

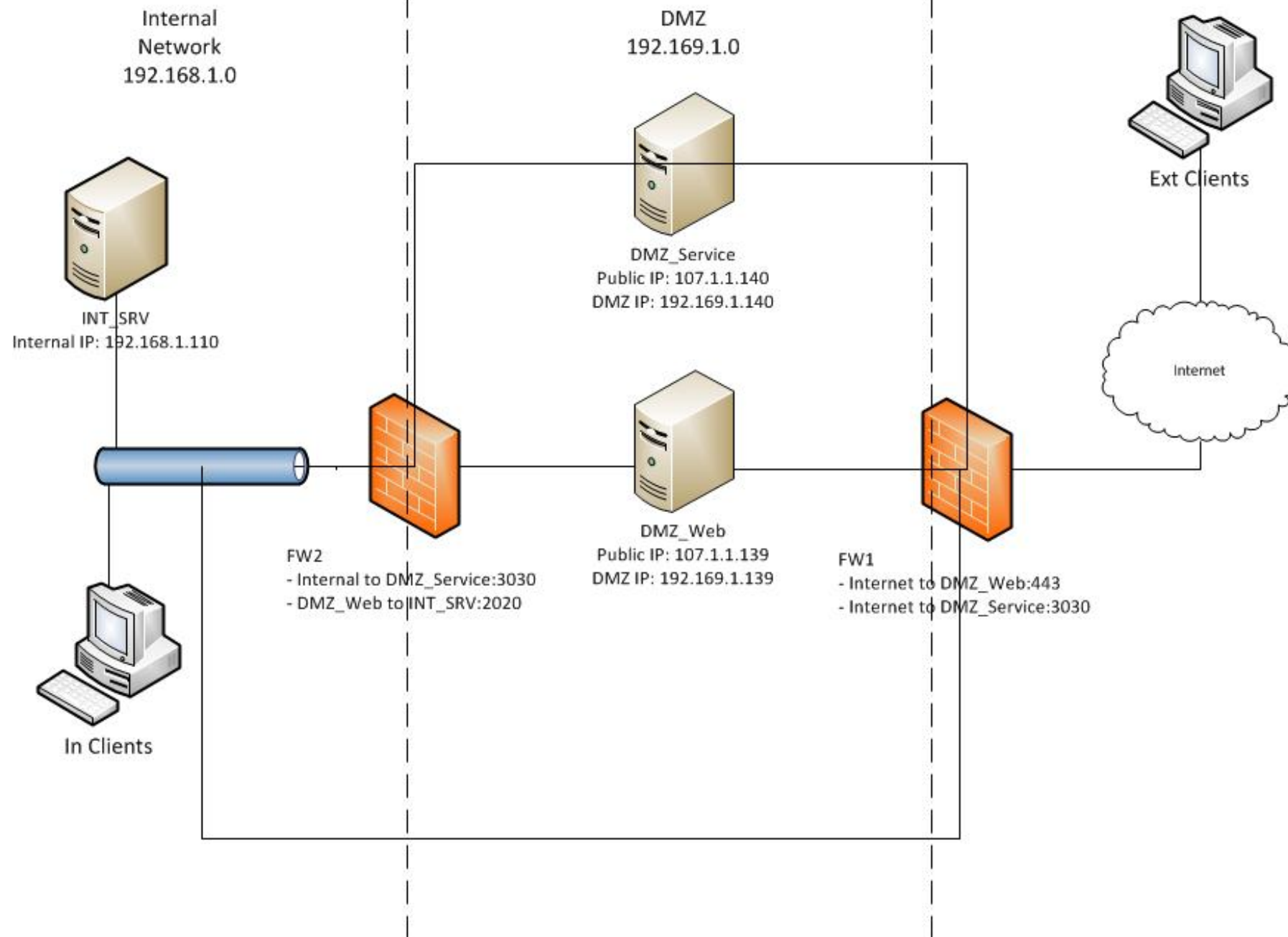
IT-Serurity



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Firewall



Antivirus

Common types of cyber threats

- Malware
- Spyware
- Phishing

Malware

Malware, short for *malicious software*, is a blanket term that refers to a wide variety of software programs designed to do damage or do other unwanted actions to a computer, server or computer network. Common examples include viruses, spyware and trojan horses.

Malware can slow down or crash your device or delete files.

Criminals often use malware to send spam, obtain personal and financial information and even steal your identity.

Spyware

Spyware is a type of **malware** that attaches itself and hides on a computer's operating system without your permission to make unwanted changes to your user experience.

It can be used to spy on your online activity and may generate unwanted advertisements or make your browser display certain website sites or search results.

