

Personal Digital Security

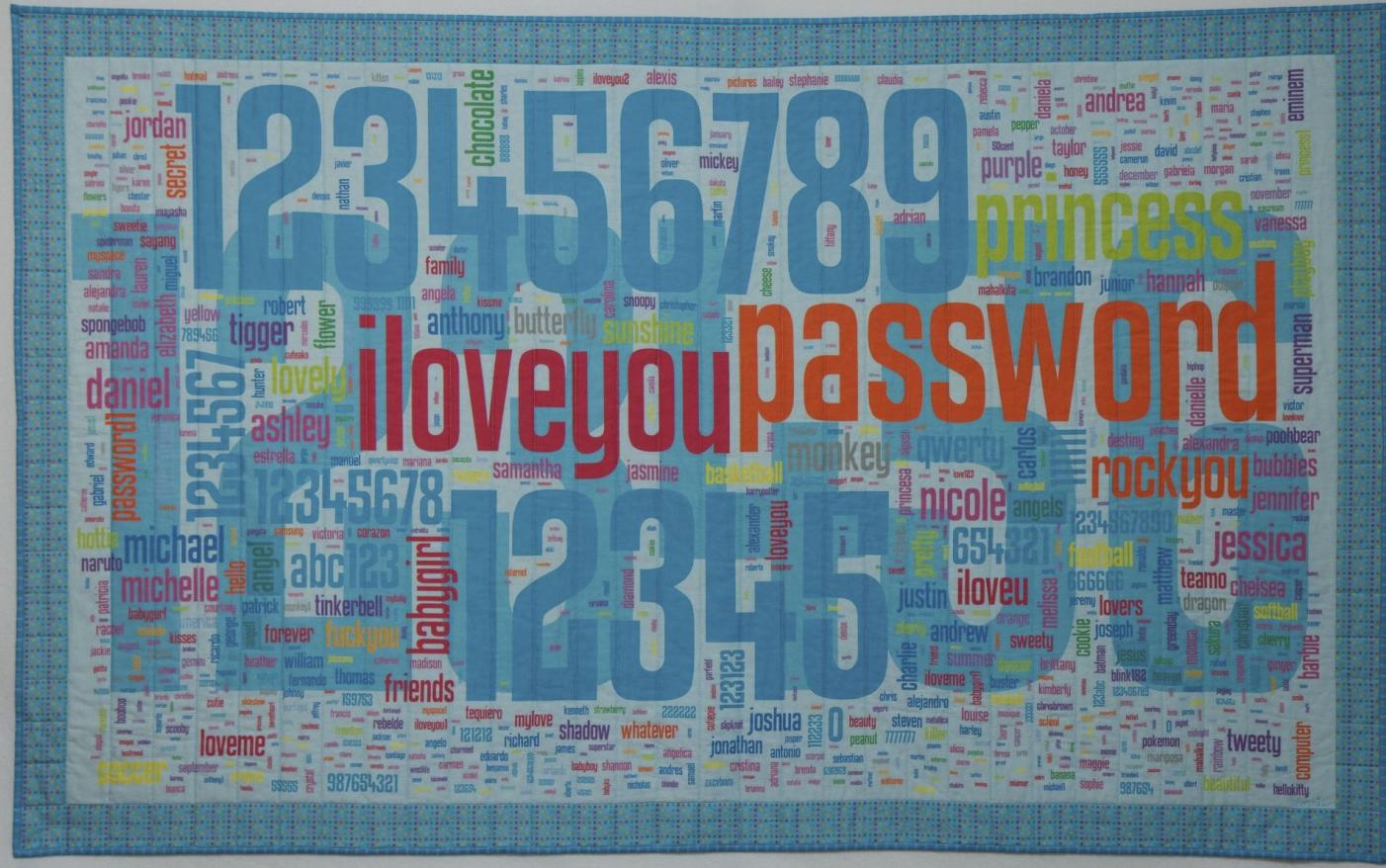
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<https://tinyurl.com/2019gpisecurity>

Goals of Security

- Confidentiality
- Integrity
- Availability

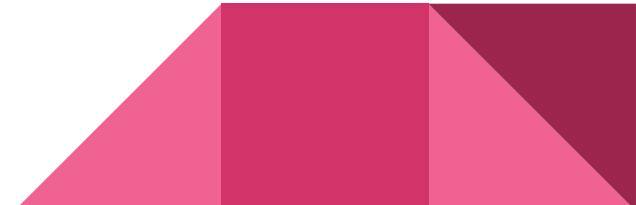


Passwords



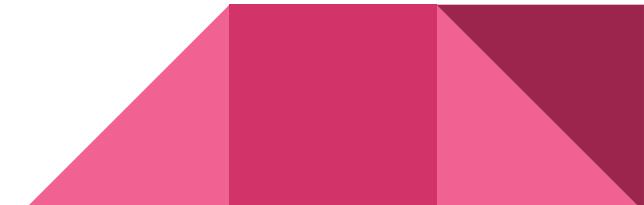
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“Designing Password Policies for Strength and Usability”



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comp8	83.0	56.9	2.4	32.8	1.7	13.2	39.3	2.2	50.1
basic12	94.5	45.4	1.5	15.2	1.6	11.6	27.4	9.1	52.0
basic16	93.9	49.9	1.8	28.5	1.6	13.7	30.1	7.9	29.7
basic20	93.9	50.0	1.9	35.2	1.6	15.3	32.9	5.6	16.4
2word12	92.0	51.4	1.9	21.9	1.6	13.1	31.0	3.4	46.6
2word16	92.1	51.3	2.1	34.7	1.7	14.6	36.8	1.1	22.9
3class12	92.0	54.9	1.5	26.0	1.7	14.8	35.3	3.2	36.8
3class16	90.5	60.2	1.9	40.3	1.7	16.2	42.9	1.2	13.8

Each condition is compared to comp8. Light blue indicates being statistically significantly better than comp8, and dark red indicates being worse. No shading indicates no statistically significant difference.

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Table II. Summary of Password Attributes and Creation Failure on the First Attempt

Condition	Participants	Length (median)	Upper (median)	Lower (median)	Digit (median)	Sym. (median)	Fail (%)	Length (%)	Class (%)	Dict. (%)	2word (%)
comp8	1996	10	1	5	2	1	58.0	6.5	26.3	39.0	—
basic12	1693	13	0	10	3	0	40.6	38.2	—	18.5*	—
basic16	1757	17	0	14	3	0	52.6	50.4	—	6.3*	—
basic20	1715	21	0	18	3	0	59.9	57.3	—	4.3*	—
3class12	1653	13	1	8	3	1	44.5	38.2	9.5	23.4*	—
3class16	1625	17	1	11	3	1	52.2	47.2	10.0	9.7*	—
2word12	1659	14	0	11	2	0	54.5	30.4	9.9	6.5*	45.4
2word16	1653	18	0	14	2	1	59.8	44.8	9.6	2.6*	45.1

A password can fail multiple ways. We omit failure from blank fields and confirmation mismatch. *Dict* shows the percent of comp8 participants who failed the dictionary check on their first attempt. It also shows the percentage of final passwords in other conditions that would have failed the dictionary check.

