviors, putdowns, insults, alternate words for sexual organs, and so on. If it offends you, or you know it will offend someone else, chances are you will remember it. Here are some examples (Warning: some might be offended).

- brutus@wrinkly-penis.gov
- OK well, just use your imagination...

Gripes

Finally, if something really bugs you, use that for a password:

- It says 10 items or fewer!
- Why is it so hard for you to merge?
- Honk if you ARE Jesus
- Justfindanotherparkingspottheyaren'tgoingtopulloutyoulasyslob

Other Memorization Tips

Despite all these techniques, remembering complex passwords still requires some mental activity. Never try to remember a password in a rush or while you are distracted with other concerns. Don't set a new password right before a weekend or holiday. Relax and think about your password for a few minutes and process it into your mind. Try teaching yourself your password or explaining to yourself the steps you followed to remember the password.

Typing Passwords

When you build a password, you should also consider how you type the password. Before setting a password, I give it a trial run on the keyboard. Some passwords are just harder to type and some passwords are prone to typing mistakes. If your password doesn't flow on the keyboard, just pick something else. Watch out for passwords that force you to type slowly or make obvious movements such as holding down shift to type a punctuation symbol or moving your hand to the number pad to type a long sequence of numbers.

Another thing to consider is how your password sounds when you type it. You can easily tell when someone's password is the same as their username because you hear the same exact typing sounds twice in a row. Some keys, such as the spacebar, make a distinct sound when pressed. Sometimes keyboard sequences, such as QWERTY have a distinct sound to them once you train yourself to hear it. The way a password sounds obviously isn't a huge risk for most people, but it certainly is something to think about.

NOTE

Researchers at the University of California at Berkeley recently showed that using a cheap microphone and widely available software, they could guess passwords just by hearing you type your password. By analyzing unique key click sounds, coupled with their knowledge of the English language, they could achieve accuracy as high as 90 percent.

Key Loggers

Perhaps the greatest risk to password security is a key logger. A key logger is a piece of software or hardware that captures every keystroke that you type. The problem is that no matter how strong your password is, it is completely vulnerable to a key logger attack. For a long time, law enforcement and other government agencies have used key loggers as a form of wiretap, but they are growing in popularity among crackers, and some viruses and worms now even install key loggers to look for passwords and private account numbers.

Anti-keylogger technology has improved lately and is available in an increasing number of products. These applications not only look for tracks left by specific key loggers, but also watch for suspicious behavior common among all key loggers.

Another threat that is much more difficult to detect is a hardware-based key logger. This device plugs in between your keyboard and your computer. These devices are very difficult to detect once installed, but fortunately, someone must have physical access to your computer to install the device. For sensitive systems such as government computers, physical security is the best defense against hardware key loggers.

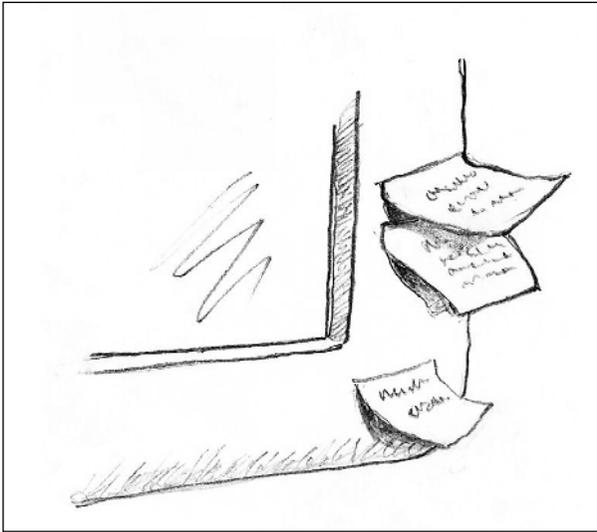
Most users likely won't ever encounter a hardware key logger attached to their computers, but if you do actually discover one, you probably have much more to worry about than someone just discovering your password.

Managing Passwords

Although I have stressed the importance of remembering passwords, it probably isn't a good idea to rely on your memory alone, especially for accounts that you use infrequently. You should memorize your passwords, but it is prudent to keep a record of the passwords you use. Let's face it; there are just too

many passwords you have to remember, and even I record most of my passwords. We are constantly told not to write down our passwords, but that just means don't write them on a sticky note attached to your monitor (see Figure 7.2). And don't try to be clever by attaching it under your keyboard, phone, tissue box, or under your desk. Those have all been done and no matter how clever you think you are, you probably aren't.

Figure 7.2 Don't Stick Passwords on Your Monitor



The Difference Is Obscurity

Writing your password down on a sticky note is a bad idea, but recording it in a safe location is a good idea. The difference is obscurity. Security through obscurity is weak security. Obscurity is relying on hiding something as your only means of defense. Real security uses time-tested security practices to ensure that something is safe.

A good example is how many people conceal spare keys to their houses that they can use in emergencies. As cliché as it sounds, many people still put spare keys under their doormats. Placing a key under a potted plant nearby isn't much better. Once someone discovers your hiding place, all security is lost. Therefore, security through obscurity is widely considered a weak form of security.

In contrast, the opposite of this is how a realtor might place a house key in a lock box attached to your doorknob. Anyone with the box's combination can obtain the key to open the door. This allows various realtors to show the house without having to copy and pass around keys. The combination on the lock box is an example of reliable security.

TIP

Security through obscurity is weak, but obscurity can be useful as an additional layer on top of legitimate security methods. In the lock box example, this would mean keeping the key in a lock box and then hiding the lock box. Someone would have to locate the box, but once he or she found it, that person would still have to deal with the combination.

Password management software is like a lock box. These software applications securely store your sensitive data by encrypting it with a strong master password. You can record all your passwords, but to retrieve them, you have to remember only the master password. Of course, you do have to memorize that master password, and it should be one of your strongest passwords. You protect all your passwords with one big strong password.

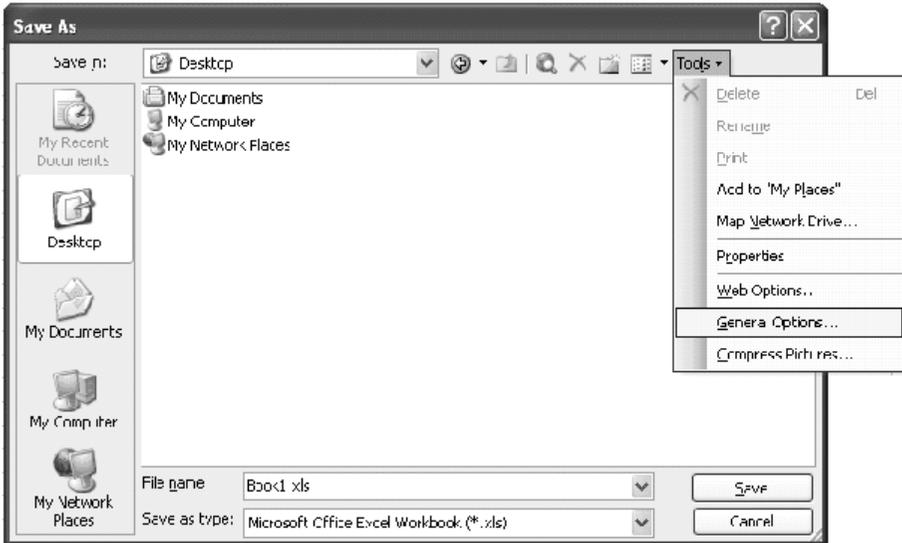
If you think about it, a password really is a form of obscurity. A password is a secret that compromises all security if someone else discovers it. The distinction between a password and the location of a house key is that passwords, hopefully, are not easy to discover and therefore are a strong secret. It is easier to search around a house for a key than to search a keyspace with trillions of combinations. Strong passwords allow for so many possible combinations that they are considered strong security. Therefore, using a password manager is not security through obscurity.

So many password managers are available that it is hard to recommend a specific one. If you visit software Web sites such as www.tucows.com/downloads/Windows/Security/GeneralSecurity/PasswordManagers/ you can search through catalogs of these software applications to find one that best suits your needs. Make sure you feel comfortable using the application; otherwise, you won't use it.

There are alternatives to these tools that might work better in some situations. I personally prefer the flexibility of an Excel spreadsheet. But if you use

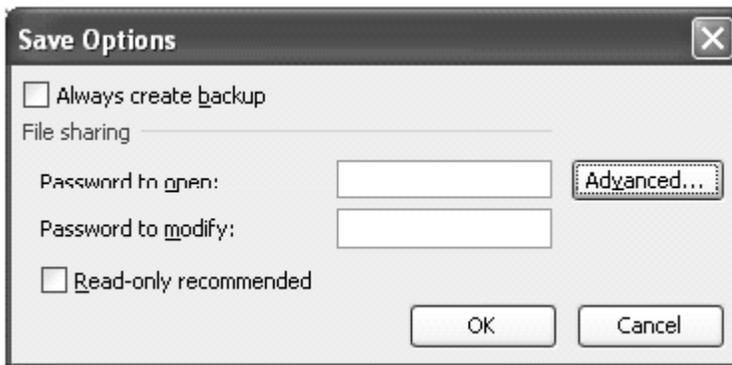
Excel, be sure to protect it with a password. You can do this when you save the document (see Figure 7.3).

Figure 7.3 Adding Password Protection to an Excel File



From there, set a Password to open and click on the **Advanced** button to select more encryption options (see Figure 7.4).

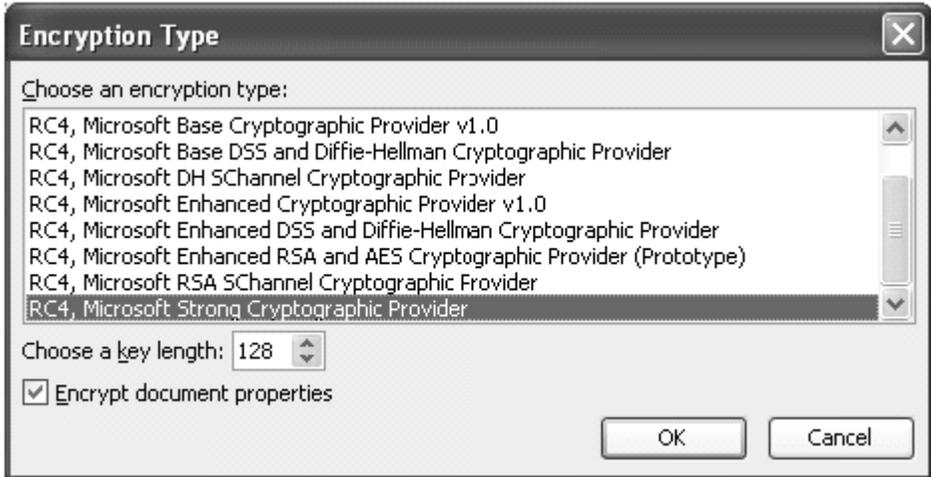
Figure 7.4 Encryption Options



Never use “Weak Encryption (XOR)” or “Office 97/2000-Compatible” encryption because they provide little protection, and both can be broken in just a few minutes or less. They are somewhat similar to the tiny locks some

people place on their luggage. Choose the Microsoft Strong Cryptographic Provider with a key length of 128 bits (the maximum allowed), as shown in Figure 7.5.

Figure 7.5 Encryption Types



Besides password protecting the file, it would also help to give it an obscure name. At least don't name it passwords.xls. You should also store the file in a secure location that has limited access. Another alternative is to store the file on a portable USB drive that you can take with you.

Secret Questions

To help verify a user's identity in the case of a lost password, many applications use secret questions. By answering a preselected question, a user can demonstrate some personal knowledge, thereby proving account ownership. A classic example is asking to provide a mother's maiden name.