Phishing

Phishing attacks use email or fraudulent websites to try to trick you into providing personal or financial information to compromise an account or steal money by posing as a trustworthy entity.

They may claim there's a problem with payment information or that they've noticed activity on an account and ask you to click on a link or attachment and provide personal information.

How does antivirus work?

Antivirus software begins operating by checking your computer programs and files against a database of known types of malware.

Since new viruses are constantly created and distributed by hackers, it will also scan computers for the possibility of new or unknown type of malware threats.

Most antivirus programs will use three different detection devices

- **Specific detection** - Identifies known malware
- **Generic detection** - Looks for known parts or types of malware or patterns that are related by a common codebase
- **Heuristic detection** - Scans for unknown viruses by identifying known suspicious file structures.

When the antivirus program finds a file that contains a virus, it will usually quarantine it and/or mark it for deletion, making it inaccessible and removing the risk to your device.

HTTPS

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Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (*HTTPS*) is an extension of the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (*HTTP*).

It is used for secure communication over a computer network, and is widely used on the Internet.

In HTTPS, the communication protocol is **encrypted** using Transport Layer Security (*TLS*) or, formerly, Secure Sockets Layer (*SSL*)

HTTP

When you connect to a website with regular **HTTP**, your browser looks up the IP address that corresponds to the website, connects to that IP address, and assumes it's connected to the correct web server.

Data is sent over the connection in clear text. An eavesdropper on a Wi-Fi network can see the web pages you're visiting and the data you're transferring back and forth.

There's no way to verify you're connected to the correct website. You think you accessed your bank's website, but you're on a compromised network that's redirecting you to an impostor website. Passwords and credit card numbers should never be sent over an HTTP connection, or an eavesdropper could easily steal them.

HTTPS

When you connect to an **HTTPS**-secured server—secure sites like your bank's will automatically redirect you to HTTPS—your web browser checks the website's security certificate and verifies it was issued by a legitimate certificate authority.

This helps you ensure that, if you see <https://bank.com> in your web browser's address bar, you're actually connected to your bank's real website.

The company that issued the security certificate vouches for them.

When you send sensitive information over an HTTPS connection, no one can eavesdrop on it in transit. HTTPS is what makes **secure** online banking and shopping possible.

The presence of HTTPS itself isn't a guarantee a site is legitimate.

Clever phishers have realized that people look for the **HTTPS** indicator and lock icon, and may go out of their way to disguise their websites.

Scammers can get certificates for their scam servers, too. In theory, they're only prevented from impersonating sites they don't own. You may see an address like <https://google.com.3526347346435.com>

In this case, you're using an **HTTPS** connection, but you're really connected to a subdomain of a site named 3526347346435.com—not **Google**

Open Wi-Fi

Open Wi-Fi

It's not safe to connect to an unknown open wireless network, particularly when transferring sensitive data, such as an online banking password.

All information sent over an unsecured wireless network—one that doesn't require a Wi-Fi Protected Access (*WPA*) or *WPA2* security code—is sent in plain text for anyone to intercept.

Connecting to an open network potentially opens your device to anyone else on that same wireless network.

VPN

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A **Virtual Private Network (VPN)** connects to the internet privately by hiding your *real IP address* and routing your internet traffic and data through a private and securely encrypted tunnel over public networks.

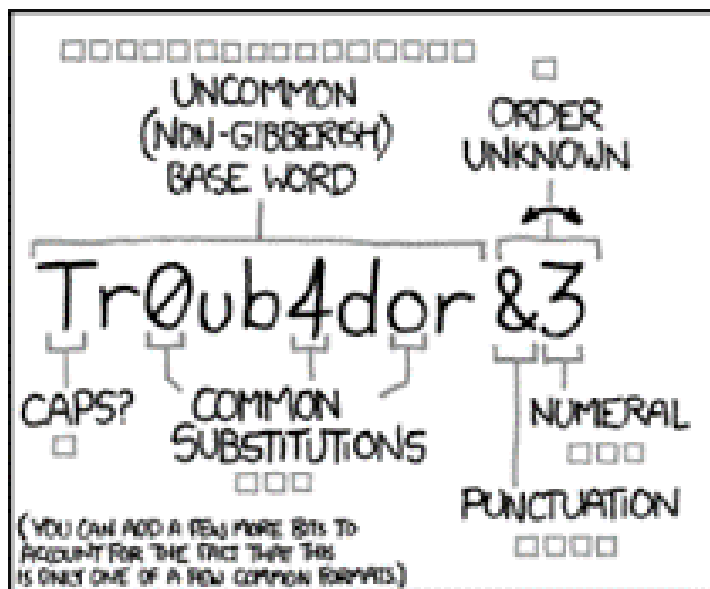
VPN gives you a way to browse the internet without giving away your *identity, location, or data*.

