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Analysis Performance BCrypt Algorithm to Improve Password Security from Brute Force

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Abstract. The Bcrypt algorithm is a hashing function created from the Blowfish Algorithm by two computer security researchers, Niels Provos and David Mazieres. This hashing function has several advantages, using the original random salt (the salt is the order in which it is added to the password to make it harder to bruteforce). Random salts also prevent lookup table creation. On this basis, the authors try to do a Brute Force experiment on plaintext that has been encrypted by the Bcrypt Algorithm based on 3 characters, namely alphabetic characters, numeric characters and mixed characters to see the security results of the Bcrypt Algorithm. From the results of tests conducted, the alphabetic character with a total of 4 characters can be returned to the original plaintext within 4 days while if the number of 5 characters cannot be found the original plaintext. Then the numeric characters with a total of 7 characters can be found in the original plaintext within 10 hours. Meanwhile, for mixed characters with a total of 7 characters, the original plaintext cannot be found within 5 days. The results of this study indicate that the security performance of the Bcrypt Algorithm is very good in warding off Brute Force attacks for mixed characters while the numeric and alphabetic characters are not good enough.

1. Introduction

The Bcrypt hashing algorithm is a hashing function created from Blowfish by two security researchers, Niels Provos and David Mazières. This hashing function has several advantages, using the original random salt (the salt is the order in which it is appended to the password to make it harder to brute force). Random salts also prevent lookup table creation. Brute force attacks are among the most frequently used when it comes to collecting password data and through a dictionary attack an attacker can match as few characters as possible. Because the Bcrypt Algorithm is resistant to brute force attacks on this basis, the author tries a new method to test the security of Bcrypt in the form of a password based on character types to see the results of the security of the Bcrypt Algorithm.



2. Literatur Review

2.1. Bcrypt

Bcrypt is a password hashing with an increased number of illustrations to make it slower and lasts longer against brute-force search attacks as well as increasing computing power by combining salt to protect against rainbow table attacks. Bcrypt encrypts 192 bit hashes by using a 128 bit salt where the number of hash values is 192 bits (base-64 encoded as 31 characters) while the number of salt values is 128 bits (base-64 is encoded as 22 characters).

3. Methodology

3.1. Password security Process Using Bcrypt Algorithm

The following is an overview of the process of securing bcrypt passwords.