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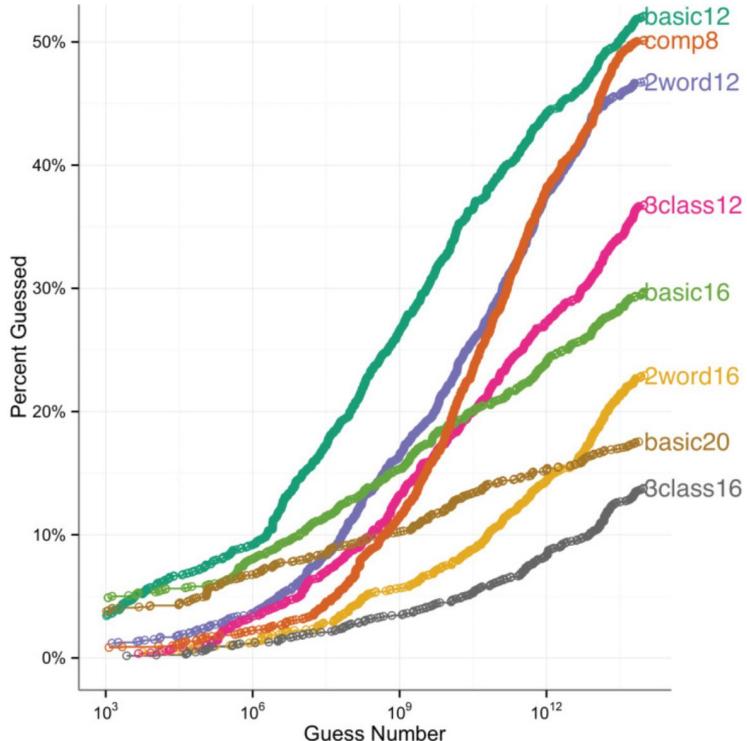
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significantly better than the statistical baseline.



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gth	Class (%)	Dict. (%)	2word (%)
.5	26.3	39.0	—
.2	—	18.5*	—
.4	—	6.3*	—
.3	—	4.3*	—
.2	9.5	23.4*	—
.2	10.0	9.7*	—
.4	9.9	6.5*	45.4
.8	9.6	2.6*	45.1

In this table, 'Dict' shows the percent of final passwords in the dictionary. The asterisk (*) indicates no significant difference.

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Table III. Significant Differences in the Probability of Passwords Cracked after 10^6 and 10^{14} Guesses, Representing More and Less Resource-Constrained Attackers

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Similarly, if a password fails to crack in the first attempt, it will move on to the second attempt, and so on. This means that other conditions that would have been secure in the first attempt may not be secure in the second attempt.

Cracked passwords after 10^6 guesses					Cracked passwords after 10^{14} guesses					
					<i>Omnibus $\chi^2=270.784, p<.001$</i>					
	cond 1	%	cond 2	%		cond 1	%	cond 2	%	p-value
basic12	9.1%		basic20	5.6%	.001	basic12	52.0%	2word12	46.6%	.007
			2word12	3.4%	<.001			3class12	36.8%	<.001
			3class12	3.2%	<.001			basic16	29.7%	<.001
			comp8	2.2%	<.001			2word16	22.9%	<.001
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Attempt

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Figure 1 illustrates these guess numbers along a curve. In both tables, the more secure condition is in the cond 2 column.

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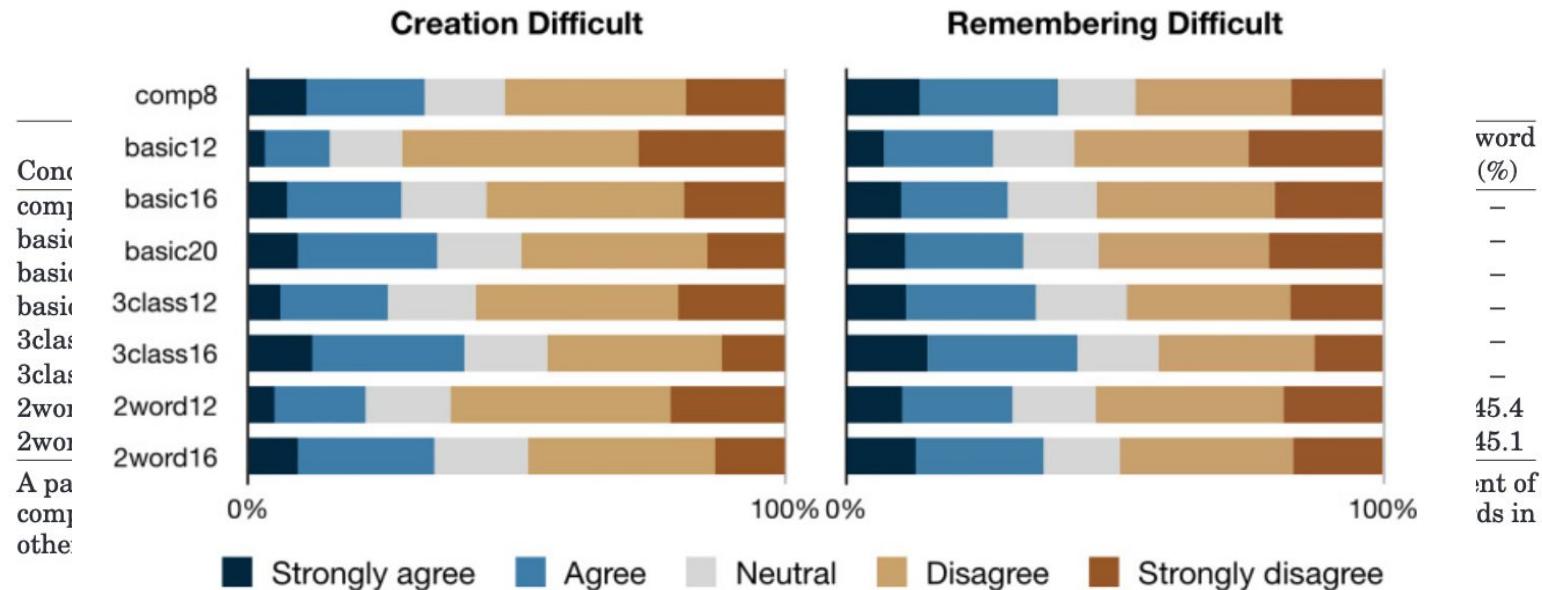


Fig. 2. Participant agreement with “Creating a password that meets the requirements given in this study was difficult” and “Remembering the password I used for this study was difficult.” Significant differences are in Table IV.

in the cond 2 column.

