

Okay, let's break down this git diff and understand what it tells us about the password generation process.

### Understanding the Git Diff

The `git diff` command shows the changes between two versions of a file. In this case, it's comparing an older version of `README.md` (identified by the hash `4d07324`) with a newer version (identified by `3f6cc96`).

The important parts of this diff are:

- `--- a/README.md`: Indicates the original version of the file.
- `+++ b/README.md`: Indicates the modified version of the file.
- `@@ -12,7 +12,7 @@`: Shows the location of the changes. The `-12,7` means "starting at line 12, remove 7 lines," and `+12,7` means "starting at line 12, add 7 lines."
- The actual change: `-4. 85% - special characters from any four sets +4. 85% - Characters from any four sets` This is the only change in the file.

### Explanation of the Change

The single change is:

- **Original Line:** `4. 85% - special characters from any four sets`
- **New Line:** `4. 85% - Characters from any four sets`

The key word that has been changed is `special characters` to `Characters`. This is very important and it changes the whole meaning. It was saying that to achieve 85% password strength, the password needs special characters from any four sets. However, with the new changes, it is saying that it needs `Characters` from any four sets, this means it can be any character from those sets and not just special characters.

### Password Strength Logic (Based on README.md)

The `README.md` file describes how password strength is calculated. It doesn't contain code that generates a password, but it lays out the rules used to evaluate a password's strength which informs how a password could be generated. Here's a breakdown:

- 1 **Character Sets:** The password generation relies on the idea of different "character sets". These sets might include:
  - Lowercase letters (a-z)
  - Uppercase letters (A-Z)
  - Numbers (0-9)
  - Special characters (!@#\$%^&\*)
- 2 **Strength Levels:** The strength of the password is determined by how many of these character sets it uses:
  - **50%:** Only characters from *one* set. (e.g., only lowercase letters like `password`)
  - **65%:** Characters from *any two* sets (e.g., lowercase + numbers like `pass123`)
  - **75%:** Characters from *any three* sets (e.g., lowercase + numbers + uppercase like `Pas123`)
  - **85%:** Characters from *any four* sets (e.g., lowercase + numbers + uppercase + special characters like `Pas!123`)
  - **95%:** Characters from *all four sets*, with each set represented, and no character repeated twice from any single set (e.g., `Pa$1wsrd`)
  - **100%:** Characters from *all four sets*, with *two* characters from each set (e.g., `Pa$!12wsrd&@`)

### Beginner-Friendly Explanation

Imagine you have different buckets of Lego bricks:

- One bucket for small red bricks (lowercase letters)
- One bucket for tall blue bricks (uppercase letters)
- One bucket for round yellow bricks (numbers)
- One bucket for small green special bricks (special characters)

The password strength is determined by how many different buckets you use in making your structure (password):

- Using only red small bricks? Weak (50%)
- Using red and blue bricks? Better (65%)
- Using red, blue, and yellow bricks? Good (75%)
- Using all the red, blue, yellow and green bricks? Strong (85%)
- Using all types of bricks, and no more than one from each type? Very strong (95%)
- Using all types of bricks with two of each type? Super strong (100%)

The change we saw in the diff means that to get to the 85% level, we just need any characters from all the sets, not just the special characters. **In summary:**

The README.md file outlines a *rule-based* system for determining password strength. The password generation logic is not directly in README.md itself, but it gives us the blueprint for how a password should be generated to meet a specific strength. The change we see modifies the requirement for 85% password strength from *special* characters to just any *characters* from four sets.

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### Understanding Git Diffs

Before diving into the code explanation, it's helpful to understand what a `git diff` shows. In simple terms, it shows the changes between two versions of a file.

Here's what the provided diff means:

- `diff --git a/README.md b/README.md`: This line indicates that the file README.md was modified. `a/README.md` refers to the original version, and `b/README.md` refers to the modified version.
- `index 8c5b92d..4d07324`: This is a unique identifier for the changes. You don't need to worry about this for now.
- `--- a/README.md`: This line indicates that the content of the original README.md file is about to be shown.
- `+++ b/README.md`: This line indicates that the content of the modified README.md file is about to be shown.
- `- ...`: Lines starting with a minus sign (-) were removed from the original file.
- `+ ...`: Lines starting with a plus sign (+) were added to the modified file.