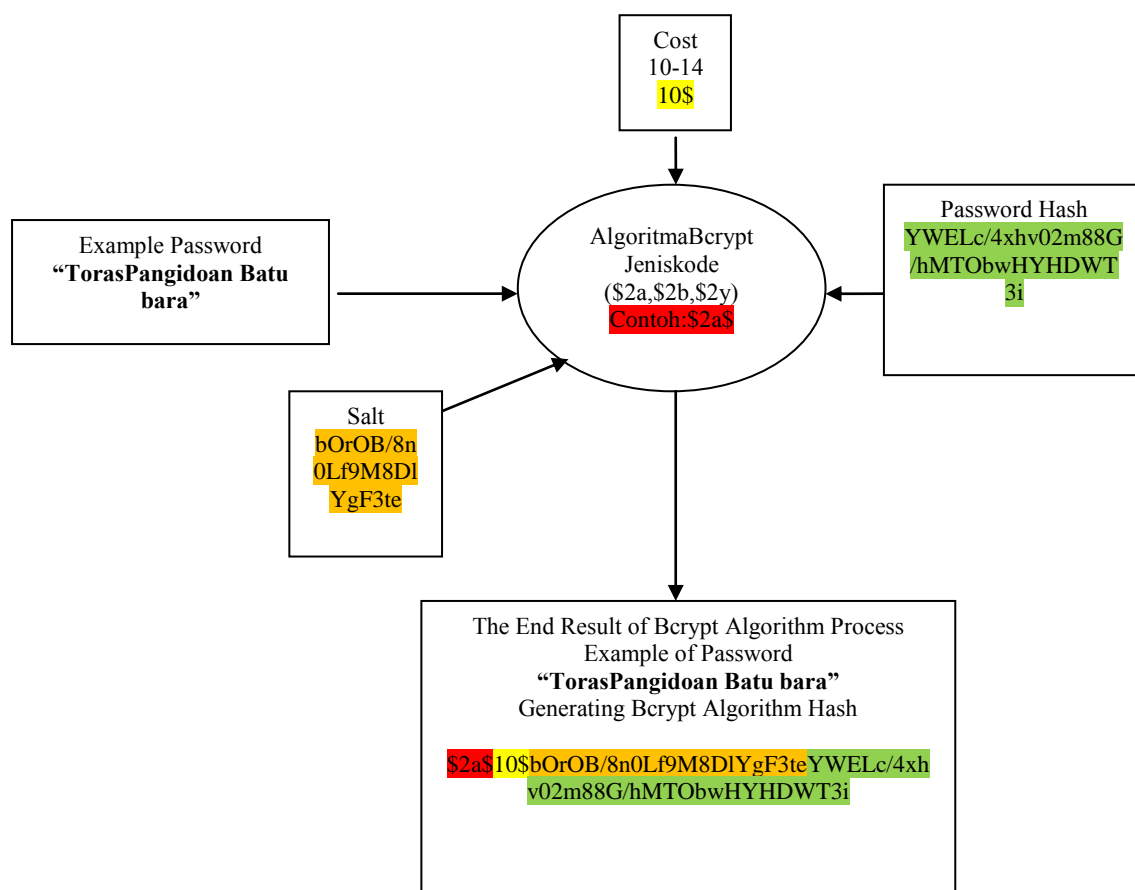


Figure 1. Password security Process Using Bcrypt Algorithm

The bcrypt algorithm is:

Input: (cost, salt, key)

Output: hash

state Eks Blowfish Setup (cost, salt, key); ←

ciphertext “Orphean Beholder Scry Doubt”; ←

repeat (64) **begin**

ciphertext Encrypt ECB (state, ciphertext); ←

end

return Concatenate (cost, salt, ciphertext);