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Table III. Significant Differences in the Probability of Passwords Cracked after 106 and 1014 Guesses

Table V. Substrings in at Least 1% of Passwords

Substring	Using	Cracked Using	Cracked \neg Using	p-value	word (%)
1234	4.9%	69.9%	32.3%	<.001	
password	3.0%	54.0%	33.5%	<.001	
123456789	1.7%	79.0%	33.3%	<.001	-
turk	1.5%	45.4%	34.0%	.004	-
char	1.1%	44.0%	34.0%	.048	-
love	1.9%	34.1%	34.1%	1.000	-
2013	1.6%	31.4%	34.2%	1.000	45.4
this	1.6%	31.8%	34.2%	1.000	45.1

The second column shows the percent of passwords containing the substring. The next two show percentages of passwords cracked containing and not containing it. The fifth shows a χ^2 test on the difference. The presence of “2013” likely results from the study being conducted in that year.

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Table VI. A Summary of Findings for Study 2

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Conc	3class12	92.0	52.7	1.6	24.1	1.8	15.28	36.0	2.9	40.1	-
comj	2class12	93.3	50.8	1.6	25.1	1.7	15.09	35.4	2.1	37.6	-
basic	2class16	90.4	56.7	1.8	40.1	1.7	18.60	38.5	1.4	14.2	45.4
basic	2list12	91.9	59.6	1.8	32.8	1.7	14.97	35.7	0.8	28.5	45.1
basic	2s-list12	90.5	56.5	1.9	27.4	1.8	15.64	32.6	1.2	31.3	nt of
A pa	2pattern12	88.7	61.7	2.4	46.8	1.7	19.00	47.4	0.7	17.1	ds in
comj	2list-patt12	87.4	64.0	2.4	50.0	1.7	18.66	49.1	0.2	11.8	
othe	2s-list-patt12	86.0	67.5	2.6	50.2	1.7	19.38	49.0	0.0	9.9	

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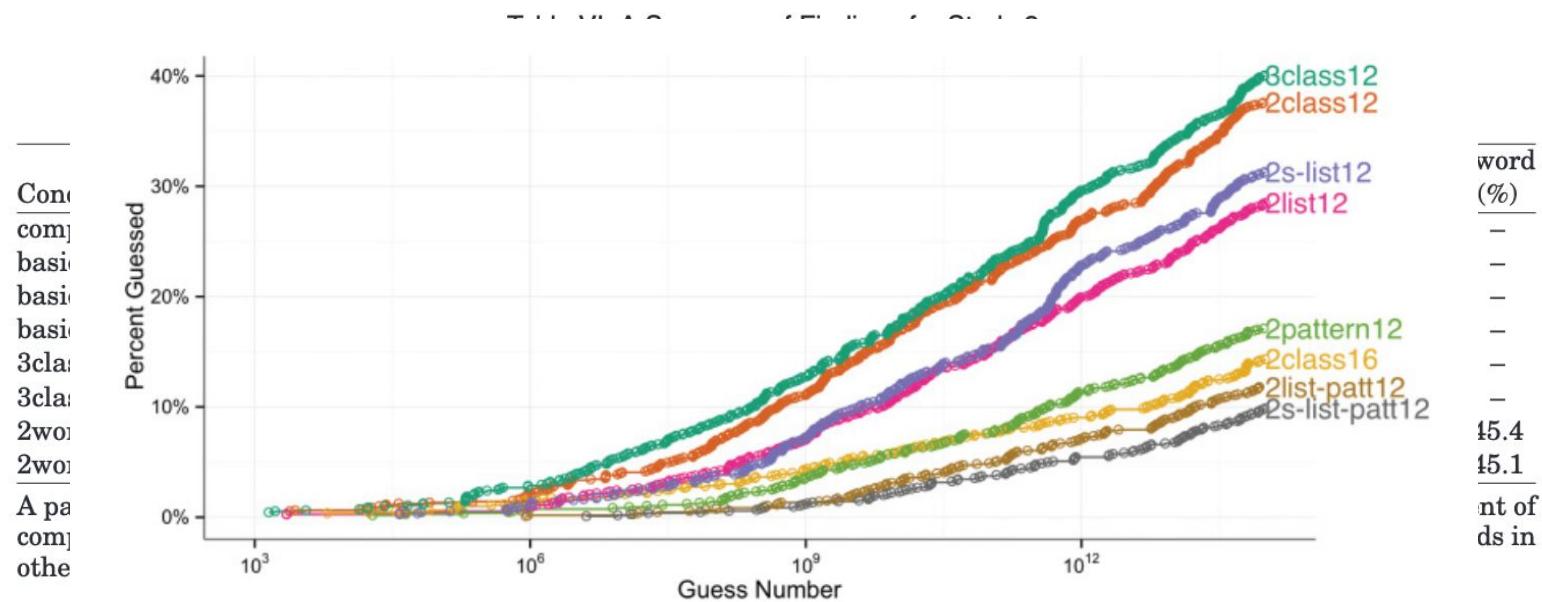


Fig. 3. The percentage of passwords cracked in each condition by the number of guesses made in log scale. Our cutoff for guess numbers was 10^{14} . Table VIII shows significant differences in cracking rates between conditions.

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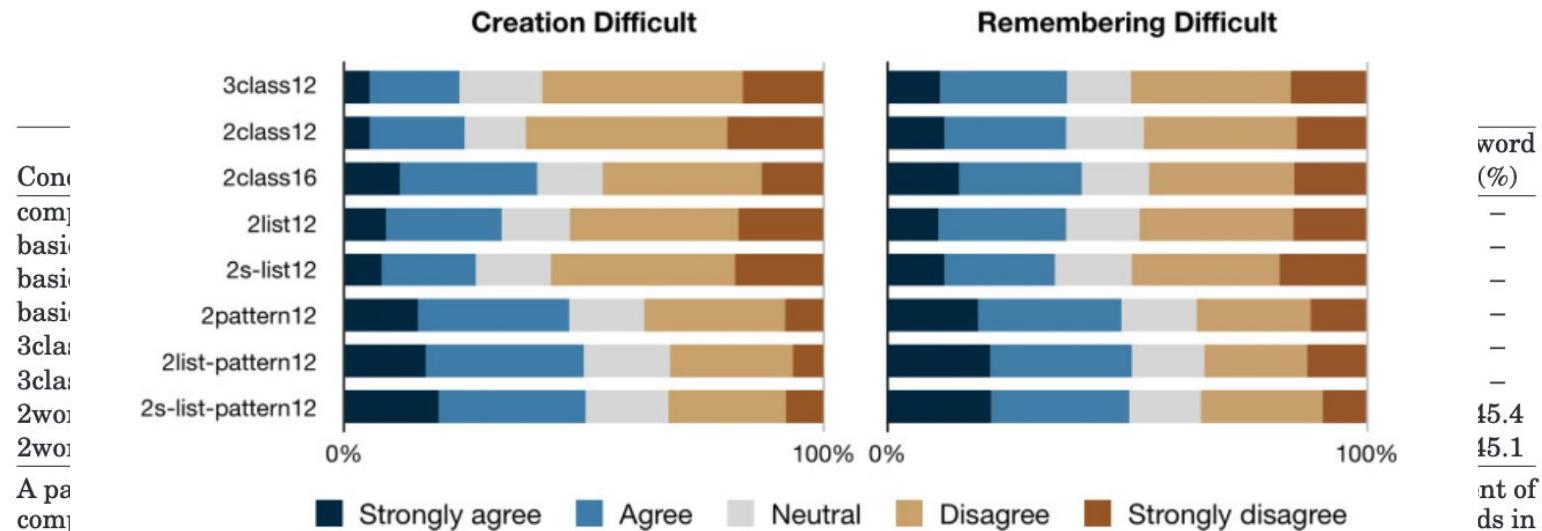