### Analysis of Changes in README.md

Looking at the diff, we can see that the primary change was in the way the character sets are listed:

#### Original version:

```
We have considered the following sets of characters:
```

```
set 1: numbers
set 2: lower case alphabets
set 3: upper case alphabets
set 4: ? + = - (special char 1)
set 5: @ # $ ! (special char 2)
```

#### Modified version:

We have considered the following sets of characters:

1. set 1: numbers
2. set 2: lower case alphabets
3. set 3: upper case alphabets
4. set 4: ? + = - (special char 1)
5. set 5: @ # \$ ! (special char 2)

## Explanation of the Changes

The change is very minor; it's simply adding an ordered list prefixing "1.", "2.", etc. to each of the character set descriptions. This makes the list more formal and well-structured than the previous version. Here is an explanation of character sets:

- **Set 1: Numbers:** This set includes digits from 0 to 9 (e.g., 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9).
- **Set 2: Lower Case Alphabets:** This set includes all lowercase letters of the English alphabet (e.g., a, b, c, ..., x, y, z).
- **Set 3: Upper Case Alphabets:** This set includes all uppercase letters of the English alphabet (e.g., A, B, C, ..., X, Y, Z).
- **Set 4: Special Characters 1:** This set includes characters like question mark (?), plus sign (+), equals sign (=), and minus sign (-).
- **Set 5: Special Characters 2:** This set includes characters like at sign (@), hash or pound sign (#), dollar sign (\$), and exclamation mark (!).

## How These Character Sets Relate to Password Generation

This information in the README.md shows that the password generator uses different types of characters to create passwords with varying strengths. By combining different sets of characters (numbers, lowercase, uppercase, special), the application is intended to produce strong and secure passwords.

## Password Strength Criteria

The README also provides some preliminary guidelines on how the password strength will be evaluated:

- **50% Strength:** A password using characters from only *one* of the above sets. This implies a weak password.

## Key Takeaways

- The README.md document outlines the character sets that the random password generator will use.
- This first diff provides context to the project, it is intended to generate random passwords, but the actual code to generate the passwords is not in this diff.
- Password strength is defined based on the diversity of character sets used.
- The ordered list format makes the document easier to read.

## What's Next?

This is just the beginning of understanding how this password generator is going to work. We will need more git diffs of other files containing the code to understand how the random generation occurs and how it determines the password strength.

Let me know if you have any other questions or diffs to examine!

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# Explanation of Password Generation Code
This document provides a beginner-friendly explanation of the C
code provided in the git diff, focusing on how the password
generation works.
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## Overview
The code implements a program that:
1.  **Checks user-provided password:**
    *   Ensures it's 10 characters long and doesn't contain certain
    special characters.
    *   Calculates and displays password strength based on
    character variety.
2.  **Generates a random 10-character password:**
    *   If the user's password is not strong enough or if the user
    chooses to generate a password, the program generates a strong,
    random password.
## Code Breakdown
### 1. Header Includes
```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <time.h>

```

- `stdio.h`: Standard input/output library for functions like `printf` (printing to the console) and `scanf` (reading from the console).
- `string.h`: String manipulation library, containing functions like `strlen` (calculating string length) and `strchr` (locating characters in a string).
- `stdlib.h`: Standard library, which includes general-purpose functions, like `rand` (generating random numbers), `srand` (seeding random number generator), and `system`.
- `time.h`: Time library, which provides functions for dealing with time such as `time`, used for creating a random number seed.

## 2. swap function

```

void swap (char *p1, char*p2)
{
    char temp = *p1;
    *p1 = *p2;
    *p2 = temp;
}

```

- This function takes two character pointers as input and swaps the characters they point to. It uses a temporary variable `temp` for this swapping process.

## 3. shuffle function

```

void shuffle(char *arr, int n)
{
    srand((unsigned int)(time(NULL)));
    int i;
    for (i = n - 1; i > 0; i--)
    {
        int j = rand() % (i + 1);
        swap(&arr[i], &arr[j]);
    }
}

```

- This function takes a character array `arr` and its size `n` as input.
- It shuffles the characters of the array in random order.
- It does this by iterating through the array from end to start, and for each element, it generates a random index `j` and swaps the current element with the element at the randomly generated index `j`.
- `srand((unsigned int)(time(NULL)))` is used to seed the random number generator which makes sure a different random order each time the program is run.