When data is encrypted inside the VPN tunnel, ISPs, search engines, marketers, hackers, and others can't see or track your activities on the web.

VPNs protect you in three main ways

- **Disguises** your real IP address and location. After connecting to a VPN service, you go to the internet from a new gateway server. This spoofs your IP address and makes it appear as if you're in a different city or country than the one you're in.
- **Encapsulates** your internet traffic through a private VPN tunnel. With a VPN, all your *data packets* are encapsulated inside additional data packets. This encapsulation creates a private tunnel inside public networks.
- **Scrambles** your private data with encryption. When using a VPN service, your internet traffic and personal information inside the tunnel are scrambled using encryption. This makes a VPN connection virtually impossible for outside forces to hack.

Password Security




~28 BITS OF ENTROPY

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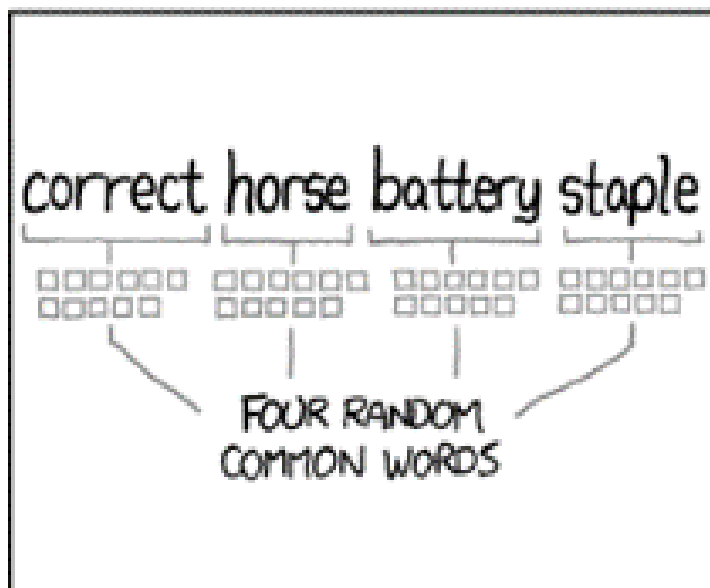
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 (PLAUSIBLE RETRACK ON A WEAK REMOTE
 WEB SERVICE. YES, CRACKING A STORED
 HASH IS FASTER, BUT IT'S NOT WHAT THE
 AVERAGE USER SHOULD WORRY ABOUT.)

DIFFICULTY TO GUESS:
EASY

WAS IT TROMBONE? NO,
 TROUBADOR. AND ONE OF
 THE 0s WAS A ZERO?
 AND THERE WAS
 SOME SYMBOL...



DIFFICULTY TO REMEMBER:
HARD



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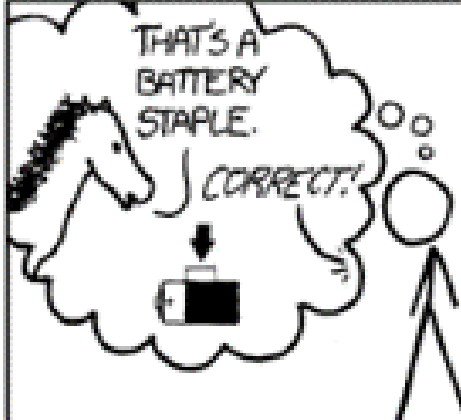
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DIFFICULTY TO GUESS:
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THAT'S A
 BATTERY
 STAPLE.

CORRECT!