3.2. Bcrypt Brute Force Password Process Flow

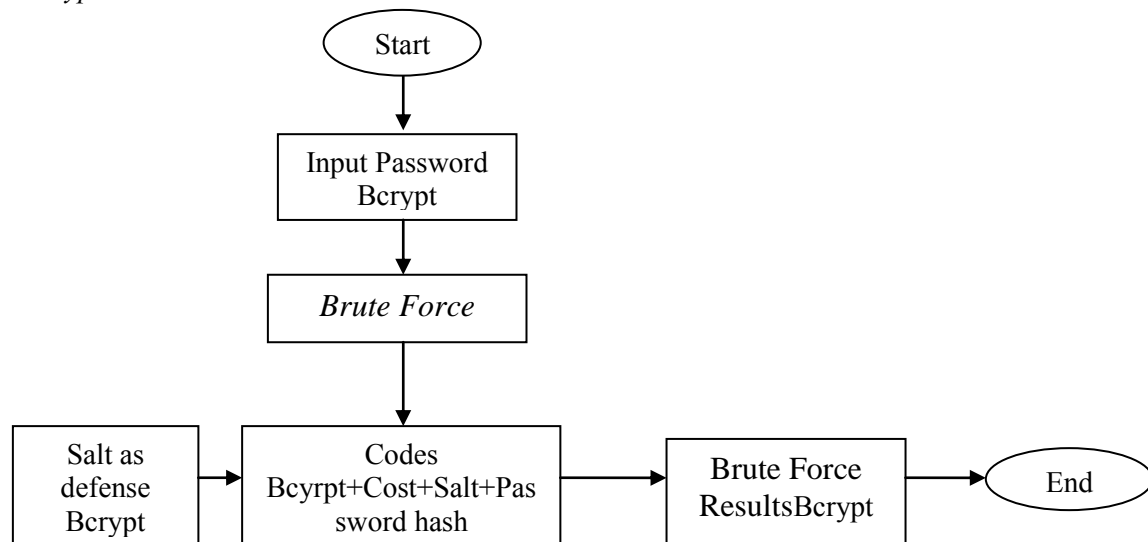


Figure 2. Bcrypt Brute Force Password Process Flow

4. Result

4.1. Brute Force Testing on Alphabetical Characters

4.1.1. Brute Force Codes \$2b\$ Salt 10 Alphabetical Character Passwords

Tabel 1. Encryption Results

Algorithm Code	Character Type	Number Of Characters	Cost	Plaintext Password	Password Results
\$2b\$	Alphabet	5	10	toras	\$2b\$10\$9eiAF6l3noJdpYrz9PQlKu2s UOU Cv/XoscmA9Pizc3Hci7UXrm4xC

Tabel 2. Brute Force Results

Algorit m Code	Charact er Type	Numbe r Of Charac ters	Password Bcrypt	Brute Force Results	Passwor d	Time
\$2b\$	Alphabe t	5	\$2b\$10\$9eiAF6l3noJdpYrz9PQl Ku2sUOU Cv/XoscmA9Pizc3Hci7UXrm4x C	Not Found	-	5 days

4.1.2. Brute Force Codes \$2a\$ Salt 10 Alphabetical Character Passwords

Tabel 3. Encryption Results

Algorith m Code	Character Type	Number Of Characters	Cost	Plaintext Password	Password Results
\$2a\$	Alphabet	4	10	tora	\$2a\$10\$DEqiKH3Bha0.my4p5lWh 1.2WtVk jOuz0PLD.NkJKULScGXXxs0/7G

Tabel 4. Brute Force Results

Algorit m Code	Charact er Type	Number Of Character s	Password Bcrypt	Brute Force Results	Password	Time
\$2a\$	Alphabe t	4	\$2a\$10\$DEqiKH3Bha0.my4p5l Wh1.2WtVk jOuz0PLD.NkJKULScGXXxs0 /7G	Found	tora	4 days

4.1.3. Brute Force Codes \$2y\$ Salt 10 Alphabetical Character Passwords

Tabel 5. Encryption Results

Algorith m Code	Character Type	Number Of Characters	Cost	Plaintext Password	Password Results
\$2y\$	Alphabet	5	10	toras	\$2y\$10\$L4rFpHl/QOubkHWWHS 82De5UfP p1NosLiaBqxqyyeneuWx70WKeV O

Tabel 6. Brute Force Results

Algorit m Code	Characte r Type	Number Of Character s	Password Bcrypt	Brute Force Results	Passwor d	Time
\$2y\$	Alphabet	5	\$2y\$10\$L4rFpHl/QOubkHWW HS82De5UfP p1NosLiaBqxqyyeneuWx70WK eVO	Not Found	-	5 days

4.2. Brute Force Testing on Number Characters

4.2.1. Brute Force Codes \$2b\$ Salt 10 Numeric Character Passwords

Tabel 7. Encryption Results

Algorithm Code	Character Type	Number Of Characters	Cost	Plaintext Password	Password Results
\$2b\$	Numbers	7	10	1234567	\$2b\$10\$1M77axVQRHE7M9odbflel.esW3g/K4D6lElH9Gewh0pHqDBAyqlJG

Tabel 8. Brute Force Results

Algori thm Code	Charact er Type	Number Of Character s	Password Bcrypt	Brute Force Results	Password	Time
\$2b\$	Number s	7	\$2b\$10\$1M77axVQRHE7M9odbflel.esW3g/K4D6lElH9gEWH0pHqDBAyqlJG	Found	1234567	8 hours

4.2.2. Brute Force Codes \$2a\$ Salt 10 Numeric Character Passwords

Tabel 9. Encryption Results

Algorithm Code	Character Type	Number Of Characters	Cost	Plaintext Password	Password Results
\$2a\$	Numbers	7	10	1234567	\$2a\$10\$AUpYzEc1pmCT/OTTLFOYOe6xyqp y4f95sLGFrpri2nO/yWtWxx9Bm

