

# Passwords – Good or Bad?



## Ex 1. Passw0rd!

## Ex. 2 !@9YAt#f3h

## Ex. 3 woRA70

## Ex. 4 SquidGames2021

### Ex. 5 Rone\*HK%5

Why are Passwords so Important?





# Warm Up: Why are passwords so important?

- 1. Silently think about the question above.
- 2. Turn to your neighbor and discuss what your ideas.

## Discuss as a Class

## Learning Objectives

1

Learn about three different password attacks.

2

Learn how to create strong passwords that can defeat these attacks.

3

Practice creating strong passwords that are memorable.



## What is a password?

A secret word or phrase that is used to restrict access to something, usually an online account.





## Passwords are Compromised by:

- Brute Force Attacks
- Dictionary Attacks
- Password Reuse Attacks



#### Let's break it down: Brute Force Attack

## What does brute mean?

An absence of reasoning or intelligence.





### What is Force?

To make a way through or into by physical strength

### Putting it back together: Brute Force Attack

An attack that relies on the strength of modern computing to try all possible combinations to find the correct password.

Defeating brute force attacks!



## Strong Password Characteristics:

- Letters (Upper and Lower)
- Numbers (0 through 9)
- Symbols (!, \$, # , %, ?)
- At least 8 characters long



#### Let's break it down: Dictionary Attack

## What is a Dictionary?

A book that list of words and their intended meaning.





#### Putting it back together: Dictionary Attack

An attack that uses dictionary words and a list of commonly used passwords to guess to correct password.

#### Defeating Dictionary Attacks!

#### Avoid:

- Commonly used passwords
- Full words or sentences

#### Be safe by:

- Breaking up words with numbers or symbols
- Remove vowels
- Replacing letters with symbols or numbers



# Let's break it down: Password Reuse Attack



## Reuse

To use something again or more than once.



#### Putting it back together: Password Reuse

An attack that relies on a reused passwords to gain access to your account.



Never reuse your passwords.

Avoid creating passwords that are similar to your other account's passwords.

#### Password complexity

#### A Bad password:

- Contains personal information (pet names or birthdays)
- Has repeating letters, numbers or symbols
- Is similar or the same as a password from another account
- Has unbroken full words or sentences

#### A Good password:

- Has a good variety of letters, numbers and symbols
- Breaks up words with letters or symbols
- Is always 8 characters or longer
- Is Unique

## Password etiquette

Never share your password with anyone!

## Memorize your password!

Create a story for your password

Relate passwords to the website or service

Transform a phrase or quote

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# Group Activity - Create a Password

& Worksheet

#### Wrapping Up

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# Think about what you learned