To guess a secret question, an attacker would likely have to know something about the user, but secret questions break all the rules for strong passwords and have some significant weaknesses:

- An attacker can often discover the information with casual research.
- The answer to the question is usually a fact that will never change.
- Users reuse the same secret questions and answers across multiple Web sites.

- Someone close to the individual may know the answer to many of the questions.
- People rarely, if ever, change their secret questions.
- The answers are often case-insensitive and usually contain a limited character set.
- Some questions have a limited number of answers.
- With some questions, many people will have the same common answers.

Secret questions usually ask for some fact that hopefully only the account owner would know, and supposedly would never forget. Many Web sites assume that if the user can provide the answer to the question, this is sufficient to identify the user. However, many secret questions ask for facts that anyone could discover with little research. To make things worse, if someone discovers this information you can't just change a fact from the past.

Because of this weakness, it is important to understand that secret questions are not a strong means of authentication, and applications should use them only to initiate a password change request via e-mail or some other mechanism. This prevents anonymous attacks on the password reset process. Providing the answer to a secret question should never be enough to validate a user, but when combined with other factors, such as having access to the user's e-mail account, these answers can be effective in helping to identify a user. If you ever see a Web site or some application let you log in to your account with a secret question alone, do us all a favor and drop them an e-mail complaining about this risk.

I have also seen countless Web sites that provide great tips on avoiding easily guessable passwords, but then turn around and ask for a dog's name or what city you were born in to answer a secret question. Some secret questions are so easily guessable that they are absurd as a form of security.

Even if an attacker knows nothing about the target user, the nature of secret questions limits the possible range of answers. For example, consider the questions and ranges of answers shown in Table 7.1. As the table shows, many secret questions have so few possible answers that a brute-force attack against these secret questions is completely feasible. To make matters worse, some Web sites fail to detect or prevent brute-force attacks against secret questions. Security experts for years have told people to avoid using pet names, family names, or dates in passwords, but secret questions go directly against that advice.

Table 7.1 Secret Questions and Ranges of Answers

Question	Range of Answers
What is the name of your favorite pet?	The top 20 dog names are Max, Buddy, Molly, Bailey, Maggie, Lucy, Jake, Rocky, Sadie, Lucky, Daisy, Jack, Sam, Shadow, Bear, Buster, Lady, Ginger, Abby, and Toby.
In what city were you born?	The top 10 largest U.S. cities are New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Diego, Dallas, San Antonio, and Detroit; one in three of all U.S. citizens live in the top 250 cities; the top 10 most common U.S. city names are Fairview, Midway, Oak Grove, Franklin, Riverside, Centerville, Mount Pleasant, Georgetown, Salem, and Greenwood.
What high school did you attend?	There are approximately 25,000 to 30,000 high schools in the U.S.; you can use classmates.com to get a list by U.S. state and city.
What is your favorite movie?	For a list of the all-time top 250 films, see www.imdb.com/top_250_films
What is your mother's maiden name?	There are approximately 25,000 common surnames; 1 in 10 U.S. citizens have the surname Smith, Johnson, Williams, Jones, Brown, Davis, Miller, Wilson, Moore, Taylor, Anderson, Thomas, Jackson, White, Harris, Martin, Thompson, Garcia, Martinez, Robinson, Clark, Rodriguez, Lewis, Lee, Walker, Hall, Allen, or Young.
What street did you grow up on?	The 10 most common street names are Second/2nd, Third/3rd, First/1st, Fourth/4th, Park, Fifth/5th, Main, Sixth/6th, Oak, Seventh/7th, Pine, Maple, Cedar, Eighth/8th, and Elm.

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Table 7.1 continued Secret Questions and Ranges of Answers

Question	Range of Answers
What was the make of your first car?	Most cars are built by Acura, Audi, BMW, Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Daewoo, Dodge, Ford, GMC, Honda, Hummer, Hyundai, Infiniti, Isuzu, Jaguar, Jeep, Kia, Land Rover, Lexus, Lincoln, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz, Mercury, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Oldsmobile, Plymouth, Pontiac, Porsche, Saab, Saturn, Subaru, Suzuki, Toyota, Volkswagen, and Volvo.
What is your anniversary?	The average length of a marriage is 7.2 years, giving 2,628 likely dates.
What is your favorite color?	There are around 100 common colors, even considering colors such as taupe, gainsboro, and fuschia.

The greatest threat with secret questions is that the answer is usually fixed, and an attacker can sometimes discover this information through research. Because there are usually a limited set of answers to secret questions, they are also vulnerable to brute-force attacks. Finally, secret questions are usually ineffective against attacks by those close to the user. Individuals such as ex-spouses, once-close business associates, or wayward teenage children may have sufficient information and sufficient motivation to break into a user's account. Once someone knows you, there is little you can do to protect yourself. It's not as if you can go and change your mother's maiden name.

When you set a secret question and answer pair, use caution to pick a strong question that has many possible answers. It might even be helpful to add a small secret code, such as a three-digit number and letter combination (see Appendix B). You can probably reuse that code on all your secret questions. It won't completely protect you but it will limit your exposure to certain types of attacks.

Sometimes an application will let you set your own secret question. If that is the case, watch out for common mistakes that people make. I often see secret questions that provide little security or make little sense. Here are examples of poor secret questions:

- What year were you born?
- What is your password?
- What is the capital of Georgia?

Select good questions, carefully considering the possible range of answers, as well as the likelihood of common answers. Use unique questions and try to avoid subjects that return short, one-word answers. Also try to avoid questions that others commonly use, such as mother's maiden name, pet name, or high school. But keep in mind that you should ask questions that users will always answer the same.

Here are some examples of good secret questions:

- What is the first and last name of your first boyfriend or girlfriend?
- Which phone number do you remember most from your childhood?
- What was your favorite place to visit as a child?
- Who was your favorite actor, musician, or artist when you were 16?

Summary

Remembering passwords can be easy if you build passwords that you already know you can remember. Our brains are terrible at processing random, unrelated pieces of information, but if we throw in a few techniques such as rhyming and association, we can develop passwords that we instantly remember.

Ten Password Pointers: Building Strong Passwords

Solutions in this chapter:

- **Building Strong Passwords**

Introduction

Sometimes coming up with a good password can be difficult. When faced with choosing a password, many people seem to get some kind of tunnel vision and they suddenly cannot see beyond their own desk. At that point, all that comes to mind is a dog's name, a football team, or an item within immediate view. Most often, people simply use one of their favorite passwords—the ones they always use.

Building Strong Passwords

The secret to strong passwords is to not *choose* a password, but to *build* a password. Don't just think of some word and use that as your password. Use some specific technique to construct a complex password that is not only effective but easy to remember. Here are some of my favorite tips for building strong passwords that you yourself can use those times when you get stumped for ideas.



WARNING

I shouldn't have to say this, but unfortunately it must be said: please don't use any of the password examples you see in this book or any place else as your actual password. They are simply examples. In fact, you are best off not even using these exact passwords patterns, but to instead be creative and use them as models for your own ideas.

Three Words

A simple technique for increasing the strength of your password is to just use more than one word. Some people would call this a *pass phrase*, but this particular technique is somewhat different. The difference is that you select three or more words that are not necessarily grammatically related, but have something else in common.

The technique revolves around picking three words that are related enough for you to easily remember them, but if others knew one of the words, they couldn't easily guess the other words.

For example, you could pick three synonyms, three homonyms, three antonyms, three words that rhyme, or three words that have the same prefix. The key here is to provide enough randomness that your password is not predictable. Try to throw in numbers, capitals, punctuation, or other variants to make your password even stronger.

The following are some examples:

- 33 free trees
- Walking, talking, keyring
- Little-ladle-lady
- ChalkingChangeRange

Our minds remember bits, or chunks of information. This pattern lets you easily create passwords of 20 or more characters. Despite that, all your brain has to do is remember a few bits of information—the three words you selected.

The key to this particular technique is to have one common element in each word to help you remember the password and to assist you in thinking of unique words beyond things personal or in your environment. By choosing words related to each other in different ways, it forces you to be more creative. There are many ways to connect words beyond meaning alone.

DID YOU KNOW?

You have probably heard of synonyms and antonyms, but have you heard of an oronym? Here is a list of various nym words and their meanings:

- **Ambigram** A word or words that can be read in more than one direction, such as rotated or reflected (SWIMS, MOM).
- **Anagram** Letters from one word rearranged to form another word (act versus cat).
- **Anonym** A pseudonym made by reversing a name (James versus Semaj).
- **Antagonym** A single word that has conflicting meanings (dust, as in remove dust versus dust, to add dust, as in dusting for fingerprints).
- **Antonym** Two words with opposite or near opposite meanings (up versus down).
- **Autoantonym** Same as an antagonym.

- **Autonym** A word that describes itself (mispelled is misspelled; noun is a noun).
 - **Capitonym** A word that changes meaning when capitalized (Polish versus polish).
 - **Contranym, Contronym** Same as antonymy.
 - **Exonym** A place name that foreigners use instead of the name that locals use (Spain versus Espana).
 - **Heteronym** Words that have the same spelling but different meanings or pronunciation (produce, read, convert).
 - **Homographs** Same as heteronym.
 - **Homonym** Words with the same pronunciation or spelling but different meanings (reign and rain).
 - **Homophone** Words that are pronounced the same but spelled differently (flu versus flew).
 - **Hypernym** The type of one word in relationship to another (bird is the hypernym of robin; animal is the hypernym of bird).
 - **Hyponym** The specific type of one word in relationship to another (robin is a hyponym of bird; cat is the hyponym of animal).
 - **Oronym** Similar to a homophone but made up of a series of words (ice cream versus I scream; kiss the sky versus kiss this guy).
 - **Pseudoantonym** A word that appears to have a meaning opposite of its actual meaning (inflammable, unloose).
 - **Synonyms** Two words that have the same or nearly the same meaning (build and assemble).
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The E-Mail Address

People are usually surprised when they see me type in such long passwords and want to know how I remember these. It's simple: society has trained our brains to easily learn certain patterns, so I build passwords to mimic those patterns. These always make great passwords. One of my personal favorites is to pattern a password after a fake e-mail address. It is one of my favorites because it contains so many of the elements of a strong secret.

Here's how it works: first, think of a name of anything, fake or real. Then think of a symbolic, meaningful, funny, or ironic phrase related to that name. Finally, put those together, add a dot-com (or other extension), and you have an e-mail address password. Let me illustrate:

Pick a name:	Dr. Seuss
Choose a related phrase:	Green Eggs
Result:	Dr.Seuss@greeneggs.com

Pick a name:	Kermit
Choose a related phrase:	The Muppets
Result:	Kermit@themuppets.org

Pick a name:	Rover
Choose a related phrase:	Hates cats
Result:	rover22@rover-hates-cats.net

These passwords are effective because we add a couple punctuation symbols and it's easy to increase the length of your passwords without making them any harder to remember. This pattern is particularly flexible and the combinations are endless.

Here are some more examples illustrating variants of this pattern:

- Cat-Lover2005@aol.com
- Your-mama@uglystick.com
- yoda@strong-this-password-is.net
- Ben@dover.org
- e-mailme@home
- me@com.net.org.com

The URL

Similar to the e-mail address password is the URL password. We're constantly bombarded with WWW addresses, so why not take advantage of that and model your passwords after that pattern? Here are some examples:

- www.sendallyourmoney.irs.gov
- www.someone_smells.net
- ftp.droppedout.edu
- www.go.ahead.and.try.to.crack.this.password.com

TIP

There's no reason to stop with just one domain extension or even valid extensions. In the past, I've used extensions such as .com.net.com, .edu.sux, .gov.waste, and so on. The more you divert from the standards, the more opportunity you have to increase the *entropy* of the password, as explained in Chapter 3.