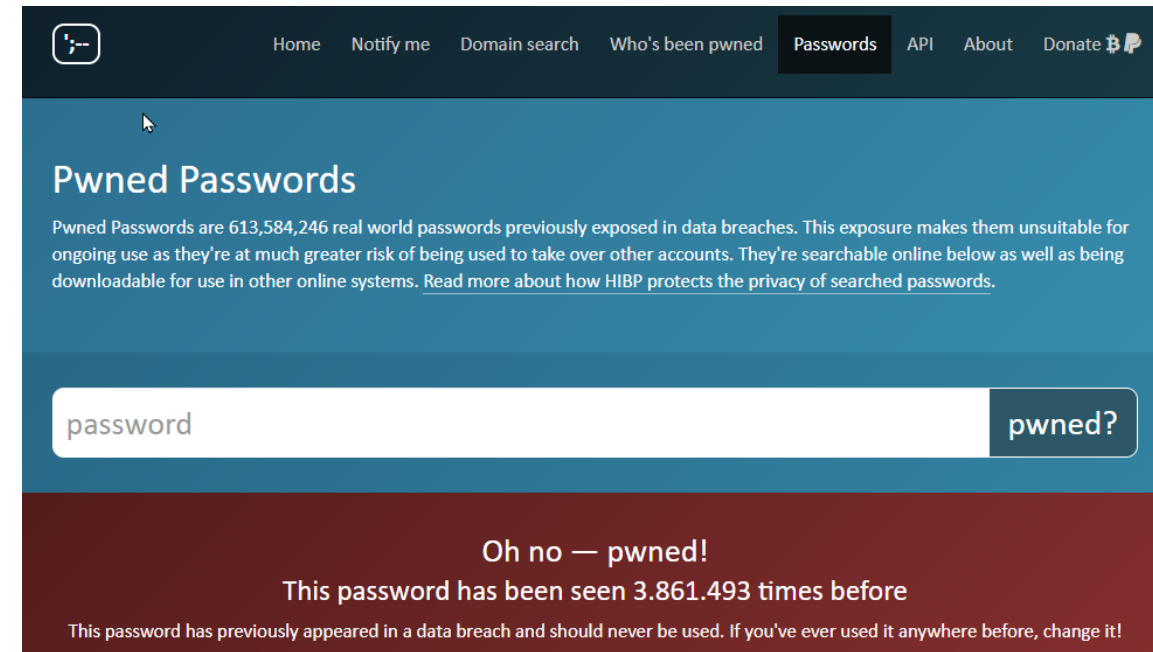
DIFFICULTY TO REMEMBER:
 YOU'VE ALREADY
 MEMORIZED IT

THROUGH 20 YEARS OF EFFORT, WE'VE SUCCESSFULLY TRAINED
 EVERYONE TO USE PASSWORDS THAT ARE HARD FOR HUMANS
 TO REMEMBER, BUT EASY FOR COMPUTERS TO GUESS.

Pwned Passwords

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<https://haveibeenpwned.com/Passwords>



The screenshot shows the 'Pwned Passwords' section of the Have I Been Pwned website. The navigation bar at the top includes links for Home, Notify me, Domain search, Who's been pwned, Passwords (which is highlighted), API, About, and Donate. The main heading is 'Pwned Passwords'. Below it, a paragraph explains that 613,584,246 real world passwords have been exposed in data breaches and are no longer suitable for use. A search bar contains the text 'password' and a button labeled 'pwned?'. The result area, which has a dark red background, displays the message: 'Oh no — pwned! This password has been seen 3.861.493 times before. This password has previously appeared in a data breach and should never be used. If you've ever used it anywhere before, change it!'.

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Pwned Passwords

Pwned Passwords are 613,584,246 real world passwords previously exposed in data breaches. This exposure makes them unsuitable for ongoing use as they're at much greater risk of being used to take over other accounts. They're searchable online below as well as being downloadable for use in other online systems. [Read more about how HIBP protects the privacy of searched passwords.](#)

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Brute-Force attack

Brute-force attacks (just trying out all possible combinations) have become computationally easy => its simpler to just try out all combinations than to guess something clever.

Python code

```
: # Imports
import itertools
import time

# Brute force function
def tryPassword(passwordSet, stringTypeSet):
    start = time.time()
    chars = stringTypeSet
    attempts = 0
    for i in range(1, 9):
        for letter in itertools.product(chars, repeat=i):
            attempts += 1
            letter = ''.join(letter)
            if letter == passwordSet:
                end = time.time()
                distance = end - start
                return (attempts, distance)

password = input("Password:")

# Allowed characters
stringType = "1234567890abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ`~!@#$%^&*()_-=+[{]}|:;'\",.<.>/?"
tries, timeAmount = tryPassword(password, stringType)
print("Cracked the password %s in %s tries and %s seconds!" % (password, tries, timeAmount))

Password: tue
Cracked the password tue in 262368 tries and 0.048001766204833984 seconds!
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Two-Factor Authentication

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Logging into your accounts with an email address and password is fine, up to a point, but these details can get lost, stolen, guessed, or teased out of you with some clever social engineering.

Two-factor authentication adds another access barrier for unauthorized visitors who have gotten hold of your primary login credentials

Two-factor authentication—and the similar two-step authentication, which is sometimes treated as a different mechanism and sometimes not—means you need another bit of information besides your password and email address. Most commonly in most consumer apps, it's either an SMS code sent to your phone, or a code generated by a dedicated authenticator app.

Links

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