Tabel 10. Brute Force Results

Algori thm Code	Chara cter Type	Number Of Character s	Password Bcrypt	Brute Force Results	Passwor d	Time
\$2a\$	Numb ers	7	\$2a\$10\$AUpYzEc1pmCT/OTTLFOYOe6xyqp y4f95sLGFrpri2nO/yWtWxx9Bm	Found	1234567	10 hours

4.2.3. Brute Force Codes \$2y\$ Salt 10 Numeric Character Passwords

Tabel 11. Encryption Results

Algorith m Code	Character Type	Number Of Characters	Cost	Plaintext Password	Password Results
\$2y\$	Numbers	7	10	1234567	\$2y\$10\$.0icA.f4fkk/c4Mu8GkO9.LuNSzDyj.DWWepCCsBKETLoUYBFt68i

Tabel 12. Brute Force Results

Algorit hm Code	Characte r Type	Number Of Character s	Password Bcrypt	Brute Force Results	Passwo rd	Time
\$2y\$	Numbers	7	\$2y\$10\$.0icA.f4fk/c4mU8GkO9. LuNSz dYJ.DWWepCCsBKETLoUYBFt6 8i	Found	123456 7	10 hours

4.3. Brute Force Testing on Mixed Characters

4.3.1. Brute Force \$2b\$ Salt 12 Mixed Character Passwords

Tabel 13. Encryption Results

Algorithm Code	Character Type	Number Of Characters	Cost	Plaintext Password	Password Results
\$2b\$	Mixed	7	12	toras3\$	\$2b\$12\$B3GYY8jB/.kj9ealyuhaye20i nr VCDaC1vPkKcH1s95bgnyV3oluO

Tabel 14. Brute Force Results

Algorit hm Code	Chara cter Type	Number Of Charact ers	Password Bcrypt	Brute Force Results	Passwor d	Time
\$2b\$	Mixed	7	\$2b\$12\$B3GYY8jB/.kj9ealyuhaye2 0inr VCDaC1vPkKcH1s95bgnyV3oluO	Not Found	-	5 days

4.3.2. Brute Force \$2a\$ Salt 10 Mixed Character Passwords

Tabel 15. Encryption Results

Algorithm Code	Character Type	Number Of Characters	Cost	Plaintext Password	Password Results
\$2a\$	Mixed	7	10	toras2\$	\$2a\$10\$e9QzH0VTWujn.38u9Zm0 hOv8/Ij SnLOquij1d8iQqVLzBFJPWUkj2

Tabel 16. Brute Force Results

Algorit hm Code	Charact er Type	Number Of Charact ers	Password Bcrypt	Brute Force Results	Passwor d	Time
\$2a\$	Mixed	7	\$2a\$10\$e9QzH0VTWujn.38u9zM0 hOv8/Ij SnLOquij1d8iQqVLzBFJPWUkj2	Not Found	-	5 days

4.3.3. Brute Force \$2y\$ Salt 10 Mixed Character Passwords

Tabel 17. Encryption Results

Algorithm Code	Character Type	Number Of Characters	Cost	Plaintext Password	Password Results
\$2y\$	Mixed	7	10	toras2#	\$2y\$10\$HLE2rIPU82rHOrASasUm/ez/Jj. jWrb70GvKRkZ1sNwwAOX6lFeJy

Tabel 18. Brute Force Results

Algorithm Code	Character Type	Number Of Characters	Password Bcrypt	Brute Force Results	Password	Time
\$2y\$	Mixed	7	\$2y\$10\$HLE2rIPU82rHOrASasUm/ez/Jj. jWrb70GvKRkZ1sNwwAOX6lFeJy	Not Found	-	5 days

5. Conclusion

Based on the results of the research obtained, that the results of the performance of the Bcrypt Algorithm are quite good in warding off Brute Force attacks on alphabetic and mixed characters while for Bcrypt numeric characters it is not good enough in preventing brute force attacks.

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