The Title

Sometimes you need to build a password and you're just stuck. No matter what you try, the system seems to reject it, saying that your password does not meet complexity requirements. Here's a simple pattern that should produce passwords that meet the requirements of even the strictest password system. This is how it works:

First, think of a title prefix.

Here's a list to choose from: Admiral, Baron, Brother, Capt., Captain, Chief, Colonel, Commander, Congressman, Count, Countess, Dame, Deacon, Deaconess, Doc, Doctor, Dr, Dr., Farmer, Father, Gen., General, Governor, Judge, Justice, King, Lady, Lieutenant, Lord, Madam, Madame, Mademoiselle, Major, Master, Mayor, Miss, Mister, Monsieur, Monsignor, Mother, Mr., Mrs., Ms., Officer, President, Prince, Princess, Private, Prof., Professor, Queen, Rabbi, Rev., Reverend, Sergeant, Seaman, Secretary, Senator, Sheikh, Sir, or Sister.

Next, think of a first name, male or female, or a surname.

Think of an adjective, something that describes a noun, such as cheerful, red, wet, and so on.

Finally, add a comma, and then an ordinal number, such as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and so forth.

When you put these elements together, you should end up with passwords like these:

- President Pink, the 2nd
- Dr. Hurt, the 3rd
- Professor Pencil, the 1st
- 1st Lieutenant Lucky

The strength of this password pattern is that it produces long passwords and insures that you use capital letters, numbers, and usually punctuation symbols. Make sure you don't use your own name and this should meet just about any system complexity requirements. If the system still rejects your password, try leaving out the spaces.

In my own experience, the only times I have had this password rejected is when the system says my password is too long!

Number Rhymes

This pattern is another one of my personal favorites, but you need to be careful and creative because there are some limitations on how many unique passwords it will produce.

The pattern is simple: pick a number, preferably more than two digits, and then add on a word or phrase that rhymes with that number. You should end up with passwords like the following:

- 23 Strawberry!
- 209 Canadian Pine!
- Number 8, Armor Plate
- 425 Take a Drive!
- Number Two, Oh Phew!

To help you out with rhyming words we have included some basic rhyme lists in the next few sections of this chapter. Many of these rhyming words can be found at www.rhymezone.com.

The following mini-sections offer some words that rhyme with numbers.

Rhymes with One

Bun, Bunn, Done, Fun, Hun, None, Nun, Pun, Run, Shun, Son, Spun, Stun, Sun, Ton, Tonne, Won, Bank Run, Bon Ton, Bull Run, Cross Bun, Dry Run, End Run, Fowl Run, Gross Ton, Homerun, Home Run, Long Run, Long Ton, Make Fun, Mean Sun, Net Ton, Outdone, Outrun, Pit Run, Redone, Rerun, Short Ton, Ski Run, Undone, Chicken Run, Honey Bun, Hotdog Bun, Hot Cross Bun, Metric Ton, Midnight Sun, Overdone, Caramel Bun, Cinnamon Bun, Favorite Son, Frankfurter Bun, Hamburger Bun, In The Long Run.

Rhymes with Two

Bleu, Blew, Blue, Boo, Brew, Chew, Choo, Clue, Coup, Coups, Crew, Cue, Deux, Dew, Do, Doo, Drew, Ewe, Few, Flew, Flu, Foo, Glue, Gnu, Goo, Grew, Hue, Knew, New, Phew, Rue, Shoe, Shoo, Skew, Slew, Spew, Stew, Threw, Through, Thru, Too, You, And You, Bamboo, Beef Stew, Canoe, Dark Blue, Go Through, Go To, Ground Crew, Gym Shoe, Make Do, Not Due, Ooze Through, Slice Through, Soak Through, Speak To, Squeak Through, Stage Crew, Steel Blue, Thank You, Withdrew, Appeal To, Attach To, Cheese Fondue, Chicken Stew, Cobalt Blue, Grow Into, Hitherto, What Are You, Long-Overdue, Blink 182, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Critical Review, Giant Kangaroo, Outrigger Canoe, With Reference To, Capital Of Peru, Giant Timber Bamboo, Literary Review, Security Review.

Rhymes with Three

At Sea, Banshee, Bay Tree, Beach Flea, Beach Pea, Bead Tree, Bean Tree, Black Pea, Black Sea, Black Tea, Debris, Decree, Deedee, Degree, Dundee, Fig Tree, Herb Tea, High Sea, Abductee, Absentee, Addressee, Christmas Tree, Detainee, Entrance Fee, Escapee, German Bee, Middle C, Third Degree, Vitamin B, Vitamin C, Vitamin D, Vitamin E, Vitamin G, Vitamin P, To The Lowest Degree, Africanized Honey Bee, Battle Of The Bismarck Sea, Capital Of Tennessee, Mediterranean Sea.

Rhymes with Four

Boar, Bore, Chore, Core, Corps, Door, Drawer, For, Fore, Gore, More, Pour, Roar, Wore, Explore, Fall For, Front Door, Lead Ore, No More, Offshore, Price War, Restore, What For, Wild Boar, World War, Account For, Allow For, Anymore, Know The Score, Liquor Store, Sliding Door, Computer Store, Convenience Store, Department Store, Prisoner Of War, Responsible For, Uranium Ore, American Civil War.

Rhymes with Five

Clive, Clyve, Dive, Drive, Hive, I've, Jive, Live, Shive, Strive, Thrive, Alive, Arrive, C5, Connive, Contrive, Crash Dive, Deprive, Derive, Disc Drive, Disk Drive, Hard Drive, Let Drive, Line Drive, M5, Nose Dive, Revive, Survive, Swan Dive, Tape Drive, Test Drive, Backhand Drive, CD Drive, Come Alive, Fluid Drive, Forehand Drive, Power Dive, Take A Dive, External Drive, Internal Drive, Winchester Drive, Automatic Drive.

Rhymes with Six

Bix, Bricks, Brix, Chicks, Clicks, Cliques, Dix, Ficks, Fix, Flicks, Fricks, Frix, Hicks, Hix, Ickes, Kicks, Knicks, Licks, Mix, Nick's, Nicks, Nikk's, Nix, Nyx, Picks, Pix, Rick's, Ricks, Rix, Slicks, Styx, Ticks, Tics, Tricks, Vic's, Vicks, Wickes, Wicks, Wix, Affix, Cake Mix, Conflicts, Depicts, Inflicts, Predicts, Quick Fix, Transfix, Bag Of Tricks, Brownie Mix, Captain Hicks, Intermix, River Styx, Row Of Bricks, Lemonade Mix.

Rhymes with Seven

Bevan, Beven, Devan, Devon, Evan, Evon, Heaven, Kevan, Leaven, Levan, Previn, Eleven, Mcgrevin, Mcnevin, Seventh Heaven, Tree Of Heaven, Vault Of Heaven, Manna From Heaven , Kevin, 7-Eleven, , Momevin, Geven, Deven, Beven, Weven, Pevin, Feven, Geven, Jeven, Zeven, Meven, Breven, Toobeven.

Rhymes with Eight

Ate, Bait, Freightgate, Great, Hate, Late, Mate, Bank Rate, Baud Rate, Clean Slate, Collate, Crime Rate, Debate, Deflate, Dictate, Dilate, Kuwait, Lightweight, Lose Weight, Postdate, Steel Plate, Figure Skate, Mental State, Overtime, Overweight, Payment Rate, Police State, Procreate, Quarter Plate, Real Estate, Recreate, Reinstate, Roller Skate, Running Mate, Underrate,

Watergate, Collection Plate, Junior Lightweight, Prime Interest Rate, Public Debate, Recriminate, Remunerate, Repayment Rate, Reporting Weight, Second Estate, Turnover Rate, Vacancy Rate, Department Of State, Emotional State, Equivalent Weight, Maturity Date, Unemployment Rate, Alexander The Great, Capital Of Kuwait, Secretary Of State.

Rhymes with Nine

Brine, Dine, Fine, Line, Mine, Pine, Shine, Shrine, Twine, Vine, Whine, Wine, Blood Line, Blush Wine, Bread Line, Bus Line, Chalk Line, Chow Line, Combine, Confine, Consign, Hot Line, Incline, Malign, Nut Pine, Plumb Line, Plus Sign, Rail Line, Street Sign, Tree Line, Trend Line, White Pine, Chorus Line, Command Line, Copper Mine, Credit Line, Dollar Sign, Draw A Line, Draw The Line, Drop A Line, Equal Sign, Fishing Line, Melon Vine, Minus Sign, Opening Line, Percentage Sign, Telephone Line, Top Of The Line, Unemployment Line, Personal Credit Line.

Get to the Point

What makes a password predictable is not just the meaning of your password, but also the actual words you use. One way to circumvent this problem is to say something in a roundabout way. For example, rather than using the password *my sister*, put it this way: *my mother's husband's daughter*. Instead of using the password *stapler*, instead use the password *staple contortion device*. Get the point?

Some examples:

- Lap-based computing device
- The circular filing cabinet
- Armpit odor prevention system

A variant of this technique is to take any word, phrase, or job title and make it sound politically correct:

- Waste collection engineer
- Follicle deprived

Yet another variant of this technique is to use a Jeopardy-like style where you use the answer as your password instead of the question. It doesn't really matter what the answer is, you're just using the actual question to make a strong password.

- What is the color of your car?
- Who was the first person to travel to Jupiter?

The Confession

One problem too many people have is sharing their passwords with others. It's just too easy when someone needs something that your password protects, to just hand the password over to them without thinking. Of course, as I explain in Chapter 11, this is not a good practice because a password should be a secret. You should *never* share your passwords with anyone else. So here's a trick to make yourself think twice before blurting out your password: make your password a confession—a real secret.

You could, for example, make your password *I pick my nose at stoplights*. Of course, this is just a made up confession, not something I am really admitting to. That would be disgusting. But suppose you yourself pick your nose at stoplights; this might be a good password for *you*. It certainly will help you keep your password to yourself.

So what secrets do you have? Do you dislike someone? Do you steal office supplies from your company? Wear a toupee? They're all great passwords.

The great thing about this password tip is that these passwords are also easy to remember. Whatever it is that popped into your head first is probably something you're self-conscious enough about to make you think of it first. Best of all, this might just be one of your best kept secrets. What better way to remember a password than by basing it on something that you already keep a secret?

The Elbow Mambo

You may have heard of dance moves called the pot stir, the duck walk, or the egg beater, but here's a chance to come up with your own dance move. Well, at least the name of it. There really isn't much to explain here, but maybe a few examples might get you started:

- The Puppy Hop
- The knee-dip-trip
- The Wild Boar
- The Larry King Shrug

Passwords based on these patterns are simple to remember, and probably easier than the dance moves themselves.

The Phone Number

I already mentioned using patterns our brains are accustomed to remembering. Another technique in this category is a password based on a phone number. When you think of these passwords, be sure to include numbers, punctuation, and letters.

The following are some examples:

- 1-800-Broken glasses
- (888) 888-eight eight
- 1-900-puppies
- (222) New-Shoe

This pattern usually works well; just be careful not to use an easily guessable number such as your own number or some commonly known number. Although, the pattern “(888) 888-eight eight” might seem repetitive and simple, the fact that we utilize spaces, -, (), and that it’s 22 characters long makes it a difficult password to crack.

NOTE

Approximately 1 out of every 110,000 people uses the password 8675309, from the 1982 Tommy Tutone hit single *Jenny*.