#### 4. generate\_password Function

```
void generate_password()
{
    //creating arrays for different sets of characters
    char numbers[] = "0123456789";
    char lower_case[] = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz";
    char upper_case[] = "ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ";
    char special_char1[] = "?-+=";
    char special_char2[] = " !@#$";
    char password[11]; //to store the generated password, 11 to
    hold null terminating char

    //picking 2 characters from each of the character sets
    for (int i=0; i<2; i++)
    {
        password[i] = numbers[rand()%strlen(numbers)];
    }
    for (int i=2; i<4; i++)
    {
        password[i] = lower_case[rand()%strlen(lower_case)];
    }
    for (int i=4; i<6; i++)
    {
        password[i] = upper_case[rand()%strlen(upper_case)];
    }
    for (int i=6; i<8; i++)
    {
        password[i] = special_char1[rand()%strlen(special_char1)];
    }
    for (int i=8; i<10; i++)
    {
        password[i] = special_char2[rand()%strlen(special_char2)];
    }
    password[10] = '\0'; // adding null terminating character
    shuffle(password,10); // calling shuffle function to randomly
    shuffle all the characters in the array
    printf("\n The suggested password is: %s", password);
}
```

- This function generates a strong random password by:
  - **Defining character sets:** It creates arrays for numbers, lowercase letters, uppercase letters, and two sets of special characters.
  - **Selecting characters:** It picks two random characters from each of the character sets.

- **Shuffling characters:** It then calls the shuffle function to randomly mix the selected characters.
- **Outputting password:** It prints the generated password to the console.

## 5. main Function

```
int main()
{
    system("cls"); // used to clear the screen
    each time the program is run
    char user_password[100];
    printf("\n This program will tell the strength of your
password, and also suggest a randomly generated 100%% strength
password. ");

    //labelled as repeat
    repeat: printf("\n The password should not contain the
following characters:");
    printf("\n '_', '/', '*', '%', '&', '\\', ';', '|', '~'.");
    printf("\n The password should contain exactly 10
characters.");
    printf("\n Enter your password: ");
    scanf("%s", user_password);
    if(strlen(user_password)!=10)
    {
        printf("\n Password should be 10 characters long.\n\n");
        goto repeat; //restart from the label 'repeat'
    }

    if(strchr(user_password, '_')!=NULL||strchr(user_password,
'/')!=NULL||strchr(user_password, '*')!=NULL||strchr(user_password,
'%')!=NULL||strchr(user_password, '&')!=NULL||strchr(user_password,
'\\')!=NULL||strchr(user_password,
';')!=NULL||strchr(user_password, '|')!=NULL||strchr(user_password,
 '~')!=NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Please remove the forbidden characters from
the password and try again.\n\n");
        goto repeat;
    }

    int lower_case = 0, upper_case = 0, numbers = 0, special_char =
0;
    for(int i=0; i<strlen(user_password); i++)
    {
        if(user_password[i]>='a' && user_password[i]<='z')
lower_case=1;
        else if(user_password[i]>='A' && user_password[i]<='Z')
upper_case=1;
        else if(user_password[i]>='0' && user_password[i]<='9')
numbers=1;
        else special_char=1;
    }
}
```

```

    int password_strength =
lower_case+upper_case+numbers+special_char;

    printf("\n Strength of the password: %d/4", password_strength);
    if(password_strength!=4)
        printf("\n Your password is not 100%% strong.");
    else printf("\n Your password is 100%% strong.");

    char choice;
    printf("\n Do you want to generate a password? (y/n): ");
    scanf(" %c", &choice);
    if(choice=='y')
    {
        srand((unsigned int)(time(NULL)));
        generate_password();
    }
    printf("\n");
    return 0;
}

```

- **Clears the screen:** It clears the console using `system("cls")`.
- **Prompts for password:** It prompts the user to enter a password.
- **Password Length check:** The program checks the length of the entered password if it is not 10 it asks the user to enter a password again. This is done using the `goto repeat;` statement.
- **Forbidden character check:** Checks if the password contains any of the forbidden characters.
- **Password strength check:** The program then iterates through each character in the password and checks if it contains a lower case character, an upper case character, a digit and a special character. Each unique kind of character makes the password strong. Based on this the strength of the password is displayed.
- **Generate password:** Asks the user if they want a password to be generated for them. If the user inputs `y` then a 10 character strong password is generated.

## Key Concepts

- **Random Number Generation:** The code uses `rand()` and `srand()` to generate random characters for the password. `srand(time(NULL))` ensures that the sequence of random numbers is different each time the program runs.
- **String Manipulation:** `strlen()` calculates the length of a string, `strchr()` finds the presence of a character in a string.
- **Arrays:** Character arrays (strings) are used to store character sets and the generated password.
- **Pointers:** Used in swap function for swapping the characters of a character array
- **Functions:** The code is organized into functions (`swap`, `shuffle`, `generate_password`) for better readability and reusability.
- **goto statement:** The `goto` statement allows the program to jump to a specific label in the code. This statement is used to repeatedly prompt for a password when the user enters a password not meeting the requirements of length of the password. It is generally not good practice to use `goto` statements as it reduces the readability of the code.
- **ASCII Values:** The program compares the input characters with ASCII values to determine the type of character, for example, if the character's ASCII value is between that of 'a' and 'z' then it is said to be a lower case character.