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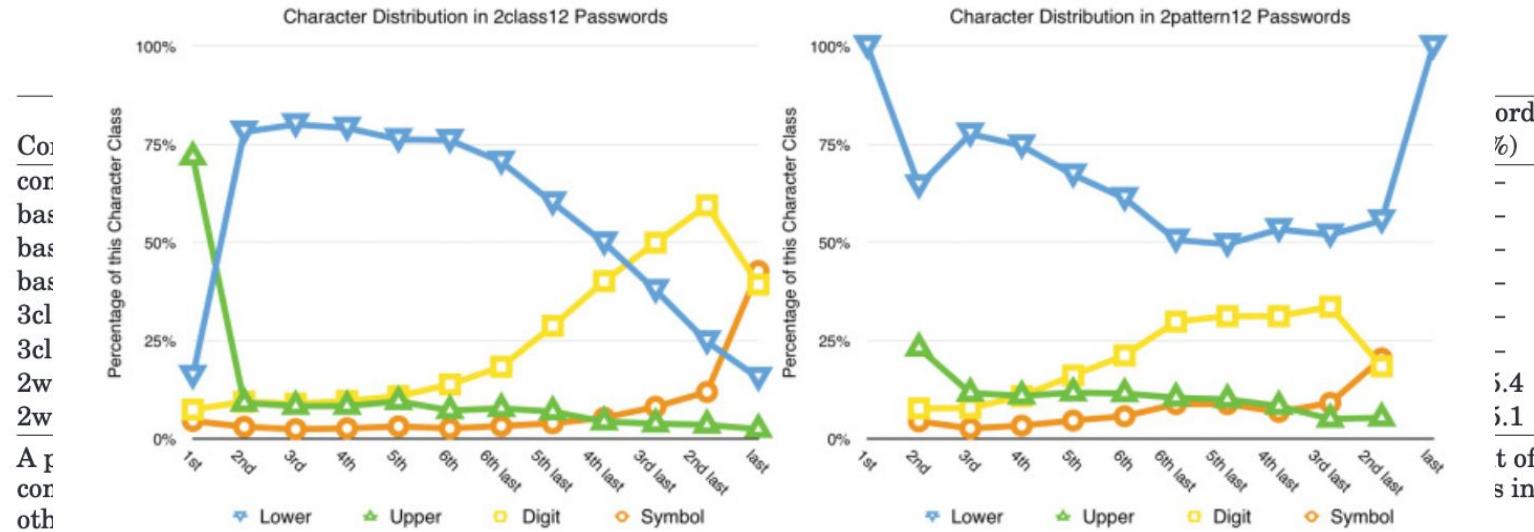


Fig. 5. For the first and last six characters, these graphs show the percentage of each character class in 2class12 and 2pattern12.

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3class12

e.g. w2bgePWNy8Zz

2word16 (“passphrase”)

“letter sequences separated by a non-letter sequence”