Letter Swapping

One principle of strong passwords is to avoid using dictionary words as your password. A simple way to avoid doing this is using a couple of words together, separated by a space or hyphen. For years, AOL has used this technique for generating passwords on their mass-mailed free offer CDs. On these CDs, you will frequently see passwords such as *ANTICS-ABSORB*, *HOLE-ROTS*, or *RAKED-GNOME*. The only problem with this technique is that as computing power increases, it would not be difficult for a hacker to try every combination of two words to discover the password. Even current technology makes that feasible.

This password technique is similar to the two-words method. The difference is that it takes it one step further by swapping the first one or two letters of each word to make it less likely they will appear on a dictionary or common password list. These types of words are called spoonerisms.

This is what they look like:

- *Sour Grape* becomes *Gour Srape*
- *Ford Mustang* becomes *Mord Fustang*
- *Slurred Speech* becomes *Spurred Sleech*
- *Dog-Poo* becomes *Pog-Doo*
- *Big Ditch!* becomes *Dig Bitch!*

This pattern might help you to remember your password, given two new elements: humor and offensiveness. If something is funny, it's easier to remember. Same thing goes for offensive words. Sure, you might be offended by the password *Dig Bitch*, but chances are you probably will remember it. The only problem with that particular password is that by swapping letters it made two new words that are still dictionary words, so watch out for that.

Constructing a memorable password is easy if you take the time to learn some simple patterns such as those presented here. If you use these patterns or come up with your own, just be sure you don't make your passwords so similar that someone could guess many of your passwords just by seeing one of them. The goal is to make each and every password unique but still easy to remember.

Summary

By now, you should have a feel for the strategy here—follow patterns that are easy to remember but make your passwords less predictable. Think about building a password, rather than just choosing a password. Complex, multi-word passwords are much more difficult to crack and they can be just as easy to remember as a short password. Best of all, sometimes all you need to remember the password is just one of the words contained in it to trigger remembering the rest.

The 500 Worst Passwords of All Time

Solutions in this chapter:

- The Worst Passwords

The Worst Passwords

From the moment people started using passwords, it didn't take long to realize how many people picked the very same passwords over and over. Even the way people misspell words is consistent. In fact, people are so predictable that most hackers make use of lists of common passwords just like these.

To give you some insight into how predictable humans are, the following is a list of the 500 most common passwords. If you see your password on this list, please change it immediately. Keep in mind that every password listed here has been used by at least hundreds if not thousands of other people.

There are some interesting passwords on this list that show how people try to be clever, but even human cleverness is predictable. For example, look at these passwords that I found interesting:

- **ncc1701** The ship number for the Starship Enterprise
- **thx1138** The name of George Lucas' first movie, a 1971 remake of an earlier student project
- **qazwsx** Follows a simple pattern when typed on a typical keyboard
- **666666** Six sixes
- **7777777** Seven sevens
- **ou812** The title of a 1988 Van Halen album
- **8675309** The number mentioned in the 1982 Tommy Tutone song. The song supposedly caused an epidemic of people dialing 867-5309 and asking for "Jenny."

NOTE

Approximately one out of every nine people uses at least one password on the list shown in Table 9.1! And one out of every 50 people uses one of the top 20 worst passwords.

The Passwords

Table 9.1 lists the top 500 worst passwords of all time, not considering character case. Don't blame me for the offensive words; you were the ones who picked these, not me.

Table 9.1 The Top 500 Worst Passwords of All Time

Top 1-100	Top 101-200	Top 201-300	Top 301-400	Top 401-500
123456	porsche	firebird	prince	rosebud
password	guitar	butter	beach	jaguar
12345678	chelsea	united	amateur	great
1234	black	turtle	7777777	cool
pussy	diamond	steelers	muffin	cooper
12345	nascar	tiffany	redsox	1313
dragon	jackson	zxcvbn	star	scorpio
qwerty	cameron	tomcat	testing	mountain
696969	654321	golf	shannon	madison
mustang	computer	bond007	murphy	987654
letmein	amanda	bear	frank	brazil
baseball	wizard	tiger	hannah	lauren
master	xxxxxxx	doctor	dave	japan
michael	money	gateway	eagle1	naked
football	phoenix	gators	11111	squirt
shadow	mickey	angel	mother	stars
monkey	bailey	junior	nathan	apple
abc123	knight	thx1138	raiders	alexis
pass	iceman	porno	steve	aaaa
fuckme	tigers	badboy	forever	bonnie
6969	purple	debbie	angela	peaches
jordan	andrea	spider	viper	jasmine
harley	horny	melissa	ou812	kevin
ranger	dakota	booger	jake	matt
iwantu	aaaaaa	1212	lovers	qwertyui

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Table 9.1 continued The Top 500 Worst Passwords of All Time

Top 1-100	Top 101-200	Top 201-300	Top 301-400	Top 401-500
jennifer	player	flyers	suckit	danielle
hunter	sunshine	fish	gregory	beaver
fuck	morgan	porn	buddy	4321
2000	starwars	matrix	whatever	4128
test	boomer	teens	young	runner
batman	cowboys	scooby	nicholas	swimming
trustno1	edward	jason	lucky	dolphin
thomas	charles	walter	helpme	gordon
tigger	girls	cumshot	jackie	casper
robert	booboo	boston	monica	stupid
access	coffee	braves	midnight	shit
love	xxxxxx	yankee	college	saturn
buster	bulldog	lover	baby	gemini
1234567	ncc1701	barney	cunt	apples
soccer	rabbit	victor	brian	august
hockey	peanut	tucker	mark	3333
killer	john	princess	startrek	canada
george	johnny	mercedes	sierra	blazer
sexy	gandalf	5150	leather	cumming
andrew	spanky	doggie	232323	hunting
charlie	winter	zzzzzz	4444	kitty
superman	brandy	gunner	beavis	rainbow
asshole	compaq	horney	bigcock	112233
fuckyou	carlos	bubba	happy	arthur
dallas	tennis	2112	sophie	cream
jessica	james	fred	ladies	calvin
panties	mike	johnson	naughty	shaved
pepper	brandon	xxxxx	giants	surfer
1111	fender	tits	booty	samson
austin	anthony	member	blonde	kelly

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Table 9.1 continued The Top 500 Worst Passwords of All Time

Top 1-100	Top 101-200	Top 201-300	Top 301-400	Top 401-500
william	blowme	boobs	fucked	paul
daniel	ferrari	donald	golden	mine
golfer	cookie	bigdaddy	0	king
summer	chicken	bronco	fire	racing
heather	maverick	penis	sandra	5555
hammer	chicago	voyager	pookie	eagle
yankees	joseph	rangers	packers	hentai
joshua	diablo	birdie	einstein	newyork
maggie	sexsex	trouble	dolphins	little
biteme	hardcore	white	0	redwings
enter	666666	topgun	chevy	smith
ashley	willie	bigtits	winston	sticky
thunder	welcome	bitches	warrior	cocacola
cowboy	chris	green	sammy	animal
silver	panther	super	slut	broncos
richard	yamaha	qazwsx	8675309	private
fucker	justin	magic	zxcvbnm	skippy
orange	banana	lakers	nipples	marvin
merlin	driver	rachel	power	blondes
michelle	marine	slayer	victoria	enjoy
corvette	angels	scott	asdfgh	girl
bigdog	fishing	2222	vagina	apollo
cheese	david	asdf	toyota	parker
matthew	maddog	video	travis	qwert
121212	hooters	london	hotdog	time
patrick	wilson	7777	paris	sydney
martin	butthead	marlboro	rock	women
freedom	dennis	srinivas	xxxx	voodoo
ginger	fucking	internet	extreme	magnum
blowjob	captain	action	redskins	juice

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Table 9.1 continued The Top 500 Worst Passwords of All Time

Top 1-100	Top 101-200	Top 201-300	Top 301-400	Top 401-500
nicole	bigdick	carter	erotic	abgrtyu
sparky	chester	jasper	dirty	777777
yellow	smokey	monster	ford	dreams
camaro	xavier	teresa	freddy	maxwell
secret	steven	jeremy	arsenal	music
dick	viking	11111111	access14	rush2112
falcon	snoopy	bill	wolf	russia
taylor	blue	crystal	nipple	scorpion
111111	eagles	peter	iloveyou	rebecca
131313	winner	pussies	alex	tester
123123	samantha	cock	florida	mistress
bitch	house	beer	eric	phantom
hello	millar	rocket	legend	billy
scooter	flower	theman	movie	6666
please	jack	oliver	success	albert

Chapter 10

Another Ten Password Pointers Plus a Bonus Pointer

Solutions in this chapter:

- Password Complexity through Mangling

Password Complexity through Mangling

Throughout this book, I have written about the importance of creating unique and unpredictable passwords. But I also advocate using passwords based on English words that are easier to remember. The problem is that English words are not unique and they are predictable. Even if you put a bunch of them together as a pass phrase, they are still quite predictable.

The solution is *mangling*, which is changing, distorting, mutating, or deforming a common phrase into something completely unique. Passwords that use diverse characters are strong and long passwords are strong, but diverse, long, mangled passwords are the strongest.

There is not much to password mangling. You come up with a password then go over it once using one of the below tips to modify the words enough so that they cannot be guessed. The ultimate goal is a password so unique that there would be a one-in-a-billion chance of anyone else having the very same password. The following are ten tips and an extremely valuable bonus tip that will get you started mangling.

Diverse Dialects

So, you have a strong common pass phrase but you are afraid it might not be strong enough. Would it be common if Elmer Fudd spoke it? Writing your phrase in a different dialect or accent is a great technique because the potential humor is easy to remember and the modifications are easy to remember how to accurately reproduce. Here are some examples of how you could use dialects to modify the phrase “I have fallen and I can’t get up!”

- **Elmer Fudd** I have fawwen and I can’t get up!
- **Redneck** Ahve fallen an’ ah can’t gittup!
- **Hacker** i’ve f4llen snd teh suck getting up
- **Toddler** Fallen mommy, get me!
- **Pirate** Ayyy blew me down matey an I can’t be getting up!

Scrambling

Scrambling is a very simple technique; all you do is mix things up a bit. Move words around, reverse the meaning, whatever it takes. However, be careful not to mix it up so much that it takes you forever to remember how to type it.

Here are some simple examples of scrambling:

- River—the Hudson
- To be to be or not!
- I'd rather not be not fishing...
- Please do not pool in my pee!

Slicing and Dicing

Pass phrases allow for more modifications to make your password truly unique. One technique, called “Slicing and Dicing,” is like choosing a pass phrase and then taking a knife to it:

- near ly noon in norway
- im port ant in for ma tion
- betterthansli cedbread
- thenut typrof essor

It is so simple but it works so well. Add a few spaces, take a few out, and your password is now unique.

Repetition

Repetition was mentioned as a memory technique, but it is also great for pass-phrase mangling. Repetition is so useful that I use it in some form in most of the passwords I set. It is easier to remember one thing and type it twice. Just make sure you are smart how you do it. Typing the same thing twice is a common technique and very predictable. Instead, vary how you repeat things:

- reallyreally long is reallyreally strong
- I'll...be...back...
- No way no how no one

The Replacements

Replacing certain characters with others is a great technique that is commonly used, but one that is normally executed poorly. It is not that clever to replace your a's with @ or your o's with zeros. As you build your password, think of how you would say it on a very long license plate.

Here are some examples of replacements you could do:

- Gr8 vacashuns
- go armx, go navx
- companee policee
- h&dosome frogs

Over-punctuating

Punctuation is the Swiss Army knife of pass-phrase mangling. Merely adding one punctuation symbol to all your passwords will do wonders for your password security. The whole purpose of password mangling is to ensure that someone cannot crack your password based on a common wordlist. There are many wordlists available, and some are quite effective.