## Summary

This C code generates and evaluates passwords. It ensures that user-entered passwords are of the correct length and do not contain specific characters. It also assesses password strength and offers to generate a random, robust password. The program is useful for teaching basic concepts of string manipulation, random numbers generation and conditional statements.

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```markdown
# Code Explanation: Password Generator and Strength Checker
This C code is designed to both evaluate the strength of a
user-provided password and generate a strong, random password.
Let's break it down step-by-step:
## 1. Header Files
```c
#include<stdio.h>
#include<string.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#include<time.h>
```

- `stdio.h`: This header provides standard input/output functions like `printf` (for printing to the console) and `scanf` (for reading input from the console).
- `string.h`: This header provides functions for working with strings, such as `strlen` (to get the length of a string).
- `stdlib.h`: This header provides general utility functions, including `rand` (for generating random numbers), `srand` (for seeding the random number generator), and `system` (to execute shell commands).
- `time.h`: This header provides time-related functions, which we'll use to seed the random number generator to make sure that we get a unique random password each time we run the program.

## 2. swap Function

```
void swap (char *p1, char*p2)
{
    //swapping the characters
    char temp = *p1;
    *p1 = *p2;
    *p2 = temp;
}
```

- This function takes two character pointers (`p1` and `p2`) as input.
- It swaps the characters that `p1` and `p2` are pointing to.
- This is done by creating a temporary variable `temp`, storing the value of `*p1` in it, assigning the value of `*p2` to `*p1`, and finally assigning the value of `temp` to `*p2`.

## 3. calculate\_strength Function

```
int calculate_strength(char *password)
{
    //initialise all the counters to zero
    int num = 0;
    int lower_case = 0;
    int upper_case = 0;
    int special_char1 = 0;
```



```

int special_char2 = 0;
int invalid = 0;
int count[6];
//checking number of characters of each category for the
entered password
for(int i = 0; i<10; i++)
{
    if(password[i] >= '0' && password[i]<='9')
        num++;
    else if(password[i]>='a'&& password[i]<='z')
        lower_case++;
    else if(password[i]>='A' && password[i]<='Z')
        upper_case++;
    else if(password[i] == '?' || password[i] == '-' ||
password[i] == '+' || password[i] == '=')
        special_char1++;
    else if(password[i] == '!' || password[i] == '@' ||
password[i] == '#' || password[i] == '$')
        special_char2++;
    else
        invalid++;
}
int special_char = special_char1 + special_char2;
count[0] = num;
count[1] = lower_case;
count[2] = upper_case;
count[3] = special_char1;
count[4] = special_char2;
int type = 0;
for(int i = 0; i<3; i++)
{
    if(count[i]!=0)
        type++;
}
if(special_char!=0) type++;
//int has_num_twice = num >= 2;
//returning the strength of password
if (invalid !=0)
    return -1;
else if (type == 1)
    return 50;
else if (type == 2)
    return 65;
else if (type == 3)
    return 75;
else if (special_char1 == 0 || special_char2 == 0)
    return 85;

int has_two_num = (num == 2);
int has_two_lower = (lower_case == 2);
int has_two_upper = (upper_case == 2);
int has_two_char1 = (special_char1 == 2);
int has_two_char2 = (special_char2 == 2);
if(has_two_char1 && has_two_char2 && has_two_lower &&

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has_two_num && has_two_upper)
    return 100;
else
    return 95;
}

```

- This function takes a password string as input and determines its strength based on the types of characters it contains.
- It initializes several counters: num (for digits), lower\_case, upper\_case, special\_char1 (for '?','-','+','=',), special\_char2 (for '!', '@', '#', '\$'), and invalid (for any characters that are not allowed).
- It iterates through the password, checking each character:
  - If it's a digit (0-9), it increments num.
  - If it's a lowercase letter (a-z), it increments lower\_case.
  - If it's an uppercase letter (A-Z), it increments upper\_case.
  - If it's one of '?','-','+','=',, it increments special\_char1.
  - If it's one of '!', '@', '#', '\$', it increments special\_char2.
  - If it's any other character, it increments invalid.
- It then calculates the total number of special characters (special\_char).
- It counts the number of different *types* of characters present in the password, and stores the count in variable type
- Based on the character counts and the value of type, it assigns a strength score:
  - If the password contains invalid characters return -1.
  - If only 1 type of character is present, the password strength is 50.
  - If 2 types of character is present, the password strength is 65.
  - If 3 types of character is present, the password strength is 75.
  - If both special char 1 and char 2 are not present, the password strength is 85.
  - If the password has exactly two numbers, two lowercase letters, two uppercase letters, two special char 1 and two special char 2 then the strength is 100, else strength is 95.
- It then returns the calculated password strength.

