

MD5 Hashes

098f6bcd4621d373cade4e832627b4f6

MD5 hashes are 32 characters in length when represented in hexadecimal format. Within a shadow file, the prefix \$1\$ is used.

SHA1 Hashes

a94a8fe5ccb19ba61c4c0873d391e987982fbbd3

SHA1 hashes are 40 characters in length when represented in hexadecimal format. Within a shadow file, the prefix \$sha1\$ is used.

SHA256 Hashes

9f86d081884c7d659a2feaa0c55ad015a3bf4f1b2b0b822cd15d6c15b0f00a08

SHA256 hashes are 64 characters in length when represented in hexadecimal format. Within a shadow file, the prefix \$5\$ is used.

SHA512 Hashes

ee26b0dd4af7e749aa1a8ee3c10ae9923f618980772e473f8819a5d4940e0db27ac185f8a0e1d5f84f88bc887fd67b143732c304cc5fa9ad8e6f57f50028a8ff

SHA512 hashes are 128 characters in length when represented in hexadecimal format. Within a shadow file, the prefix \$6\$ is used.

Bcrypt Hashes

\$2a\$10\$N9qo8uLOickgx2ZMRZoMyeIjZAgcfl7p92ldGxad68LJZdL17lhWy

Within a shadow file, the prefix \$2a\$ or \$2b or \$2y\$ or \$2y\$ within a hash string indicates that the hash is a bcrypt hash in modular crypt format. The rest of the string includes the cost parameter (128 bit Radix-64 encoded as 22 characters), and 184 bits of the resulting hash value (Radix-64 encoded as 31 characters).

In the above example, 2a indicates that the hash is bcrypt; the 10 indicates that 2^{10} expansion rounds were used, and the salt is the next 22 characters. The remaining 31 characters are the hash itself.



Hashes by Length

Hash Length Bytes (bits)	Hash Length (chars in Hex)	Likely Hashes
16 (128)	32	MD2, MD4, MD5, RIPEMD
20 (160)	40	SHA1
24 (192)	48	Tiger
32 (256)	64	SHA256, GOST
64 (512)	128	SHA512

Hashes by Prefix (in Shadow Files)

Prefix	Hash	
\$1\$	MD5crypt	
\$2\$,\$2a\$,\$2b\$,\$2x\$,\$2y\$	Blowfish-based crypt (bcrypt)	
\$sha1\$	SHA1crypt	
\$5\$	SHA256crypt	
\$6\$	SHA512crypt	