All it takes to make sure your password does not appear on a wordlist is adding a few punctuation symbols. There are many things you can do with punctuation, including delimiting, bracketing, prefixing, suffixing, pattern building, and so forth. Here are some examples:

- After--->wards
- //lava//outlaw//
- Lenny-the-pirate.
- Mister :) AOL
- hide the ***** password
- --==//jetsons\\==--
-sleeping again...zzz

As you use punctuation in your passwords, do not forget about the special symbol characters mentioned in the Chapter 4. Also, remember that most modern operating systems consider the space to be a symbol character, so make good use of spaces as well.

Slurring, Mumbling, and Stuttering

If you have a speech impediment, why not take advantage of it to improve your passwords? Okay, you do not need a speech impediment to use this technique, but that is basically what it is. If it is unintelligible, it is likely hard to crack:

- th th th that's all fo fo folks
- ahmagonna gitta navacada
- Popolus rhodeisland
- The cccobalt mlion

Non-words

Passwords do not have to be “real” words to be easy to remember, they just need to look like real words. Fake English words are easy to remember, and you definitely will not find them on a wordlist, making them perfect for passwords.

- Kai's atmolingered wallet
- Sprained my forung
- 'Twas a complete outhacy
- Complete Pioforia

I never tire of this one technique. Here is a list of non-words to get you started:

Revitching, Sioter, Hassalic, Eppoich, Hasuxou, Stise, Ioxoaxay, Tisance, Eshasoaddify, Iaphouth, Hasoushi, Oumenoush, Ermenify, Dhapioz, Inxiag, Teencers, Oithoux, Tisechinph, Phoution, Tiarer, Ouhashane, Hacy, Hetisour, Wonnon, Forung, Emenis, Jhasoo, Outiofles, Thioquay, Souhas, Tiotheemen, Onrount, Tirea, Appleable, Tisominhas, Inzial, Shashafor, Menookings, Zoitisllic, Qurettly, Hasoushedness, Thable, Inhasofer, Onzeaght, Etisizzzy, Wuess, Eazify, Iahasosh, Achment.

Foreign and Slang

If you know a foreign language, throw some of those words in there, too. I'm not saying do your whole password in a different language, but mix multiple languages to increase the pool of possible words someone would have to test

to crack your password. If you cannot think of any foreign words, try slang, especially something you would not normally use or that does not quite fit your personality.

- Bailando with Mr. Dirt
- ichi-ni-san-shi-five
- Grandma's warez dump
- Walking w/ the g dizzle

Typos

Typos in passwords are easy; it does not hurt to use them frequently. They are not a perfect solution because of the wordlists that are made up of commonly misspelled words, but they are a good start for mangling:

- Slay teh hyberbole!!
- Board 2 teers.
- blawing-mad
- Centralizing the sammon

The Long Anticipated Valuable Bonus Tip

Your password needs to be unique. It should be so different that you can be pretty sure that no one has ever used it and likely will never use it. How can you judge your password's uniqueness? You can't, but you can run a quick test to make sure you are not choosing a common password: Google for it.

If you search for your password and nothing comes up, chances are your password is sufficiently complex. It does not prove that your password is strong, but it does prove that it is not horribly weak. What is surprising is how many passwords you can find on Google. Many people find at least a few hits on their passwords, no matter how obscure they seem.

Table 10.1 lists the search results for several random passwords.

Table 10.1 Search Results for Random Passwords

Password	Google Hits
Brook55	2,290 results
20022002	25,600 results
baddog123	239 results
gizmo12	766 results
justin29	1,600 results
shark01	3,820 results
letmein	57,000 results
batman11	2,570 results
kahoona0	7 results
6969hune	2 results
salmongoat57	7 results

Remarkably, even passwords that seem somewhat complex still turn up results. I do not recommend looking up every password as part of your regular password selection process, because that has its own security risks. But it is helpful to try it on a few passwords to get an idea of what works and what does not. Go ahead; try it with some of your own passwords.

The fact is that people are predictable and hackers know that. Once you learn how to not be predictable, you are on the right track toward password security.

The Three Rules for Strong Passwords

Solutions in this chapter:

- Introduction
- The Rule of Complexity
- The Rule of Uniqueness
- The Rule of Secrecy

Introduction

Everyone seems to have some advice on how to make strong passwords. Some of this advice is good; some of it is bad. I have grouped this advice into three basic rules: the rule of complexity, the rule of uniqueness, and the rule of secrecy. Use these rules as guidance in developing strong passwords.

The Rule of Complexity

Complexity makes a password strong. It ensures unpredictability and resistance to brute-force attacks. Complexity is a component of password length and diversity of content.

Three Elements

To ensure password complexity and augment length, your password should contain at least three elements. These elements have no specific definition, but they might include characters, numbers, symbols, words, or phrases. Each element is an opportunity for randomness. These elements can be loosely related and can sometimes employ repetition if used wisely. Here are some examples:

- Orchard/making-pies
- flour&eggs&milk
- 2crazy@doghouse.com
- Turn left,right,right

A Thousand Trillion

To protect against brute-force attacks, your password should allow for a keyspace of a thousand trillion passwords. Focus primarily on passwords that are 15 to 20 characters long with mostly lowercase letters to facilitate typing. However, also include the following elements whenever possible:

- Use uppercase letters in positions beyond the first character
- Use one or two numbers throughout the password, not just at the end and beginning
- Avoid passwords made up of more than 50 percent numbers

- Use punctuation and other symbols as delimiters or bracketing throughout the password
- Use spaces if the particular system allows
- Use high ASCII or Unicode characters when necessary for extra security

The Rule of Uniqueness

Uniqueness means that every password you use is exclusive to any particular system and distinct among all passwords. Here are some ways to make your passwords unique:

- Avoid using common passwords, common phrases, or dictionary words
- Never reuse the same password more than once, especially among different systems
- Avoid getting too attached to a single password
- Avoid words or numbers relating to yourself or your environment
- Avoid passwords that include personal dates or other significant numbers, pet names, relatives or loved ones, vehicle names, favorite sports teams, or other personal information
- Avoid using words connected to you that might lead to reuse
- Avoid using predictable patterns or sequences

Uniqueness also refers to uniqueness over time. To avoid stale passwords, refresh your passwords every three to six months. Never let any password remain unchanged for more than a year. Occasionally, change all your passwords at once, especially if you suspect a security incident.

The Rule of Secrecy

Always maintain the secrecy and confidentiality of your password to ensure its integrity as an authentication device. The following practices are necessary to maintain password secrecy:

- Do not share your password with others
- Avoid recording your passwords in an insecure manner
- Avoid saving passwords in Web browsers and other applications
- Always delete e-mails that contain a password
- Use a Web site's logout feature rather than just closing your browser
- Be smart with secret questions and answers
- Use one password while setting up and configuring a system and then change the password when the system is complete
- Always change passwords that are automatically assigned to you

Summary

To develop strong passwords, you need some guidelines to follow. This chapter covered three rules pertaining to the complexity, uniqueness, and secrecy of passwords. These rules will help you refine current password development (or creation) patterns and establish password policies that ensure your passwords remain an effective piece of your authentication mechanisms.

Celebrate Password Day

Solutions in this chapter:

- Password Day
- Celebrating Password Day

Password Day

Password day is something that I celebrate maybe once or twice a year. It is such an important part of my password strategy that I thought it deserved its very own chapter.

Password day is an annual or semi-annual holiday where you still go to work, the banks and post office are open, and you don't get any presents, candy, or special recognition. What you do is spend a part of that day completely focusing on your passwords. Not just some of your passwords, all of your passwords—in an attempt to make them all unique. Go through every account, service, subscription, membership, system, and device you have a password on, and change those passwords. Spend some time improving your password selection skills, and securely document your entire selection of passwords.

The Origin of Password Day

I started celebrating password day a few years ago after working on an investigation that tracked down who had broken into a financial services company. The company had very poor network security—quite typical for that time—and had been the target of a number of hacker attacks. They hired a security firm to audit their systems and found that their biggest weakness was user passwords. Many user accounts had passwords that exactly matched their usernames, predictable passwords such as *password* and *administrator*, and some accounts even had blank passwords. They implemented a stronger password policy and slowly began the process of changing passwords and updating system security.

Six months later they still found themselves continually targeted by hackers, despite their many efforts to secure their network. This all culminated in a particularly serious attack involving the theft of sensitive customer information. They hired me to analyze their web server log files to track down the point of intrusion. After a long week of digging through gigabytes of logs, I found that the hackers weren't doing anything really fancy; they were logging in using the same means that their employees did—through FTP, FrontPage, e-mail, and VPN access. Worst of all, the hackers were using passwords they had stolen from the employees themselves.

Although the users now had much stronger passwords, they still had a password problem. The problem this time was that although they regularly changed their passwords, the hackers always had at least one password that still worked. They would use that password to regain access and obtain the

remaining passwords. When that password would die, they used one of the others to once again regain access and obtain other passwords. Essentially, as they plugged up one hole, another leak would appear elsewhere.

My solution was to identify and change every single password they had, on every single system and device, *all on the same day*. For this company that was more than five hundred passwords. A week later, we repeated the entire process again. It was a lot of work, but that's all it took—the hackers were completely locked out and could no longer regain access.

A year later, I was hired by the same company to do some other consulting work and found that they implemented a policy to repeat this global password change at least once a year. Employees dubbed it *password day*. The strange thing was that they actually looked forward to password day. The boss bought lots of pizzas and everyone sat down thinking of cool passwords all day long. Not only did every employee change every password, but they were also given the time to change all their own personal passwords.

It was a simple security strategy that was amazingly effective. It involved users in the security process and was a good way to take care of those often-overlooked passwords that rarely get changed, such as router passwords or those for Hotmail accounts. No password, no matter how obscure, ever reached its first birthday.

Password day is very effective because hackers usually don't get all the way in to the core of your network on their first attempt. They gradually work their way in by gathering less significant passwords and other information and then spring-boarding their way to the more important stuff. Password day, however, effectively reduces the exposure to spring boarding.

Celebrating Password Day

Since that time, I decided to implement the same policy for myself. At least once a year I go through and change every one of my own passwords. It might seem paranoid or overkill, but there's no question that it increases my overall security.

The secret to celebrating password day is to think of it as a working holiday—a day where you can set aside all your normal projects and chores and dedicate a day or half a day to passwords alone. The trick is to make it fun; otherwise, it becomes a chore that never gets done. If you implement a password day at your company, make it a casual dress day, provide food or refreshments, gather people together into groups to change passwords together, or do whatever you think would make it more interesting. You might even want

to schedule it on a day that is already typically lazy, such as the last work day before another holiday.

When you celebrate password day, be careful not to overlook any password you might have. Take the time to document all systems with passwords to save yourself the effort the next time around. In particular, watch out for easily overlooked passwords that you rarely use. The following are some passwords that might be easy to overlook:

- Instant messenger accounts
- Router and switch passwords
- Hard-coded passwords in scripts and other programs
- Service accounts
- Local machine administrator accounts
- Active Directory recovery mode passwords
- Logins for domain name registration services (such as networksolutions.com or register.com)
- Logins for SSL certificate authorities
- Logins for ISP and other provider accounts
- BIOS passwords
- Database and other encryption keys
- PGP pass phrases

Keeping track of all these new passwords will be difficult, so take advantage of password storage utilities like those mentioned in Chapter 7. When you're all finished, remember to change the master password for your password program, too.

Summary

That's all there is to it. At least once a year make sure you change every password you own. It will greatly increase your overall security and is a good way to lock out hackers who might already have collected some account passwords. Make it fun and make it thorough.

For now, password day is a quiet holiday that I and a few of my clients celebrate. Perhaps the concept will some day catch on and we will see password day celebrations all across the world at all organizations, big and small.

