

## **ACCESS CONTROL**



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# ACCESS CONTROL: PASSWORD SECURITY ESSENTIALS

 Passwords are a fundamental component of access control, serving as a primary authentication method.
 Strong passwords enhance security by preventing unauthorized access.



### **LESSON OBJECTIVES**

- Understand common vulnerabilities in passwords.
- Learn how attackers exploit weak passwords.
- Develop strategies to create and manage uncrackable passwords.
- ☐ Implement advanced authentication layers.



### **TOP MOST COMMON PASSWORDS 2024**

TOP 10 MOST COMMON PASSWORDS IN 2023

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123456

2 123456789

3 qwerty

password

5 12345

6 qwerty123

7 1q2w3e

8 12345678

9 111111

10 1234567890



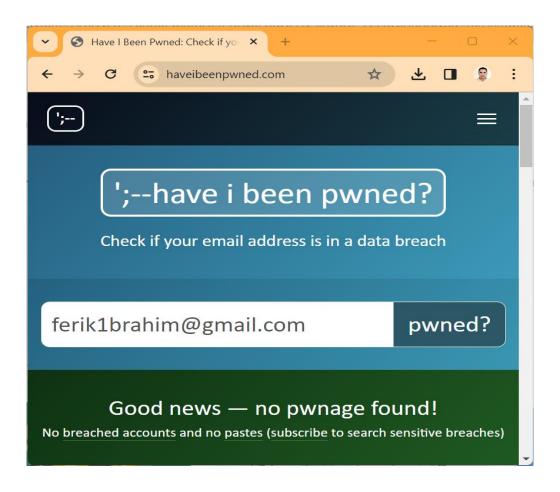
### **TOP MOST COMMON PASSWORDS 2024**

- ☐ https://shorturl.at/CJrUZ
- ☐ https://shorturl.at/J4U0I
- → https://shorturl.at/BqWh7



### **VERIFICATION OF PROTECTION?**

haveibeenpwned.com



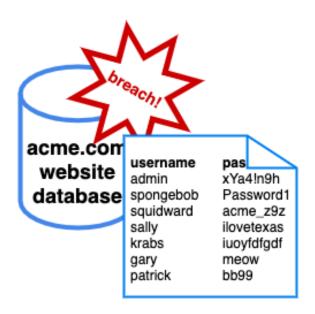


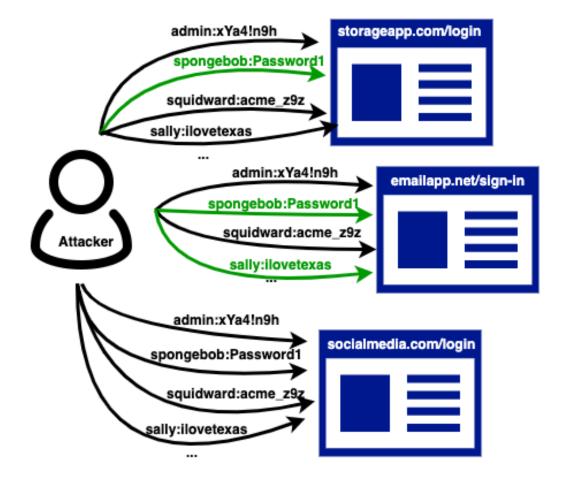
### PASSWORD CRACKING SIMULATION





- Key Techniques
- □ Dictionary Attacks.
- Combinator Attacks.
- ☐ Brute-force Attacks.
- ☐ Phishing/Social Engineering.
- Credential Stuffing.













- Applied Work (rar file)
- rar2john.exe protected.rar
- hashcat.exe -m 13000 -a3 value\_hash ?d?d?d?d
- hashcat.exe –show -m 13000 value\_hash
- ☐ https://shorturl.at/icb1C





- Applied Work (Zip file)
- ☐ john.exe –list=formats
- □ zip2john.exe protected.zip>zip.hash
- ☐ john.exe zip.hash









- Applied Work (PDF, DOCX, XLSX, ...)
- Practical Exercises.
- Prepare a wordlist containing common passwords.