e.g. secure42password

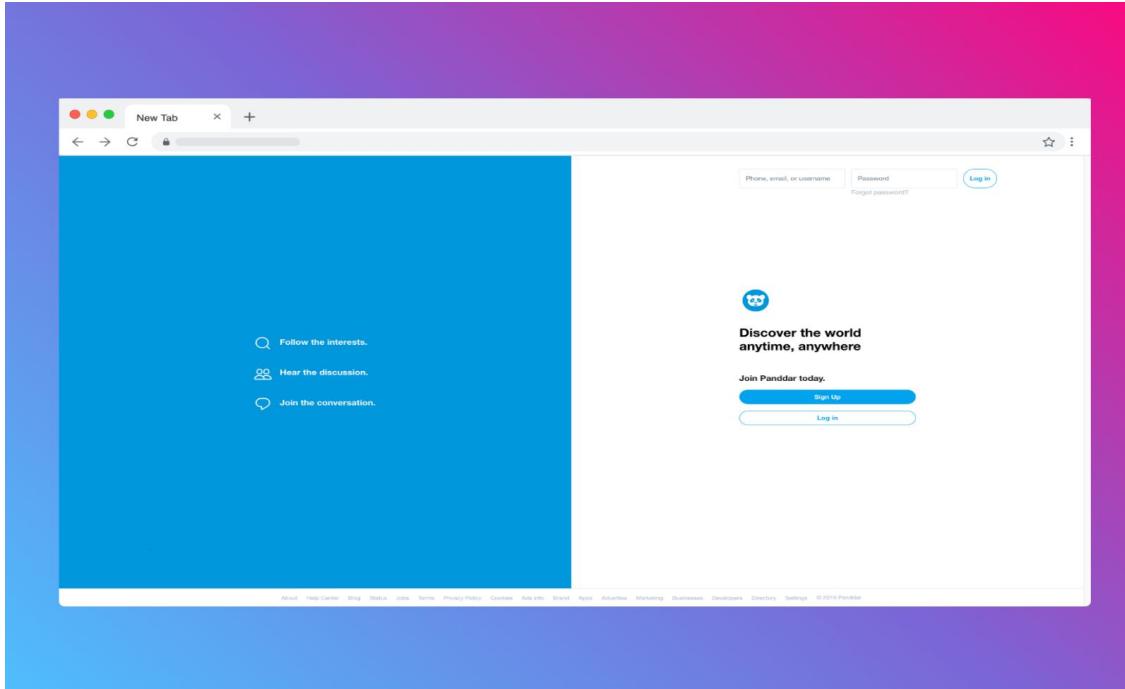
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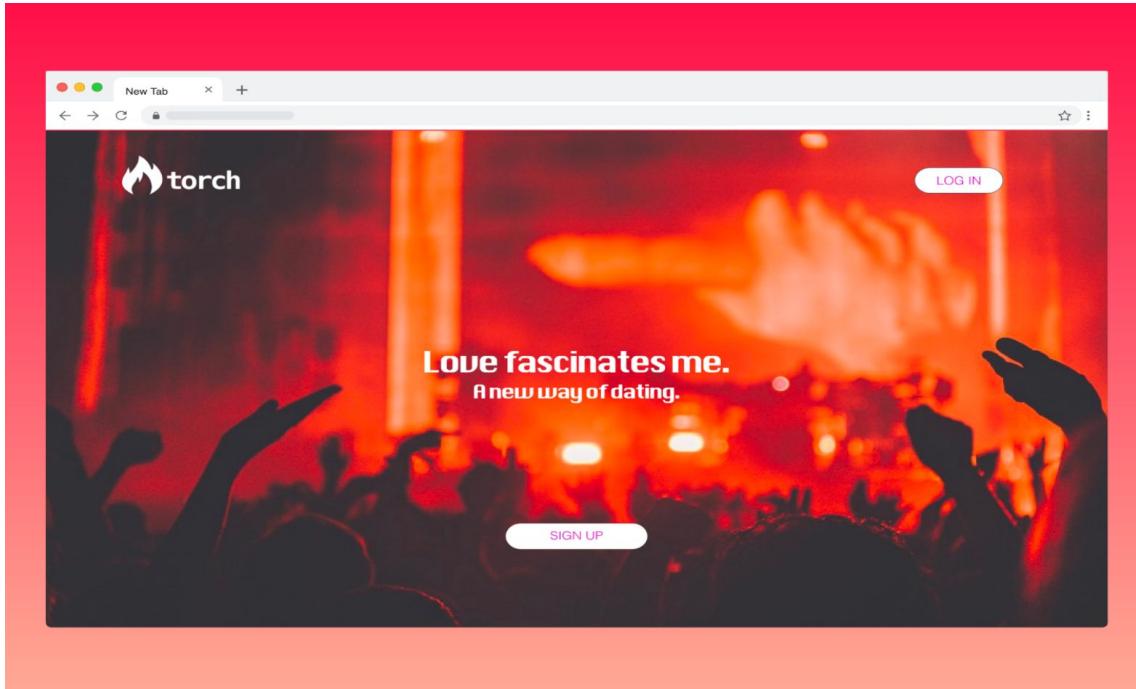
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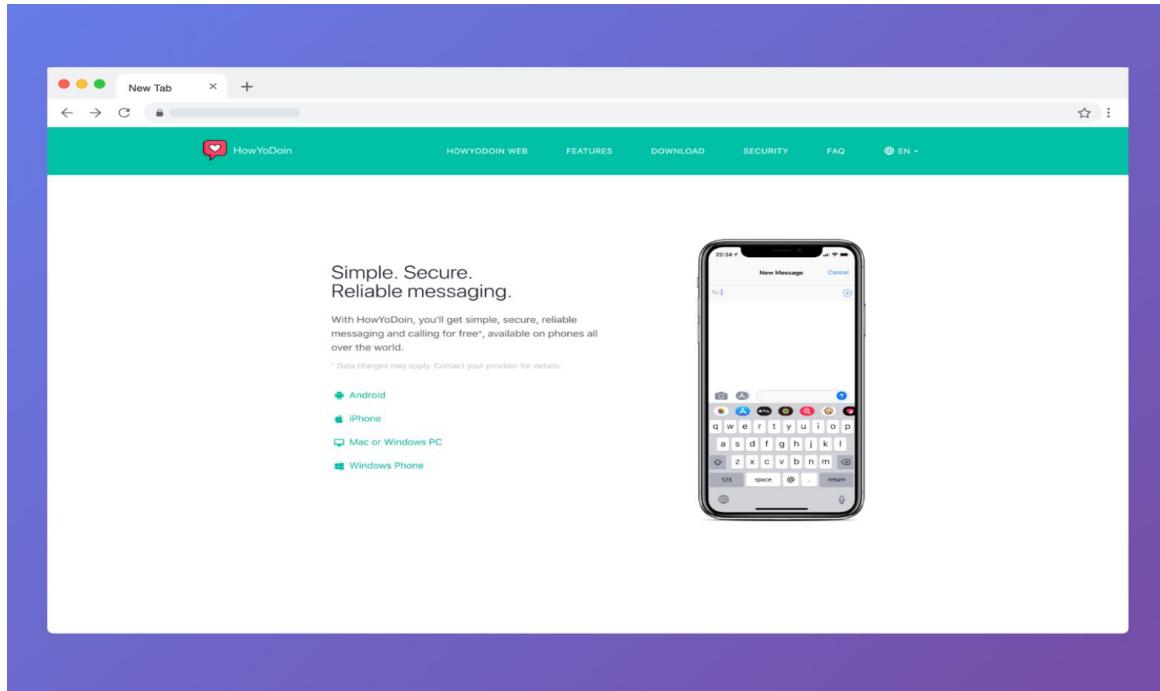
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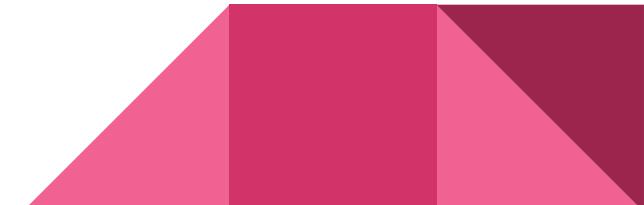
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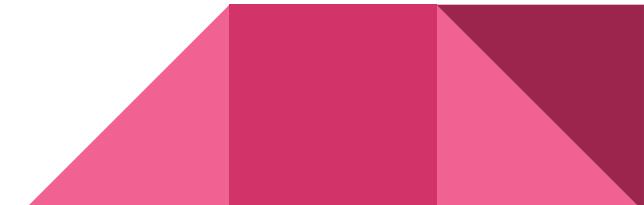
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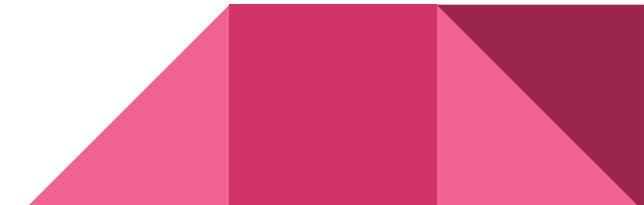
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have i been pwned

<https://haveibeenpwned.com>

Use 3class12 or 2word16.

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Do not use domain related language.

Use 3class12 or 2word16.

Do not use domain related language.

Use unique passwords.



How many accounts
do you have?

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Do not make passwords



How to make a good password? 2.0

Do not make passwords
yourself.



How to make a good password? 2.0

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Password Managers



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Do not make passwords
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Password Managers

And of course, make 1 good password
for the password manager.





Do not email passwords
to yourself.



Do not write it down and
carry it around.



Do not use SMS for
account recovery. ever.

Multi-factor Authentication

Multi-factor Auth

what you know

what you have

what you are

Multi-factor Auth

what you know

ATM card pin

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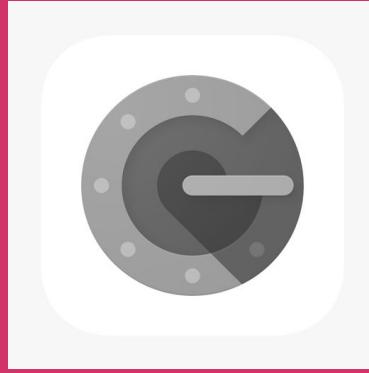
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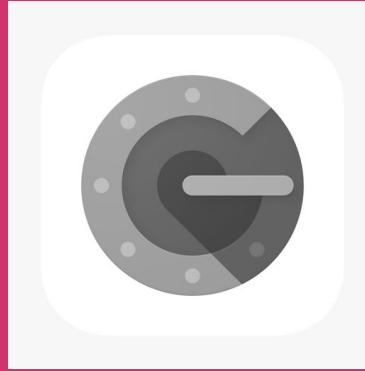


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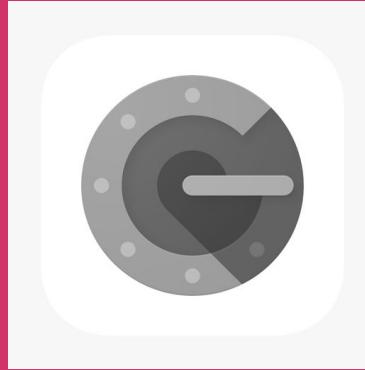


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TOTP



Always set up 2FA.