Chapter 13

The Three Elements of Authentication

Solutions in this chapter:

- Multifactor Authentication

Multifactor Authentication

Many years ago I had the opportunity to work as the security guard for a major film production in the area where I lived. A friend got me the job, and on the first day, he gave me my instructions. The film production company was renting a local resident's ranch, and part of the contract required that they provide a security guard at the front entrance. That was me. My friend dropped me off at the front entrance and told me he'd be back around lunchtime.

I stopped him and asked how I was supposed to know who should be there and who shouldn't. He explained that there is simply no way to know that, so I should just wave at everyone who passes by. He paused for a minute, as if he had never really considered this question, and then told me that if someone looks suspicious enough, I could probably call him on his cell phone.

So I sat there for eight hours, waving at everyone who entered the gate. Everyone returned my wave, and everyone seemed to belong there, so there were no security incidents as far as the production company was concerned.

Looking back, I sometimes wonder how many businesses have equivalent security systems in place in their own computing environments. If you look like you belong there, you probably do, right?

My wife has a credit card with her picture on it on the face of the card. When she shops with that card, the merchant can look at her picture to make sure she is the true owner of the card. Of course, her face alone is not enough to validate the charge. She obviously must have the card in her possession and present it to the merchant. She must also sign the receipt or provide a PIN. Sometimes the merchants ask for additional photo identification, and sometimes they ask for a billing zip code. Sometimes the cashier will ask for the card and enter the three-digit card verification system (CVS) code into the cash register.

If there was ever any dispute of a charge, merchants who use all these measures have plenty of evidence to back up a transaction. On the other hand, a credit card for a gas station does not require such stringent checks. In fact, all you really need is to have the card in your possession. There is no evidence that it is actually you using the card. They completely rely on the fact that you would report a stolen or missing card as soon as possible.

Any time you authenticate yourself to a system, you use one or more methods or factors of authentication. The more you use, the more secure and more reliable the authentication.

For years we have seen movies where the character uses a thumbprint or retinal scan as authentication. This technology, although still nascent, is widely in use today. These forms of authentication, called biometrics, can greatly enhance the reliability and integrity of passwords.

The Three Basics

Any form of authentication is based on validating one of these three elements:

- Something you know
- Something you have
- Something you are

Something You Know

Something you know is a secret, such as a password, that you can produce at any time for the authenticating system.

A password is an essential element for any security system and cannot be neglected. Although movies and marketing campaigns would have you think otherwise, none of the other authentication methods reliably replace a password.

The other two methods of authentication are very effective when used in combination with a password, but these other methods are not reliable enough to work on their own. The whole concept of multifactor authentication is to provide multiple layers of security that work together. For example, you should swipe a card and then enter a password; swiping a card in itself is never adequate.

As I discuss in this book, passwords do have weaknesses. They completely depend on the prudence and common sense of the password holder. Someone could steal and use your password without your knowledge, and knowledge of your password alone is never absolute proof of your identity.

Something You Have

Something you have is any physical device that can be in only one place at a time. This could include any of the following:

- **Magnetic stripe card** A plastic card, such as a credit card, with a black magnetic strip on the back that contains basic account infor-

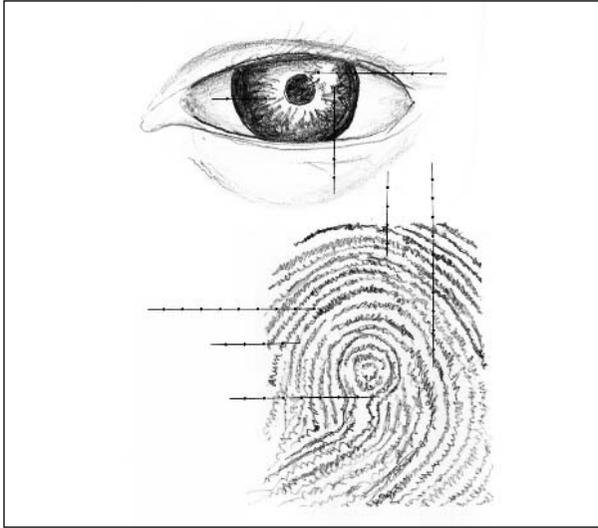
mation. The card might also include a code, such as a CVS code that is printed on the card. If someone steals the card, that person has the code, but this code helps prevent some types of fraud, such as stealing a credit card number from a carbon credit card slip. These codes also help verify possession of the card for phone or Internet orders.

- **Smart card** A smart card is a more intelligent version of a magnetic strip card. Smart cards have built-in microprocessors and memory storage, are generally more reliable, and provide somewhat better authentication than magnetic cards.
- **USB key** A USB key is a small device that plugs in to a Universal Serial Bus (USB) port of a computer. It provides additional authentication and often has large amounts of storage space for keeping private documents. A USB key might be a specialized authentication device or could simply be a USB disk appropriated for that purpose.
- **Dongle** A dongle is a small device that plugs in to printer, serial, keyboard, or other device ports on a computer. Dongles contain authentication information and sometimes contain encrypted copy protection routines. Software companies often use dongles to limit unauthorized copying of expensive software applications.

Something You Are

Something you are is the measurement of some physical or behavioral feature about yourself that normally will never change. Biometrics most often refers to fingerprint or retina (or iris) scanning, but much research has been done to use other methods for identifying an individual (see Figure 13.1). These include typing behavior, voice, recognition, facial feature, measurements of hands or other body parts, DNA sampling, or brain wave fingerprinting. And the list continues to grow.

Figure 13.1 Examples of Biometrics Include Retina and Fingerprint Scans



As I mentioned earlier, biometrics must always be accompanied by a password. The risk is that if your private biometric data is somehow compromised, you can't just go out and change your fingerprint every six months. Biometrics should be used only to enhance other forms of authentication.

Another problem with biometrics is that they are not perfect. They are basically a judgment call because sometimes our voices are hoarse, our eyes are bloodshot, or our fingers are injured or swollen. Biometric systems have been shown to exhibit some weaknesses and false positives. For example, facial recognition systems have been bypassed simply by holding up a picture of the target's face in front of the camera.

Multiple Layers

Using any one of these three methods is fallible, but combining two or more of them can have a huge impact on security. In fact, the U.S. banking regulators are requiring all U.S. banks to provide multifactor authentication for high-risk transactions by year-end 2006. Other industries are sure to follow.

However, problems are delaying the widespread deployment of multifactor authentication. The industry is still in its infancy, and the lack of standards makes some people hesitant to commit to a single technology. There are also expenses involved because multifactor authentication often requires specialized hardware and widespread software deployment.

It is an important aspect of security, but one that still has some growing up to do before it is widely integrated into our lives. In the meantime, keep your passwords strong—very strong.

Summary

In this chapter, we discussed the three different elements that we utilize for authentication, something you know, something you have, and something you are. Although this book is focused on building strong passwords (something you know), I cannot stress enough, the security benefit of combining this element of security with at least one of the other two elements, thus utilizing multifactor authentication.

Appendix A

**Test Your
Password**

Want to see how I would rate your password? Here's a simple test:

1. Is your password more than 15 characters long?
2. Does your password have a good mix of mostly letters and a few numbers and punctuation symbols?
3. Does your password contain at least three pieces of random information?
4. Is your password completely absent of personal information?
5. If you typed your password in Google, would you get no results?
6. Are you the only person who knows this password?
7. Do you remember your password without having to look it up?
8. If you have your password recorded somewhere, is it in a secure location?
9. Is your password less than six months old?
10. Is your password one that has never been used anywhere else?
11. Can you type your password quickly without making mistakes?

If you answer yes to more than nine of these questions, you got my approval! But don't get too attached to your password; once it becomes stale, you should trash it and start all over again.

Random Seed Words

On the following pages are random seed words you can use in building your passwords. Don't use these as actual passwords, but use them to stimulate your creativity.

This list is available as a download from www.syngress.com/solutions.

standard	space	provision	anyway
secretary	arrive	affect	visit
music	ensure	please	capital
prepare	demand	happy	either
factor	statement	behaviour	season
other	attention	concerned	argument
anyone	principle	point	listen
pattern	doctor	function	prime
manage	choice	identify	economy
piece	refer	resource	element
discuss	feature	defence	finish
prove	couple	garden	fight
front	following	floor	train
evening	thank	style	maintain
royal	machine	feeling	attempt
plant	income	science	design
pressure	training	relate	suddenly
response	present	doubt	brother
catch	region	horse	improve
street	effort	force	avoid
knowledge	player	answer	wonder
despite	everyone	compare	title
design	present	suffer	hotel
enjoy	award	announce	aspect
suppose	village	forward	increase
instead	control	character	express
basis	whatever	normal	summer
series	modern	myself	determine
success	close	obtain	generally
natural	current	quickly	daughter
wrong	legal	indicate	exist
round	energy	forget	share
thought	finally	station	nearly
argue	degree	glass	smile
final	means	previous	sorry
future	growth	husband	skill
introduce	treatment	recently	claim
analysis	sound	publish	treat
enter	above	serious	remove

concern	encourage	apart	speaker
labour	addition	present	second
specific	round	appeal	career
customer	popular	cause	laugh
outside	affair	terms	weight
state	technique	attack	sound
whole	respect	effective	document
total	reveal	mouth	solution
division	version	result	return
profit	maybe	future	medical
throw	ability	visit	recognise
procedure	operate	little	budget
assume	campaign	easily	river
image	heavy	attempt	existing
obviously	advice	enable	start
unless	discover	trouble	tomorrow
military	surface	payment	opinion
proposal	library	county	quarter
mention	pupil	holiday	option
client	record	realise	worth
sector	refuse	chair	define
direction	prevent	facility	stock
admit	advantage	complete	influence
though	teach	article	occasion
replace	memory	object	software
basic	culture	context	highly
instance	blood	survey	exchange
original	majority	notice	shake
reflect	answer	complete	study
aware	variety	direct	concept
measure	press	reference	radio
attitude	depend	extend	no-one
yourself	ready	agency	examine
disease	general	physical	green
exactly	access	except	finger
above	stone	check	equipment
intend	useful	species	north
beyond	extent	official	message
president	regard	chairman	afternoon

drink	partner	artist	district
fully	balance	agent	regular
strategy	sister	presence	reaction
extra	reader	along	impact
scene	below	strike	collect
slightly	trial	contact	debate
kitchen	damage	beginning	belief
speech	adopt	demand	shape
arise	newspaper	media	politics
network	meaning	relevant	reply
peace	light	employ	press
failure	essential	shoot	approach
employee	obvious	executive	western
ahead	nation	slowly	earth
scale	confirm	speed	public
attend	south	review	survive
hardly	length	order	estate
shoulder	branch	route	prison
otherwise	planning	telephone	settle
railway	trust	release	largely
directly	working	primary	observe
supply	studio	driver	limit
owner	positive	reform	straight
associate	spirit	annual	somebody
corner	college	nuclear	writer
match	accident	latter	weekend
sport	works	practical	clothes
status	league	emerge	active
beautiful	clear	distance	sight
offer	imagine	exercise	video
marriage	through	close	reality
civil	normally	island	regional
perform	strength	separate	vehicle
sentence	train	danger	worry
crime	target	credit	powerful
marry	travel	usual	possibly
truth	issue	candidate	cross
protect	complex	track	colleague
safety	supply	merely	charge