# HOW TO PREVENT BRUTE FORCE PASSWORD HACKING?

- □ Never use information that can be found online (like names of family members).
- ☐ Have as many characters as possible.
- Combine letters, numbers, and symbols.
- Be different for each user account.
- Do not use common patterns.



# HOW TO PREVENT BRUTE FORCE PASSWORD HACKING?

- ☐ Lockout policy
- ☐ Progressive delays
- □ Captcha
- ☐ Requiring strong passwords
- ☐ Two-factor authentication



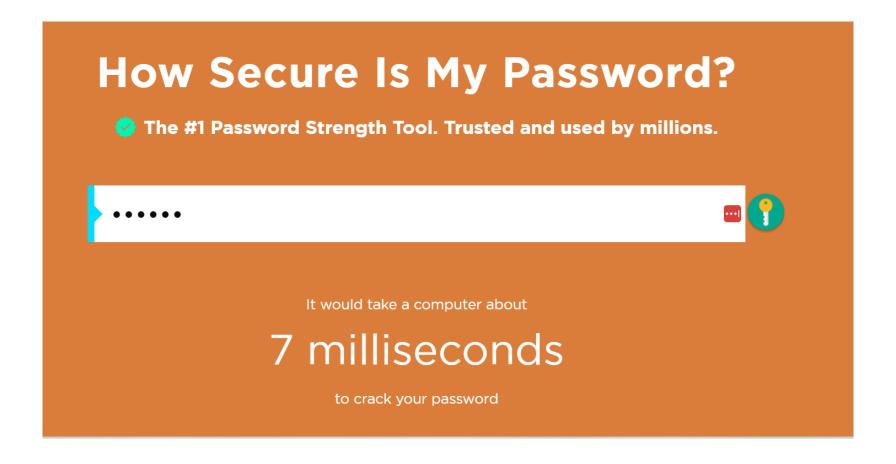
### **CHECK YOUR PASSWORD**





password.kaspersky.com

### **HOW SECURE IS MY PASSWORD?**





- ☐ Use of Password Managers
- □ Passphrases
- □ Random Character Combinations
- □ Keyboard Patterns



□ Example of a Strong Password

G7#pX9@wZ2!qL



#### **□** Passphrases

#### Passwords:

samuel123 m0nk3y99 49lakestreet Y#Cb3\$D6dZYF

#### Pass-phrases:

I love ice-cream!

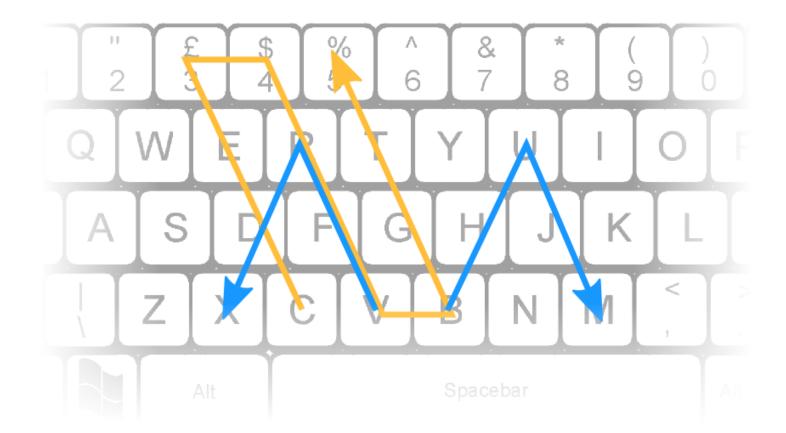
Jerry lives in Bugtussle KY

I can see tham, yall.

2 be or not 2 be, that is the ?