## 4. generate\_password Function

```

void generate_password()
{
    //creating arrays for different sets of characters
    char numbers[] = "0123456789";
    char lower_case[] = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz";
    char upper_case[] = "ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ";
    char special_char1[] = "?-+=";
    char special_char2[] = " !@#$";
    char password[10];
    //selecting two characters from each array
    int j = 0;
    for(int i = 0; i<2; i++)
    {
        password[j++] = numbers[rand()%10];
        password[j++] = lower_case[rand()%26];
        password[j++] = upper_case[rand()%26];
        password[j++] = special_char1[rand()%4];
    }
}

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        password[j++] = special_char2[rand()%4];
    }
    //shuffling the array
    for (int i = 9; i > 0; i--)
    {
        int k = rand() % (i+1); // Pick a random index from 0 to i
        swap(&password[i], &password[k]);
    }
    printf("\n Suggested 100%% strong password: ");
    for(int i = 0; i<10; i++)
    {
        printf("%c", password[i]);
    }
}

```

- This function generates a strong, random 10-character password.
- It creates character arrays `numbers`, `lower_case`, `upper_case`, `special_char1`, and `special_char2`.
- It initializes an empty password array to store the generated password.
- It iterates two times to fill the password array:
  - It adds one random digit from `numbers`, one random lowercase letter from `lower_case`, one random uppercase letter from `upper_case`, one random character from `special_char1`, and one random character from `special_char2`
- It then shuffles the password array using the swap function, to make the password more random.
- Finally, it prints the suggested password to the console.

## 5. main Function

```

int main()
{
    system("cls"); // used to clear the screen
    each time the program is run
    char user_password[10];
    printf("\n This program will tell the strength of your
password, and also suggests you a randomly generated 100%% strength
password. ");
    //labelled as repeat
    repeat: printf("\n The password should not contain the following
characters:");
    printf("\n '_', '/', '*', '%', '&', '\\', ';', '|', '~'.");
    printf("\n The password should contain exactly 10
characters.");
    printf("\n Enter your password: ");
    scanf("%s", user_password);
    if(strlen(user_password)!=10)
    {
        printf("\n Password should be 10 characters long.\n\n");
        goto repeat; //restart from the label 'repeat'
    }
    int strength;
    strength = calculate_strength(user_password);
}

```

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        if(strength != -1)
            printf("\n Strength of your password is: %d%%\n",
strength);
        else
        {
            printf("\n Invalid password.\n\n");
            goto repeat;    //restart from the label 'repeat'
        }
        if(strength == 100)
            printf("\n Great Work!! Your password is strong enough.");
        else
        {
            srand((unsigned int)(time(NULL)));
            generate_password();
        }
        return 0;
    }

```

- This is the main function where the program execution starts.
- `system( "cls" )` clears the console screen.
- It declares a character array `user_password` to store the user's input password.
- It prints a welcome message to the console.
- It prompts the user to enter a password.
- The `repeat :` label is used to allow the program to ask the user for a password again if the previous input was not valid.
- It uses `scanf` to read the password from the user.
- It checks if the password is exactly 10 characters long. If not, it prints an error message and restarts the process from the label `'repeat'` using `goto repeat`.
- It calls `calculate_strength` to determine the password's strength.
- If the returned strength value is not -1, it prints the strength percentage. Else it prints invalid password message and restarts the process from the label `'repeat'` using `goto repeat`.
- If the strength is 100, a success message is printed.
- If the strength is less than 100, the program seeds the random number generator using current time. Then it calls `generate_password` to generate and suggest a new password to the user.
- Finally, the function returns 0, indicating successful execution.

## Summary

In essence, this C program does the following:

- 1 It asks the user for a password, ensuring it has 10 characters.
- 2 It evaluates the user's password based on the types of characters used and assigns a strength score.
- 3 If the user's password is not considered strong enough (less than 100%), it generates a random, strong password.

This program provides a basic example of password strength assessment and generation using C.

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