Password Cracking Time Calculator – Understanding How Long It Takes to Break a Password

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What Is Password Cracking Time?

The estimated time needed for an attacker to guess a password.
Dependent on math, computation, and structure.

Types of Attacks

1. Brute-force
2. Dictionary
3. Hybrid
4. GPU/Cloud attacks

Key Factors That Determine Cracking Time

- Password length
- Character set
- Hashing algorithm
- Attacker's hardware speed

Character Sets Overview

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Digits → 10

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Lowercase letters → 26

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Uppercase letters → 26

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Symbols → \~32

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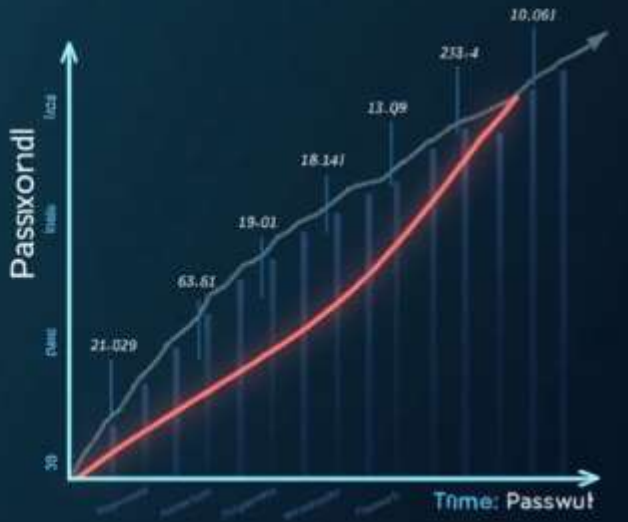
Mixed → 95 total

Total Search Space Formula

Total combinations = (charset size)^{n}

n = password length

Example visual: exponential curve



Cracking Speed Explained

Measured in hashes per second (H/s).
CPUs vs GPUs vs cloud clusters.
Modern GPUs can hit billions of guesses per second.

Time Calculation Formula

Time = total combinations ÷ cracking speed.
Simple equation → powerful impact.

Example #1 (Weak Password)

6-digit numeric.

10^6 = 1,000,000 combinations.

Easily cracked in seconds.

Example #2 (Medium Password)

8-character lowercase.
26^8 combinations.
Crackable in hours/minutes with modern GPUs.

Example #3 (Strong Password)

12-character full charset (95).
95^{12} combinations.
Cracking time → thousands of years.

Importance of Hashing Algorithms

Fast hashes → MD5, SHA1 → easy to crack.
Slow hashes → bcrypt, Argon2 → extremely difficult.
Include a small comparison chart.

Understanding Entropy

Entropy = randomness.
Higher entropy = slower cracking.
Show entropy chart.

Demo Overview

Demo Workflow

- Choose password length
- Choose charset
- Define cracking speed
- Compute total combinations
- Calculate time & convert to human-readable format

Security Recommendations

- Use long, random passwords
- Use password managers
- Multi-factor authentication
- Avoid common patterns

Thank You

Questions are welcomed.