#### ☐ Keyboard Patterns





# PASSWORD POLICIES FOR LOCAL WINDOWS ACCOUNTS - DEMO

- **☐** Password Policy
- ☐ Account Lockout Policy



### **WINDOWS USER MANAGEMENT**

- ☐ The Syntax of the Command
  - net user?
- ☐ View All Users on the System

net user



### WINDOWS USER MANAGEMENT

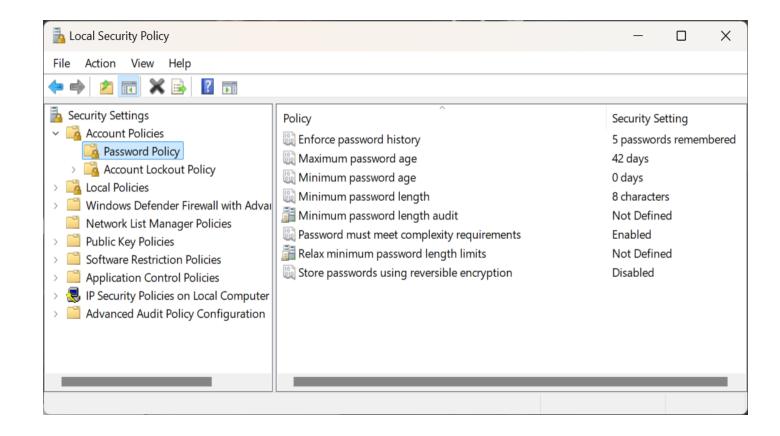
- □ Adding a User without a Password net user username / add
- □ Set Password
  - net user username password
- □ Set Password with Confirm
  - net user username \*
- ☐ Deleting a Specific User

net user username / delete



### **PASSWORD POLICIES**

- □ Search Local Security Policy
- ☐ Win + R : secpol.msc
- ☐ secpol.msc CMD





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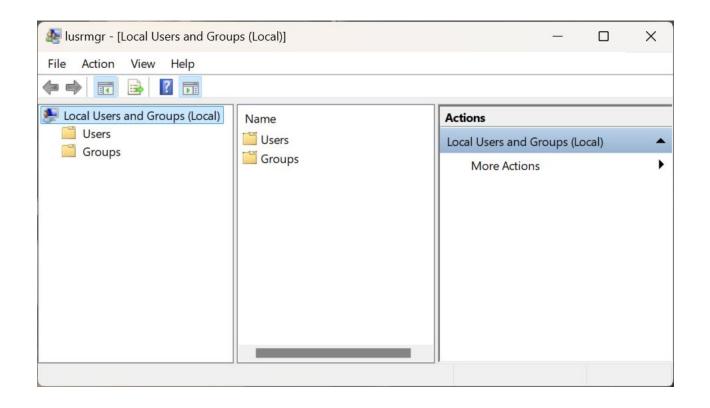
- Enforce password history (3 passwords)
- ☐ Maximum password age (90 days)
- Minimum password length (8)
- Password must meet complexity requirements (Enable)



□ Computer Management > System Tools > Local Users and

Groups.

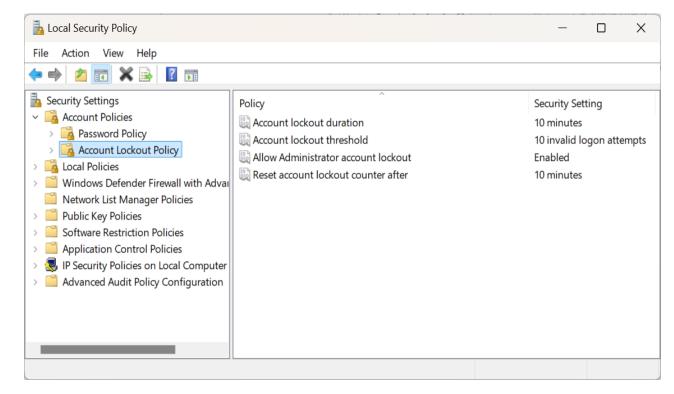
- ☐ Win + R : lusrmgr.msc
- ☐ lusrmgr.msc CMD





### **ACCOUNT LOCKOUT POLICY**

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### **ACCOUNT LOCKOUT POLICY**

- ☐ Account lockout threshold: 3 invalid logon attempts.
- Account lockout duration: 15 minutes.
- ☐ Reset account lockout counter after: 5 minutes.