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Do not trust security questions.

Phishing, Hijacking, and Theft

Phishing

“the fraudulent practice of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers.”

<https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/phishing>

 **HELLO - Netscape Message**

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Subject: HELLO

Date: Thu, 29 May 2003 12:22:41 +0200

From: "masinga.mbeki" <masinga.mbeki@laposte.net>

To: "masinga.mbeki" <masinga.mbeki@laposte.net>

From: "masinga.mbeki" <masinga.mbeki@laposte.net> on 05/29/2003 12:22 PM

To: "masinga.mbeki" <masinga.mbeki@laposte.net>

Subject: HELLO

Dear friend,

It is indeed my pleasure to write to you this letter,
which I believe will be a surprise to you. I actually found your email
address at the trade and email listings here in Pretoria, South Africa.
I work at the Ministry of Minerals and Energy in South Africa and have the
mandate of two of my senior colleagues to search discreetly and diligently
for a foreign partner that could assist us concerning a business matter
which will be of mutual benefit to all.

He Tried to Bilk Google and Facebook Out of \$100 Million With Fake Invoices



<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/25/business/facebook-google-wire-fraud.html>

The New York Times

Social Engineering

- Generalization of phishing
 - Emails
 - Phone calls
 - Act like you belong / physical intrusion

Turns Out Wearing a Hi-Vis Vest Gets You into Everything for Free



https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/mgv4gn/chalecos-reflectantes-entrar-gratis





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhE372sqURU>

Common targets of social engineering

- Banks
- Phone providers
- Corporations
- The elderly



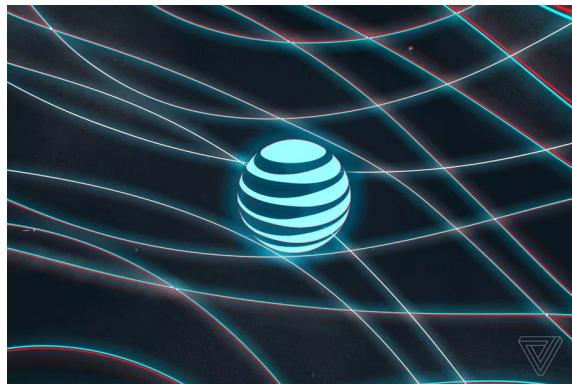
Social Engineering enables SIM Hijacking

SIM Hijacking

1. Attacker collects enough information to convincingly pretend to be you.
2. Attacker calls phone company support and convinces them to port your phone number to a different SIM card that they control.
3. Attacker now controls SMS-based 2FA and account recovery.

Customer sues AT&T for negligence over SIM hijacking that led to millions in lost cryptocurrency

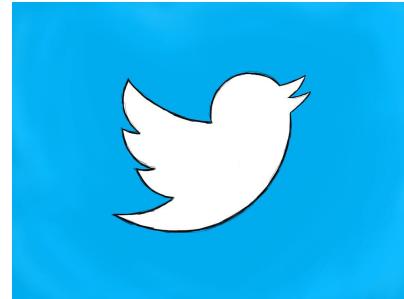
For allegedly causing him to be robbed of \$23.8 million worth in cryptocurrency



<https://www.theverge.com/2018/8/15/17695132/att-sued-over-lost-cryptocurrency-sim-swap-theft>

THE VERGE

Hackers Hit Twitter C.E.O. Jack Dorsey in a ‘SIM Swap.’ You’re at Risk, Too.



<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/05/technology/sim-swap-jack-dorsey-hack.html>

The New York Times



SIM Hijacking is why SMS 2FA is insecure



If a site only provides SMS 2FA, then register a Google Voice number and use it only for SMS 2FA

Web Security

End-to-end encryption (E2EE)

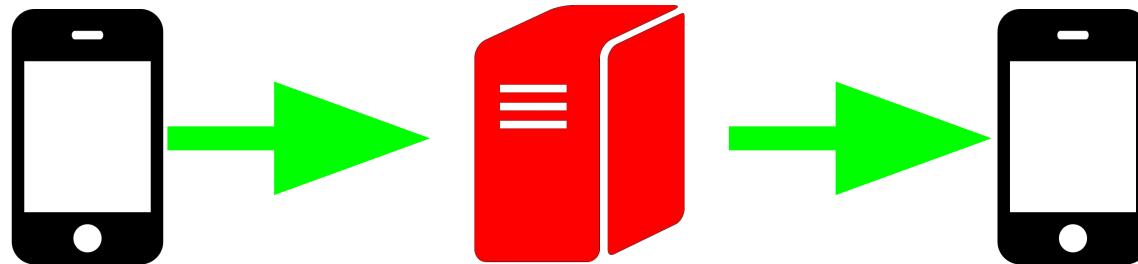
- Data is encrypted by the sender and decrypted by the receiver



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Typical TLS / HTTPS encryption

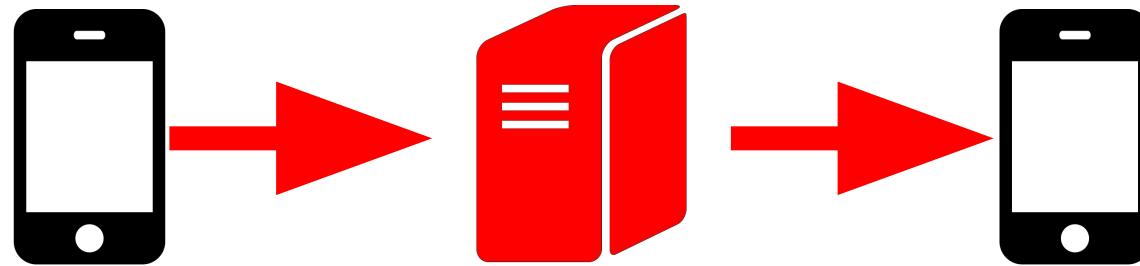
- Data is also decrypted / re-encrypted by the server



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No encryption (HTTP)

- Nothing is encrypted, ISP / router sees all traffic



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Web browser extensions

- Typically have privileged access to browser
- Can read and rewrite page content
- Limit the number of extensions installed

Why you should be careful with browser extensions



<https://www.kaspersky.com/blog/browser-extensions-security/20886/>

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Why you should be careful with browser extensions



Sometimes, developers are approached by companies that offer to buy their extensions for a rather tidy sum. Extensions are usually hard to monetize, which is why developers are frequently eager to agree to such deals. After the company purchases the extension, it can update it with malicious features, and that update will be pushed to users. For example, that's exactly what [happened to Particle](#), a popular Chrome extension for customizing YouTube that was abandoned by its developers. A company bought it and immediately turned it into adware.

