

NAME

gen-password – Generate random passwords

SYNOPSIS

gen-password [options]

Options:

-help	Show short usage message
-help1	Show medium usage message
-help2	Show long usage message
-man	Show long usage message (invokes pager)

Use **-help1**, **-help2**, or **-man** to see more options.

DESCRIPTION

gen-password generates random passwords.

It is part of the **random-passwords** package, available at

<<https://github.com/Keith-S-Thompson/random-passwords>>

More documentation is available there.

By default, a 12-character password is generated, consisting of lowercase letters and decimal digits. Options let you control the length and valid characters, and to add specified single characters (for example if you need a 16-character password with 1 digit, 1 uppercase letter, and 1 punctuation character).

There is currently no option to use non-ASCII characters.

OPTIONS

All options may be abbreviated uniquely. **-help** may be abbreviated as **-h**.

-help

Show short usage message

-help1

Show medium usage message

-help2

Show long usage message

-man

Show long usage message using **perldoc**, invokes pager

-length N

Length of generated password, default is 12

-charset ...

Character set, default is “a-z0-9”

The argument is a single word.

-decimal, -digits

Equivalent to **-charset 0-9**

-hexadecimal

Equivalent to **-charset 0-9a-f**

-Hexadecimal

Equivalent to **-charset 0-9A-F**

-octal

Equivalent to **-charset 0-7**

-lower

Equivalent to **-charset a-z**

-upper

Equivalent to **-charset A-Z**

-alphanumeric

Equivalent to **-charset A-Za-z0-9**

-printable

Equivalent to **-charset !-~** (ASCII non-blank printable characters)

-llower

Include (at least) 1 lower case letter

-lupper

Include (at least) 1 upper case letter

-ldecimal -ldigit

Include (at least) 1 decimal digit

-lpunctuation

Include (at least) 1 punctuation character

-lcharset ...

Include (at least) 1 character from the specified set

This option may be given multiple times. (The other **-l...** options may only be given once.) Use **-lcharset 0-9 -lcharset 0-9** for 2 decimal digits.

-split N

Split with a blank every N characters

-dev-random

Use /dev/random rather than /dev/urandom

This can be much slower and is probably unnecessary.

-debugging

Produce debugging output (developer option)

SEE ALSO

gen-password, also part of the **random-passwords** package.

<<https://github.com/Keith-S-Thompson/random-passwords>>.

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