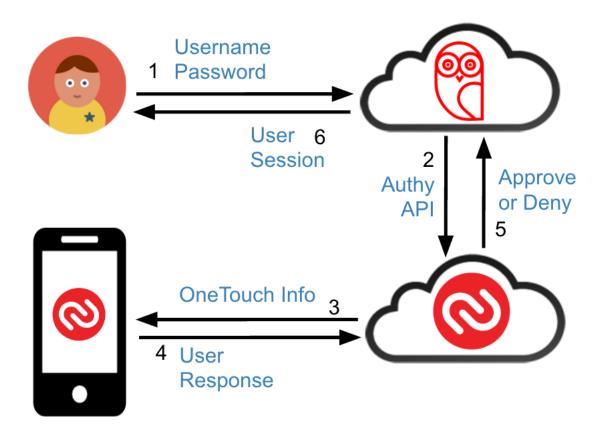














### PASSWORD MANAGEMENT TOOLS

Local vs. Cloud Managers

☐ Local (Offline): KeePass, Bitwarden

☐ Cloud-Based: 1Password, LastPass









### **USE A PASSWORD MANAGER**

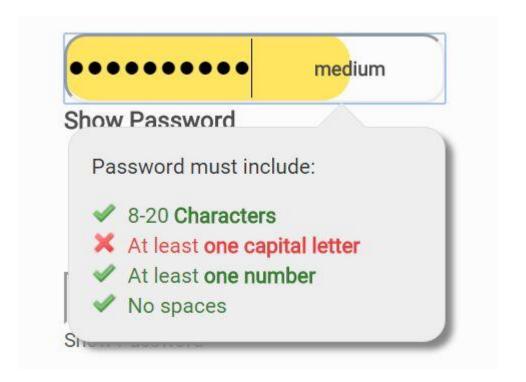






- A. Develop a Password Strength Verification Tool.
- B. Build a Secure Password Generator.
- C. Implement Two-Factor Authentication.
- D. Analyze Breached Passwords.
- **E.** Passphrase Password Generator.

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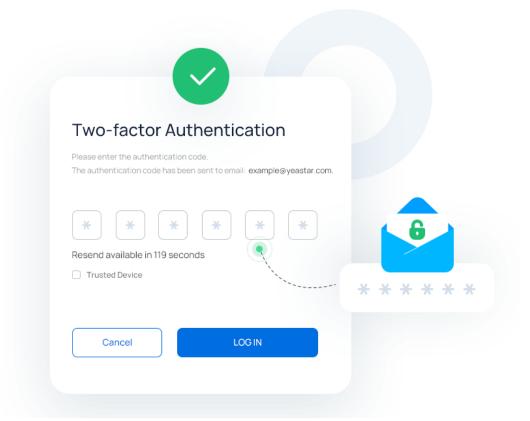


#### **B.** Build a Secure Password Generator.

eC3#yb4!z7cmbzA1	$\mathcal{O}$
This password is <b>strong</b>	
Copy password	
Password Length (from 8 to 40)	+
Make password hard to crack:   Include symbols   Include uppercase letters	✓ Include numbers

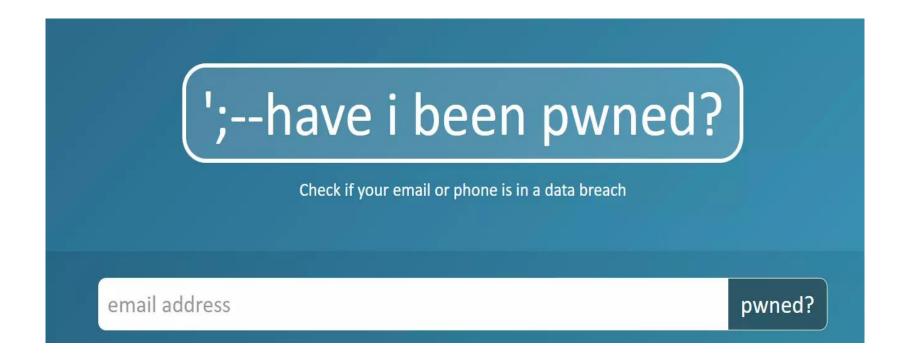


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