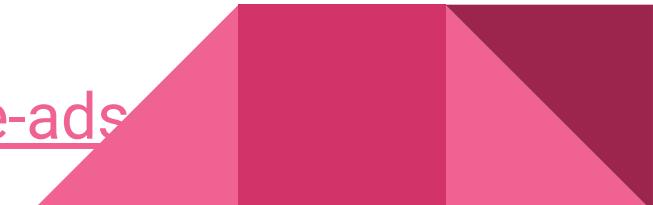


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Ad blockers

- Ads are typically not malicious, but they do pose a threat to privacy on the web
- If you're concerned about the impact on revenue for creators / companies, you can whitelist certain websites
- Some ad blockers also have settings to allow “acceptable ads”
 - <https://adblockplus.org/acceptable-ads>



Browser fingerprinting

- Web Browsers reveal a lot of information about the underlying system through User-Agent, extensions, plugins, system fonts, etc.
- This is often enough to uniquely identify users even without client-side cookies

PANOPTICCLICK

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Is your browser safe against tracking?

When you visit a website, online trackers and the site itself may be able to identify you – even if you've installed software to protect yourself. It's possible to configure your browser to thwart tracking, but many people don't know how.

Panopticlick will analyze how well your browser and add-ons protect you against online tracking techniques. We'll also see if your system is uniquely configured—and thus identifiable—even if you are using privacy-protective software. However, we only do so with your explicit consent, through the TEST ME button below.

TEST ME

Test with a real tracking company [what's this?](#)

Only **anonymous data** will be collected through this site.

<https://panopticclick.eff.org/>



Email Security

Email (in)security

“Talk about email and attachments. This part is almost like sex education: you preach abstinence, but you know the moment you leave the room, they'll be double-clicking on whatever Excel spreadsheet...

“Try to push the campaign towards shared Google Docs and Signal instead of email.”

https://idlewords.com/2019/05/what_i_learned_trying_to_secure_congressional_campaigns.htm

Email (in)security

Do not trust attachments in email.



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Do not trust attachments in email.

Do not trust python script your friend emailed you.

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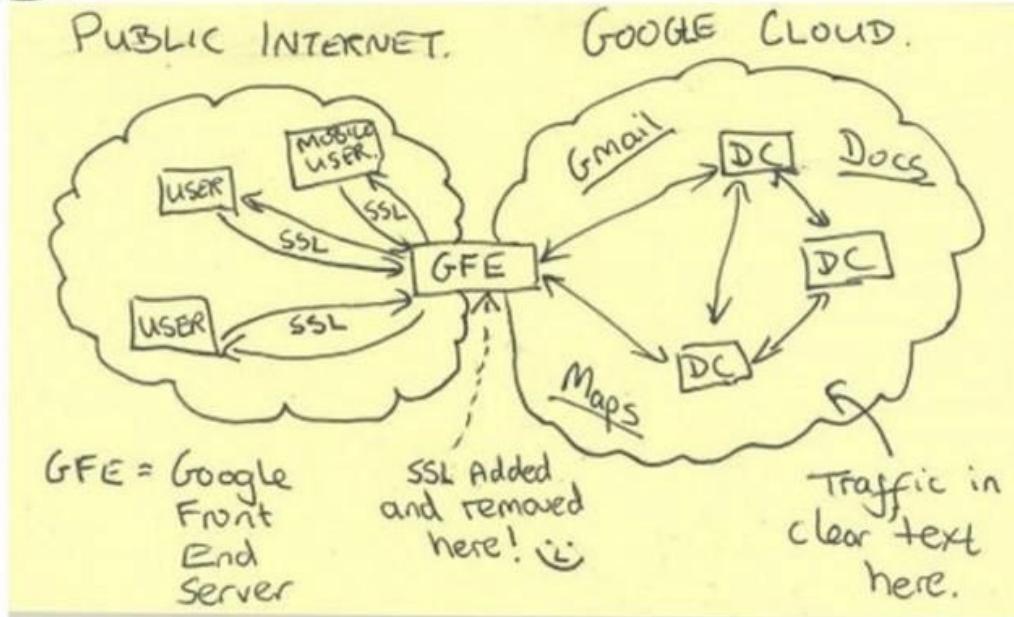
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NSA “Muscular”

An NSA presentation slide, titled "Google Cloud Exploitation," shows a hand-drawn note intersecting the two noting that encryption is "added and removed here."



Current Efforts - Google

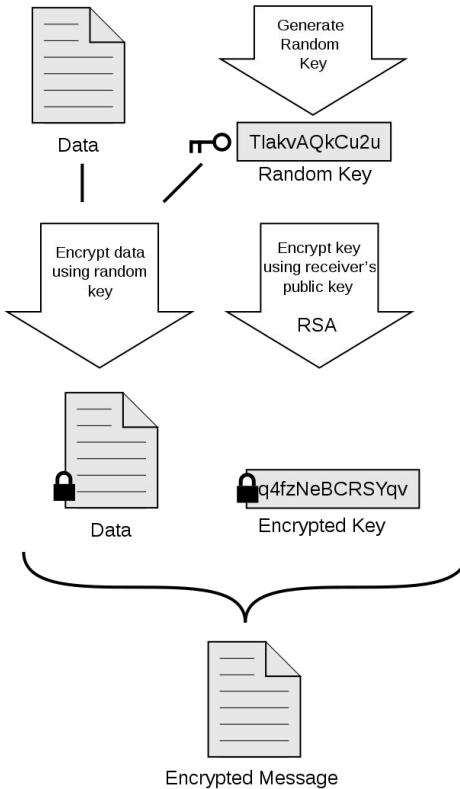


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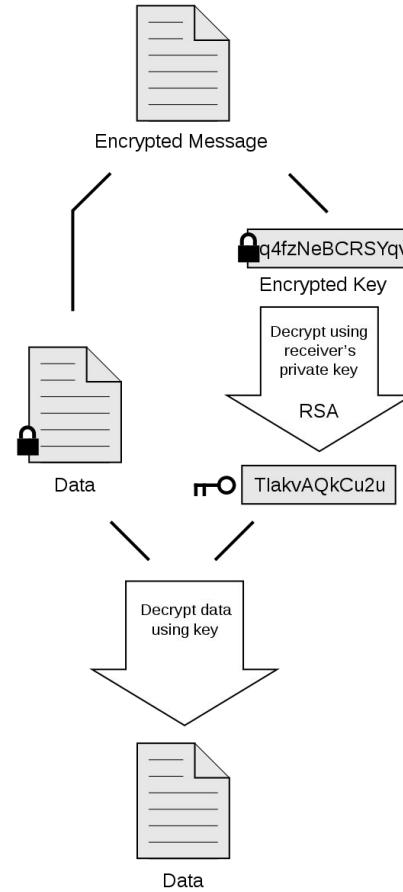


