

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 |