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# PASSWORD GENERATION

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# I INTRODUCTION

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- What is password manager.
- Solution.
- Demonstration.
- Conclusions.

## 2 PASSWORD MANAGERS

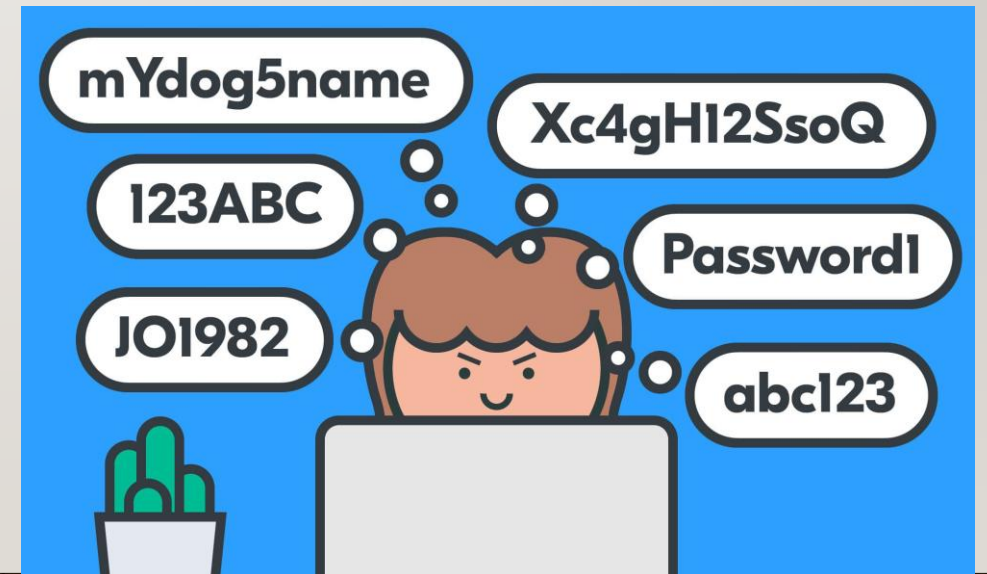
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- Stores the user passwords.
- Generates new passwords.
- Automatically fills the passwords to the respective applications.

### 3 ADVANTAGES

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- No need to memorize all the passwords.
- Password generated automatically following specific rules.
- New laws in consumer electronics.



## 4 DISADVANTAGES

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- Passwords are available in a database.
- Does the password really follow the predefined rules?
- Vulnerable to multiple attacks, e.g side-channel attack, cross-site request forgery, man-in-the-middle attack, etc.



## 5 OBJECTIVES

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- Develop an application in Gallina that generates random passwords.
- Investigate how to prove properties about the passwords generated.

## 6 PROBLEMS

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- Generation of pseudo-random numbers depends on an initial seed.
- Acquiring that seed is problematic in a language without side effects.
- Solution:
  - Extract the Gallina code to OCaml.
  - OCaml is used because it simplifies the acquisition of the initial seed.

## 7 SOLUTION

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- Taking as inspiration the QuickChick.
- Guarantees in QuickChick:

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647  Axiom randomRNatCorrect:
648    forall n n1 n2, n1 <= n2 ->
649      (n1 <= n <= n2 <->
650        exists seed, (fst (randomRNat (n1, n2) seed)) = n).
```



## 8 SOLUTION

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- The program produces a random password with given properties.
- User provides as input:
  - Length of the password;
  - Number of lowercases;
  - Number of uppercases;
  - Number of digits;
  - Number of symbols.

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- Generates each part of the password and merges them together.
- Exports code to OCaml file.
- Manipulation of the OCaml code.

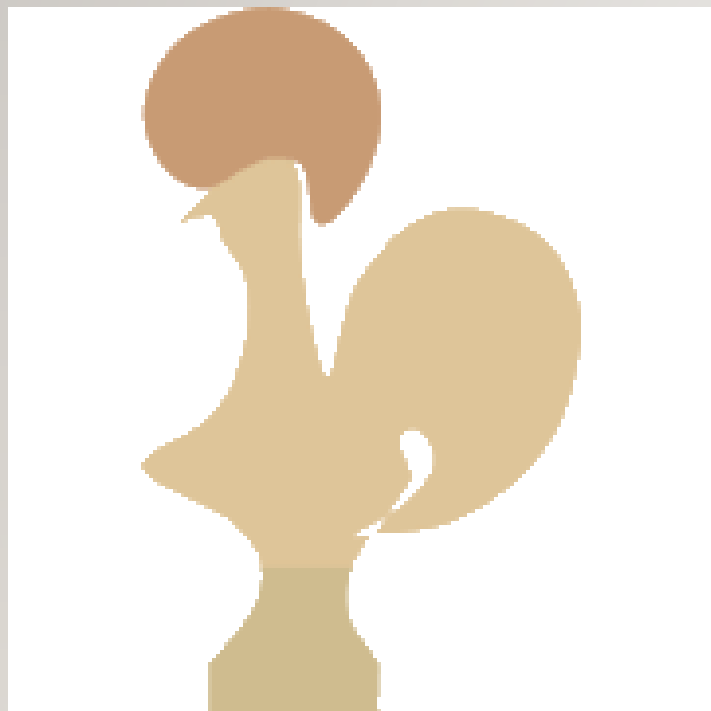
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- Coq functions or proofs of specification can be extracted to OCaml, Haskell, and Scheme.
- Code written in Coq and executed in OCaml, Haskell or Scheme.

## II DEMONSTRATION

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## I2 ADDITIONAL WORK

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- Prove multiple properties about the Gallina code.
- Improve the password generation algorithm.
- Make fewer modifications in the OCaml code.



## 13 CONCLUSIONS

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- Password managers have many advantages but also some problems.
- It's not easy solving those problems.
- There are multiple challenges when proving properties of password generation algorithms.

# 14 QUESTIONS?

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