respond	painting	sheet	equal
employer	entirely	category	capacity
carefully	engine	equally	selection
comment	tonight	session	alone
grant	adult	cultural	football
ignore	prefer	museum	victory
phone	author	threaten	factory
insurance	actual	launch	rural
content	visitor	proper	twice
sample	forest	victim	whereas
transport	repeat	audience	deliver
objective	contrast	famous	nobody
alone	extremely	master	invite
flower	domestic	religious	intention
injury	commit	joint	retain
stick	threat	potential	aircraft
front	drink	broad	decade
mainly	relief	judge	cheap
battle	internal	formal	quiet
currently	strange	housing	bright
winter	excellent	concern	search
inside	fairly	freedom	limit
somewhere	technical	gentleman	spread
arrange	tradition	attract	flight
sleep	measure	appoint	account
progress	insist	chief	output
volume	farmer	total	address
enough	until	lovely	immediate
conflict	traffic	official	reduction
fresh	dinner	middle	interview
entry	consumer	unable	assess
smile	living	acquire	promote
promise	package	surely	everybody
senior	stuff	crisis	suitable
manner	award	propose	ought
touch	existence	impose	growing
sexual	coffee	market	reject
ordinary	standard	favour	while
cabinet	attack	before	dream

divide	whilst	metal	tooth
declare	contact	human	organise
handle	combine	widely	bridge
detailed	magazine	undertake	double
challenge	totally	brain	direct
notice	mental	expert	conclude
destroy	store	perfect	relative
mountain	thanks	disappear	soldier
limited	beside	ministry	climb
finance	critical	congress	breath
pension	touch	transfer	afford
influence	consist	reading	urban
afraid	below	scientist	nurse
murder	silence	closely	narrow
weapon	institute	solicitor	liberal
offence	dress	secure	priority
absence	dangerous	plate	revenue
error	familiar	emphasis	grant
criticism	asset	recall	approve
average	belong	shout	apparent
quick	partly	generate	faith
match	block	location	under
transfer	seriously	display	troop
spring	youth	journey	motion
birth	elsewhere	imply	leading
recognize	cover	violence	component
recommend	program	lunch	bloody
module	treaty	noise	variation
weather	unlikely	succeed	remind
bottle	properly	bottom	inform
address	guest	initial	neither
bedroom	screen	theme	outside
pleasure	household	pretty	chemical
realize	sequence	empty	careful
assembly	correct	display	guide
expensive	female	escape	criterion
select	phase	score	pocket
teaching	crowd	justice	entitle
desire	welcome	upper	surprise

fruit	beneath	these	while
passage	mechanism	people	point
vital	potential	because	house
united	defendant	between	different
device	chain	there	country
estimate	accompany	those	really
conduct	wonderful	after	provide
comment	enemy	thing	large
derive	panel	through	member
advance	deputy	still	always
advise	strike	child	follow
motor	married	become	without
satisfy	plenty	leave	within
winner	fashion	great	local
mistake	entire	where	where
incident	secondary	woman	during
focus	finding	system	bring
exercise	increased	might	begin
release	welfare	group	although
border	attach	number	example
prospect	typical	however	family
gather	meanwhile	another	rather
ancient	clean	again	social
brief	religion	world	write
elderly	count	course	state
persuade	hence	company	percent
overall	alright	shall	quite
index	first	under	start
circle	appeal	problem	right
creation	servant	against	every
drawing	which	never	month
anybody	would	service	night
matter	their	party	important
external	there	about	question
capable	could	something	business
recover	think	school	power
request	about	small	money
neighbour	other	place	change
theatre	should	before	interest

order	market	figure	around
often	appear	research	patient
young	continue	actually	activity
national	political	education	table
whether	later	speak	including
water	court	today	church
other	office	enough	reach
perhaps	produce	programme	likely
level	reason	minute	among
until	minister	moment	death
though	subject	centre	sense
policy	person	control	staff
include	involve	value	certain
believe	require	health	student
council	suggest	decide	around
already	towards	decision	language
possible	anything	develop	special
nothing	period	class	difficult
allow	consider	industry	morning
effect	change	receive	across
stand	society	several	product
study	process	return	early
since	mother	build	committee
result	offer	spend	ground
happen	voice	force	letter
friend	police	condition	create
right	probably	itself	evidence
least	expect	paper	clear
right	available	major	practice
almost	price	describe	support
carry	little	agree	event
authority	action	economic	building
early	issue	increase	range
himself	remember	learn	behind
public	position	general	report
together	little	century	black
report	matter	therefore	stage
after	community	father	meeting
before	remain	section	sometimes

accept	nature	amount	provided
further	structure	operation	channel
cause	necessary	human	damage
history	pound	simple	funny
parent	method	leader	severe
trade	central	share	search
watch	union	recent	vision
white	movement	picture	somewhat
situation	board	source	inside
whose	simply	security	trend
teacher	contain	serve	terrible
record	short	according	dress
manager	personal	contract	steal
relation	detail	occur	criminal
common	model	agreement	signal
strong	single	better	notion
whole	reduce	either	academic
field	establish	labour	lawyer
break	herself	various	outcome
yesterday	private	since	strongly
support	computer	close	surround
window	former	represent	explore
account	hospital	colour	corporate
explain	chapter	clearly	prisoner
usually	scheme	benefit	question
material	theory	animal	rapidly
cover	choose	heart	southern
apply	property	election	amongst
project	achieve	purpose	withdraw
raise	financial	liability	paint
indeed	officer	constant	judge
light	charge	expense	citizen
claim	director	writing	permanent
someone	drive	origin	separate
certainly	place	drive	ourselves
similar	approach	ticket	plastic
story	chance	editor	connect
quality	foreign	northern	plane
worker	along	switch	height

opening	massive	guilty	analyse
lesson	light	prior	anywhere
similarly	unique	round	average
shock	challenge	eastern	phrase
tenant	inflation	tension	long-term
middle	identity	enormous	lucky
somehow	unknown	score	restore
minor	badly	rarely	convince
negative	elect	prize	coast
knock	moreover	remaining	engineer
pursue	cancer	glance	heavily
inner	champion	dominate	extensive
crucial	exclude	trust	charity
occupy	review	naturally	oppose
column	licence	interpret	defend
female	breakfast	frame	alter
beauty	minority	extension	warning
perfectly	chief	spokesman	arrest
struggle	democracy	friendly	framework
house	brown	register	approval
database	taste	regime	bother
stretch	crown	fault	novel
stress	permit	dispute	accuse
passenger	buyer	grass	surprised
boundary	angry	quietly	currency
sharp	metre	decline	moral
formation	clause	dismiss	restrict
queen	wheel	delivery	possess
waste	break	complain	protein
virtually	benefit	shift	gently
expand	engage	beach	reckon
territory	alive	string	proceed
exception	complaint	depth	assist
thick	abandon	travel	stress
inquiry	blame	unusual	justify
topic	clean	pilot	behalf
resident	quote	yellow	setting
parish	yours	republic	command
supporter	quantity	shadow	stair

chest	initially	habit	sugar
secret	arrival	round	frequency
efficient	protest	purchase	feature
suspect	silent	outside	furniture
tough	judgment	gradually	wooden
firmly	muscle	expansion	input
willing	opposite	angle	jacket
healthy	pollution	sensitive	actor
focus	wealth	ratio	producer
construct	kingdom	amount	hearing
saving	bread	sleep	equation
trade	camera	finance	hello
export	prince	preserve	alliance
daily	illness	wedding	smoke
abroad	submit	bishop	awareness
mostly	ideal	dependent	throat
sudden	relax	landscape	discovery
implement	penalty	mirror	festival
print	purchase	symptom	dance
calculate	tired	promotion	promise
guess	specify	global	principal
autumn	short	aside	brilliant
voluntary	monitor	tendency	proposed
valuable	statutory	reply	coach
recovery	federal	estimate	absolute
premise	captain	governor	drama
resolve	deeply	expected	recording
regularly	creature	invest	precisely
solve	locate	cycle	celebrate
plaintiff	being	alright	substance
critic	struggle	gallery	swing
communist	lifespan	emotional	rapid
layer	valley	regard	rough
recession	guard	cigarette	investor
slight	emergency	dance	compete
dramatic	dollar	predict	sweet
golden	convert	adequate	decline
temporary	marketing	variable	dealer
shortly	please	retire	solid

cloud	judgement	proud	carpet
across	exciting	tower	ownership
level	stream	deposit	fewer
enquiry	guarantee	adviser	workshop
fight	disaster	advanced	symbol
abuse	darkness	landlord	slide
guitar	organize	whenever	cross
cottage	tourist	delay	anxious
pause	policeman	green	behave
scope	castle	holder	nervous
emotion	figure	secret	guide
mixture	anger	edition	pleased
shirt	briefly	empire	remark
allowance	clock	negotiate	province
breach	expose	relative	steel
infection	custom	fellow	practise
resist	maximum	helpful	alcohol
qualify	earning	sweep	guidance
paragraph	priest	defeat	climate
consent	resign	unlike	enhance
written	store	primarily	waste
literary	comprise	tight	smooth
entrance	chamber	cricket	dominant
breathe	involved	whisper	conscious
cheek	confident	anxiety	formula
platform	circuit	print	electric
watch	radical	routine	sheep
borrow	detect	witness	medicine
birthday	stupid	gentle	strategic
knife	grand	curtain	disabled
extreme	numerous	mission	smell
peasant	classical	supplier	operator
armed	distinct	basically	mount
supreme	honour	assure	advance
overcome	FALSE	poverty	remote
greatly	square	prayer	favour
visual	differ	deserve	neither
genuine	truly	shift	worth
personnel	survival	split	barrier

worried	fixed	corridor	dream
pitch	count	behind	alongside
phone	precise	profile	ceiling
shape	range	bathroom	highlight
clinical	conduct	comfort	stick
apple	capture	shell	favourite
catalogue	cheque	reward	universe
publisher	economics	vegetable	request
opponent	sustain	junior	label
burden	secondly	mystery	confine
tackle	silly	violent	scream
historian	merchant	march	detective
stomach	lecture	found	adjust
outline	musical	dirty	designer
talent	leisure	straight	running
silver	check	pleasant	summit
democrat	cheese	surgery	weakness
fortune	fabric	transform	block
storage	lover	draft	so-called
reserve	childhood	unity	adapt
interval	supposed	airport	absorb
dimension	mouse	upset	encounter
honest	strain	pretend	defeat
awful	consult	plant	brick
confusion	minimum	known	blind
visible	monetary	admission	square
vessel	confuse	tissue	thereby
stand	smoke	pretty	protest
curve	movie	operating	assistant
accurate	cease	grateful	breast
mortgage	journal	classroom	concert
salary	shopping	turnover	squad
impress	palace	project	wonder
emphasise	exceed	sensible	cream
proof	isolated	shrug	tennis
interview	perceive	newly	pride
distant	poetry	tongue	expertise
lower	readily	refugee	govern
favourite	spite	delay	leather

observer	progress	forward	instal
margin	grade	multiple	suspend
reinforce	exploit	outer	notably
ideal	import	patient	wander
injure	potato	evolution	inspire
holding	repair	allocate	machinery
evident	passion	creative	undergo
universal	seize	judicial	nowhere
desperate	heaven	ideology	inspector
overseas	nerve	smell	balance
trouser	collapse	agenda	purchaser
register	printer	chicken	resort
album	button	transport	organ
guideline	coalition	illegal	deficit
disturb	ultimate	plain	convey
amendment	venture	opera	reserve
architect	timber	shelf	planet
objection	companion	strict	frequent
chart	horror	inside	intense
cattle	gesture	carriage	loose
doubt	remark	hurry	retail
react	clever	essay	grain
right	glance	treasury	particle
purely	broken	traveller	witness
fulfil	burst	chocolate	steady
commonly	charter	assault	rival
frighten	feminist	schedule	steam
grammar	discourse	format	crash
diary	carbon	murder	logic
flesh	taxation	seller	premium
summary	softly	lease	confront
infant	asleep	bitter	precede
storm	publicity	double	alarm
rugby	departure	stake	rational
virtue	welcome	flexible	incentive
specimen	reception	informal	bench
paint	cousin	stable	roughly
trace	sharply	sympathy	regarding
privilege	relieve	tunnel	ambition

