

Protecting Your Users' Privacy

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Password Data on Remote Servers

Two Simple Things

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Survive



```
SELECT * FROM USERTABLE  
WHERE login = 'admin'  
AND password = 'secret'
```



secret

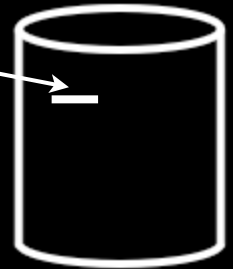


One Way Hash Algorithm



\$2a\$07\$Me1Q2TCPPce0oiUZ6ILJIQ3td40Kz/Pow2G

\$2a\$07\$Me1Q2TC6I1JIQ3td40Kz/Pow2G



```
SELECT * FROM USERTABLE  
WHERE login = 'admin'  
AND password=crypt('secret', password)
```

Modern databases support many kinds of hashes.

Salts

Login: aijaz@example.com

Password: 'hello'

Salt: 23ddkc

Hash: \$2a\$05\$23ddkc20ker0998Q...

Login: dave@example.com

Password: 'hello'

Salt: Zff7dk

Hash: \$2a\$05\$Zff7dkf93kNSqnzC...

Use Random Salts

aijaz@example.com		ab287efee2876aa...
dave@example.com		ab287efee2876aa...
...		
alice@example.com		ab287efee2876aa...



Target hash: \$2a\$05\$23ddkc20ker09

‘open!’ -> \$2a\$05\$dhwefu238231d NO MATCH

‘sesame!’ -> \$2a\$05\$39dk2sdkfu3e1 NO MATCH

...

‘friend’ -> \$2a\$05\$23ddkc20ker09 ENTER!



Guessing Passwords

Your System can throttle, lock out

Password files can be analyzed offline

1 - Use bcrypt

\$2a\$05\$d098b0fc4aZKY0Hn1PZff7NSqnzCrPwn0yqnyi

2^5 iterations

\$2a\$10\$8ib9C2Zk8dDAPE8Kim0ogE9su11SDyHGuv4YUC

2^{10} iterations - much more secure, much slower

You get to choose how many iterations you want.
The hash includes a random salt.

Increasing Iterations

\$2a\$05\$d098b0fc4aZKY0Hn1PZff7NSqnzCrPwn0yqnyi

```
password = cgi->fields->password
if (password is valid) {
    numIter = substr(hash, 4, 2);
    numIter++;
    newhash = bcrypt(password, numIter);
    replace hash with newhash in database
}
```

\$2a\$10\$8ib9C2Zk8dDAPE8Kim0ogE9su11SDyHGuv4YUC

Secure Hashes are Slow

<i>Algorithm</i>	<i>Guessing Speed</i>
Unsalted SHA-1	15.5 Billion guesses/second
SHA512	11,000 guesses/second
bcrypt(10)	11 guesses/second
bcrypt(16)	5.5 seconds/guess
bcrypt(20)	87.5 seconds/guess

Reusing a Password

Facebook User: bob@example.com Password: 'bob'

Twitter User: bob@example.com Password: 'bob'

MegaBank User: bob@example.com Password: 'bob'

Your Site User: bob@example.com Password: 'bob'

Your Password File

```
alice@foo.com:$2a$16$873AB23783...  
bob@example.com:$2a$16$23d98Q7K129S...  
cathy@bar.com:$2a$16$12AB43BBCE...
```

A good guess for bob's password: 'bob'
Total time to crack: 5.5 seconds.

2 - Hash the email

User: bob@example.com

Password: 'bob'

In the database:

User: \$2a\$05\$d098b0fc....

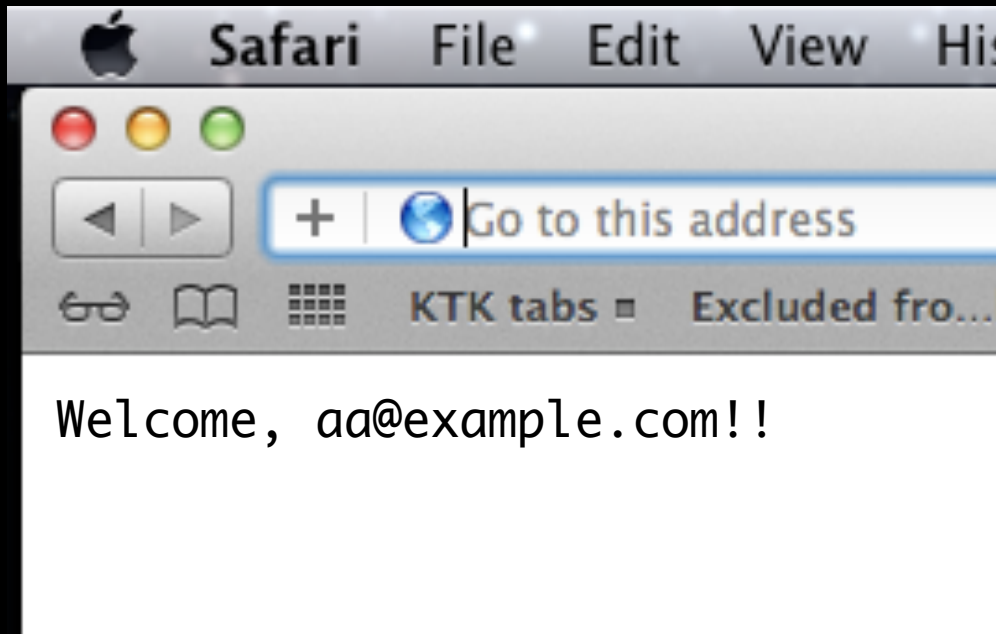
Password: \$2a\$05\$23d98Q...

Without a user name, a password is worthless

Using a Hashed Email

- ✦ **Normalize the email**

- ✦ remove leading and trailing spaces
- ✦ convert to lower case
- ✦ Guaranteed to get same hash every time
- ✦ Hash the normalized email
- ✦ Use that hash when adding a user or querying on login.



Store it in the session

Now, only current sessions are at risk

Delete when the session expires

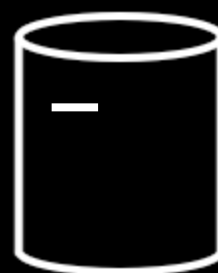
Encrypt it for additional safety

Uploading The Address Book

Never upload email addresses

Upload their hashes instead

Only upload what you need

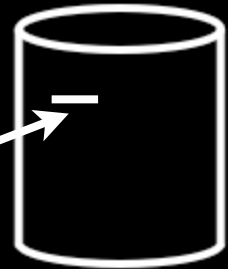


My Address Book:

Dave: dave@example.com

Aijaz's Address Book:

Dave: \$2a\$05\$qZHn1....

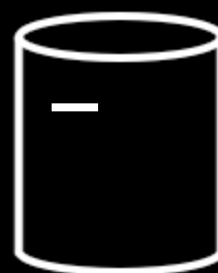


Later, Dave registers as dave@example.com

Insert user with email: \$2a\$05\$qZHn1....

SELECT * FROM FRIENDS

WHERE EMAIL=' \$2a\$05\$qZHn1....'





Dave, you might
know Aijaz

Aijaz, you might know Dave

You really didn't need to upload the email

What to Remember

Hash passwords with bcrypt

Hash identifying data, too

Don't store anything you don't need

<http://TheJoyOfHack.com/>
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Thank you!