since	closure	clerk	everyday
vendor	automatic	curious	strip
stranger	liable	identical	stability
spiritual	borough	applicant	insect
logical	suspicion	removal	brush
fibre	portrait	processor	devise
attribute	local	cotton	organic
sense	fragment	reverse	escape
black	evaluate	hesitate	interface
petrol	reliable	professor	historic
maker	weigh	admire	collapse
generous	medieval	namely	temple
modest	clinic	electoral	shade
bottom	shine	delight	craft
dividend	remedy	exposure	nursery
devote	fence	prompt	desirable
condemn	freeze	urgent	piano
integrate	eliminate	server	assurance
acute	interior	marginal	advertise
barely	voter	miner	arrest
directive	garage	guarantee	switch
providing	pregnant	ceremony	penny
modify	greet	monopoly	respect
swear	disorder	yield	gross
final	formally	discount	superb
valid	excuse	above	process
wherever	socialist	audit	innocent
mortality	cancel	uncle	colony
medium	excess	contrary	wound
funeral	exact	explosion	hardware
depending	oblige	tribunal	bible
classic	mutual	swallow	float
rubbish	laughter	typically	satellite
minimum	volunteer	cloth	marked
slope	trick	cable	cathedral
youngster	disposal	interrupt	motive
patch	murmur	crash	correct
ethnic	tonne	flame	gastric
wholly	spell	rabbit	comply

induce	drift	fraction	landing
mutter	assert	whereby	exchange
invasion	terrace	pensioner	debate
humour	uncertain	strictly	educate
upstairs	twist	await	initiate
emission	insight	coverage	virus
translate	undermine	wildlife	reporter
rhythm	tragedy	indicator	painful
battery	enforce	lightly	correctly
stimulus	criticise	hierarchy	complex
naked	march	evolve	rumour
white	leaflet	expert	imperial
toilet	fellow	creditor	remain
butter	object	essence	ocean
needle	adventure	compose	cliff
surprise	mixed	mentally	sociology
molecule	rebel	seminar	sadly
fiction	equity	label	missile
learning	literally	target	situate
statute	loyalty	continent	apartment
reluctant	airline	verse	provoke
overlook	shore	minute	maximum
junction	render	whisky	angel
necessity	emphasize	recruit	shame
nearby	commander	launch	spare
lorry	singer	cupboard	explicit
exclusive	squeeze	unfair	counter
graphics	full-time	shortage	uniform
stimulate	breed	prominent	clothing
warmth	successor	merger	hungry
therapy	triumph	command	subject
cinema	heading	subtle	objective
domain	laugh	capital	romantic
doctrine	still	lifetime	part-time
sheer	specially	unhappy	trace
bloody	forgive	elite	backing
widow	chase	refusal	sensation
ruling	trustee	finish	carrier
episode	photo	superior	interest

classic	darling	secure	spectrum
appendix	decent	descend	intensive
doorway	liberty	backwards	invent
density	forever	excuse	suicide
shower	skirt	genetic	panic
current	tactic	portfolio	giant
nasty	import	consensus	casual
duration	accent	thesis	sphere
desert	compound	frown	precious
receipt	bastard	builder	envisage
native	cater	heating	sword
chapel	scholar	outside	crazy
amazing	faint	instinct	changing
hopefully	ghost	teenager	primary
fleet	sculpture	lonely	concede
developer	diagnosis	residence	besides
oxygen	delegate	radiation	unite
recipe	dialogue	extract	severely
crystal	repair	autonomy	insert
schedule	fantasy	graduate	instruct
midnight	leave	musician	exhibit
formerly	export	glory	brave
value	forth	persist	tutor
physics	allege	rescue	debut
stroke	pavement	equip	continued
truck	brand	partial	incidence
envelope	constable	worry	delicate
canal	filter	daily	killer
unionist	reign	contract	regret
directory	execute	update	gender
receiver	merit	assign	entertain
isolation	diagram	spring	cling
chemistry	organism	single	vertical
defender	elegant	commons	fetch
stance	lesser	weekly	strip
realistic	improved	stretch	assistant
socialist	reach	pregnancy	plead
subsidy	entity	happily	breed
content	locally	interfere	abolish

princess	working	basket	adjacent
excessive	chronic	drain	creep
digital	splendid	horizon	round
steep	function	mention	grace
grave	rider	happiness	theft
boost	firstly	fighter	arrow
random	conceive	estimated	smart
outline	terminal	copper	sergeant
intervene	accuracy	legend	regulate
packet	ambulance	relevance	clash
safely	living	decorate	assemble
harsh	offender	incur	nowadays
spell	orchestra	parallel	giant
spread	brush	divorce	waiting
alleged	striker	opposed	sandwich
concrete	guard	trader	vanish
intensity	casualty	juice	commerce
crack	handsome	forum	pursuit
fancy	banking	research	post-war
resemble	painter	hostile	collar
waiting	steadily	nightmare	waste
scandal	auditor	medal	skill
fierce	hostility	diamond	exclusion
parameter	spending	speed	socialism
tropical	scarcely	peaceful	upwards
colour	pardon	horrible	instantly
contest	double	scatter	appointed
courage	criticize	monster	abstract
delighted	guilt	chaos	dynamic
sponsor	payable	nonsense	drawer
carer	execution	humanity	embrace
crack	elected	bureau	dismissal
trainer	suite	advocate	magic
remainder	solely	slave	endless
related	moral	handle	definite
inherit	collector	fishing	broadly
resume	flavour	yield	affection
conceal	couple	elbow	principal
disclose	faculty	sleeve	bloke

organiser	super	antibody	strand
communist	funding	wisdom	stuff
neutral	shared	unlike	seldom
breakdown	stitch	terrorist	coming
combined	ladder	fluid	actively
candle	keeper	ambitious	flash
venue	endorse	socially	regiment
supper	smash	petition	closed
analyst	shield	service	handful
vague	surgeon	flood	awkward
publicly	centre	taste	defect
marine	artistic	memorial	required
pause	classify	overall	flood
notable	explode	harbour	surplus
freely	orange	lighting	champagne
lively	comedy	empirical	liquid
script	ruler	shallow	welcome
geography	biscuit	decrease	rejection
reproduce	manual	reward	sentence
moving	overall	thrust	senior
terror	tighten	wrist	lacking
stable	adult	plain	colonial
founder	blanket	magnetic	primitive
signal	nearby	widen	whoever
utility	devil	hazard	commodity
shelter	adoption	dispose	planned
hitherto	workforce	dealing	coincide
poster	segment	absent	sanction
mature	portion	model	praise
cooking	deposit	reassure	dissolve
wealthy	matrix	initial	tempt
fucking	liver	naval	tightly
confess	fraud	monthly	encounter
miracle	signature	advisory	abortion
magic	verdict	fitness	custody
coloured	container	blank	composer
telephone	certainty	indirect	grasp
reduced	boring	economist	charm
tumour	electron	rally	waist

equality	desktop	swing	cruel
tribute	saint	subject	diversity
bearing	variable	slice	accused
auction	stamp	transmit	fucking
standing	slide	thigh	forecast
emperor	faction	dedicate	amend
mayor	enquire	mistake	ruling
rescue	brass	albeit	executive
commence	eager	sound	clarify
discharge	neglect	nurse	mining
profound	saying	cluster	minimal
takeover	ridge	discharge	strain
dolphin	yacht	propose	novel
effect	missing	obstacle	coastal
fortnight	extended	motorway	rising
elephant	delight	heritage	quota
spoil	valuation	breeding	minus
forwards	fossil	bucket	kilometre
breeze	diminish	campaign	fling
mineral	worship	migration	deprive
runner	taxpayer	originate	covenant
integrity	honour	ritual	trophy
rigid	depict	hunting	honestly
orange	pencil	crude	extract
draft	drown	protocol	eyebrow
hedge	mobility	prejudice	straw
formulate	immense	dioxide	forehead
position	goodness	chemical	lecturer
thief	price	inspect	noble
tomato	graph	worthy	timetable
exhaust	referee	summon	symbolic
evidently	onwards	parallel	farming
eagle	genuinely	outlet	librarian
specified	excite	booking	injection
resulting	dreadful	salad	bonus
blade	grief	charming	abuse
bowel	erect	polish	sexuality
peculiar	meantime	access	thumb
killing	barrel	tourism	survey

ankle	diverse	distress	garment
tribe	revive	spill	material
rightly	lounge	steward	monument
validity	dwelling	knight	realm
marble	parental	selective	toward
plunge	loyal	learner	reactor
maturity	outsider	semantic	furious
hidden	forbid	dignity	alike
contrast	inherent	senate	probe
tobacco	calendar	fiscal	feedback
clergy	basin	activate	suspect
trading	utterly	rival	solar
passive	rebuild	fortunate	carve
racial	pulse	jeans	qualified
sauce	suppress	select	membrane
fatal	predator	fitting	convict
banker	width	handicap	bacteria
make-up	stiff	crush	trading
interior	spine	towel	wound
eligible	betray	skilled	cabin
bunch	punish	defensive	trail
wicket	stall	villa	shaft
pronounce	lifestyle	frontier	treasure
ballet	compile	lordship	attribute
dancer	arouse	disagree	liquid
trail	headline	boyfriend	embassy
caution	divine	activist	exemption
donation	partially	viewer	array
added	sacred	harmony	terribly
elaborate	useless	textile	tablet
sufferer	tremble	merge	erosion
weaken	statue	invention	compel
renew	drunk	caravan	warehouse
gardener	tender	ending	promoter
restraint	molecular	stamp	motivate
dilemma	circulate	stroke	burning
embark	utterance	shock	vitamin
misery	linear	picture	lemon
radical	revision	praise	foreigner

powder	inland	dictate
ancestor	beast	regain
woodland	morality	probable
serum	competent	inclusion
overnight	uniform	booklet
doubtful	reminder	laser
doing	bargain	privately
coach	decisive	bronze
binding	bless	mobile
invisible	seemingly	metaphor
depart	spatial	narrow
brigade	bullet	synthesis
ozone	overseas	diameter
consume	cheer	silently
intact	illusion	fusion
glove	instant	trigger
emergence	swiftly	printing
coffin	medium	onion
clutch	alarm	dislike
underline	jewellery	embody
trainee	winning	sunshine
scrutiny	worldwide	toxic
neatly	guerrilla	thinking
follower	desire	polite
sterling	thread	apology
tariff	prescribe	exile
sunlight	calcium	miserable
penetrate	marker	outbreak
temper	chemist	forecast
skull	redundant	timing
openly	legacy	premier
grind	debtor	gravity
whale	mammal	joint
throne	testament	terrify
supervise	tragic	
sickness	silver	
package	spectacle	
intake	enzyme	
within	layout	

Complete Randomness

Because it is so difficult for us as humans to be completely random, here are several pages of random sequences to help you out when you need to be just a little less predictable.

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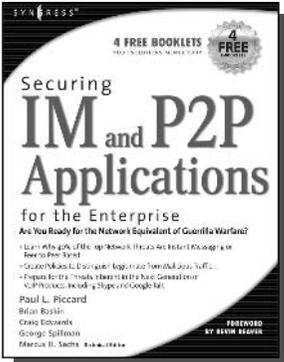
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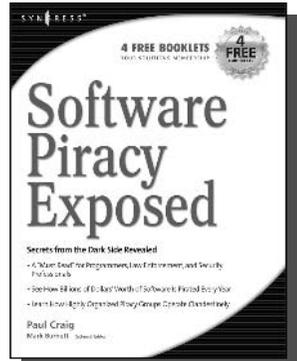
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