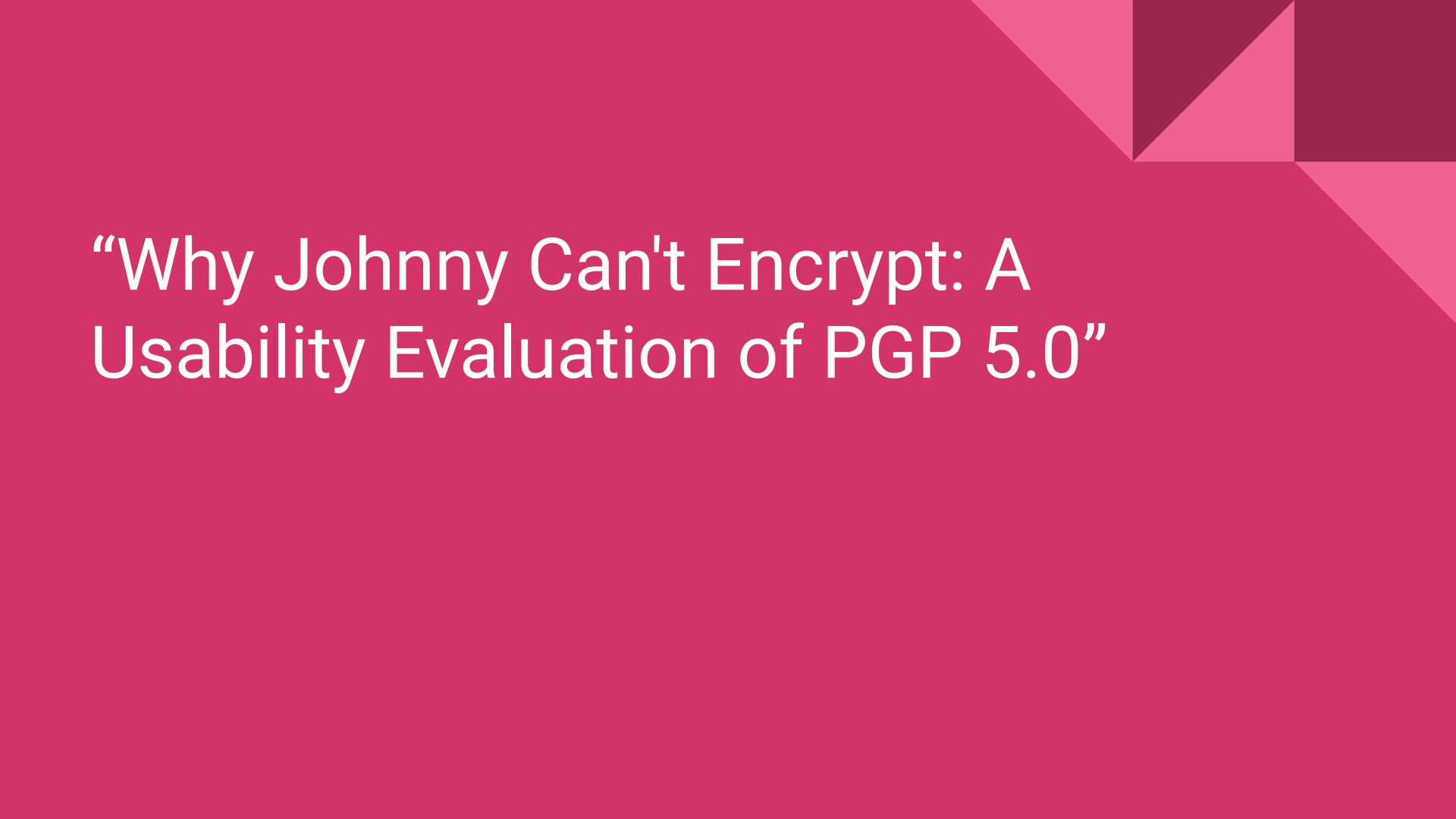
OpenPGP

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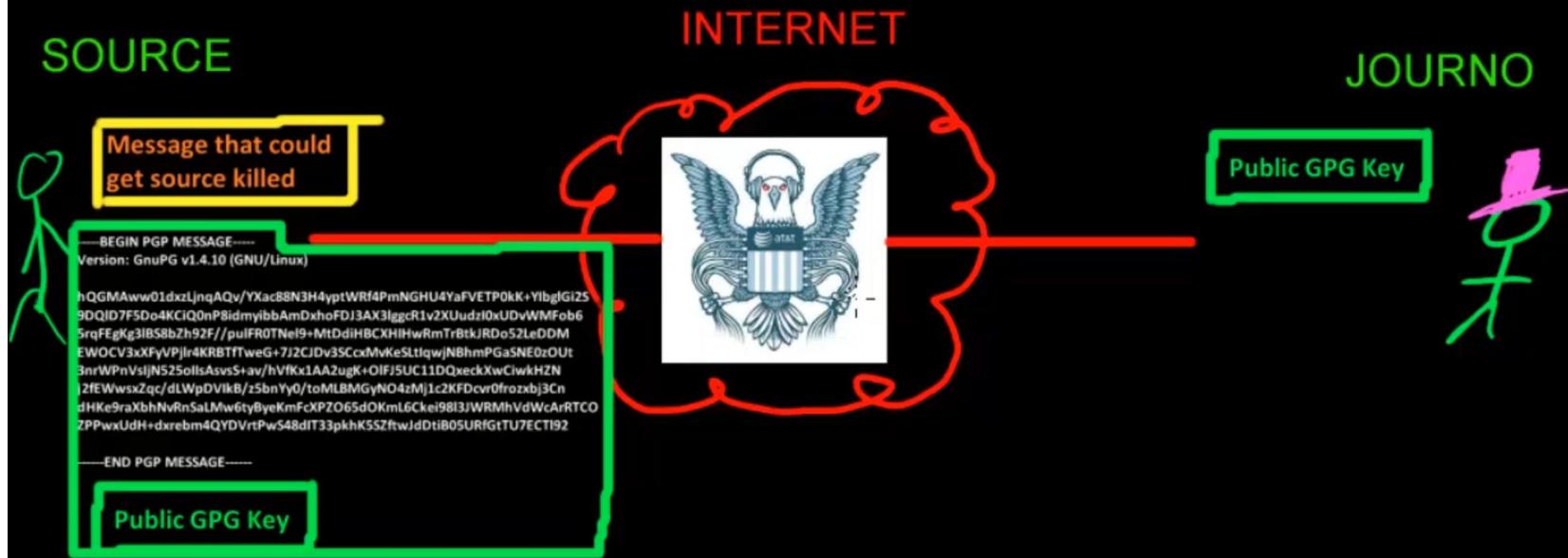


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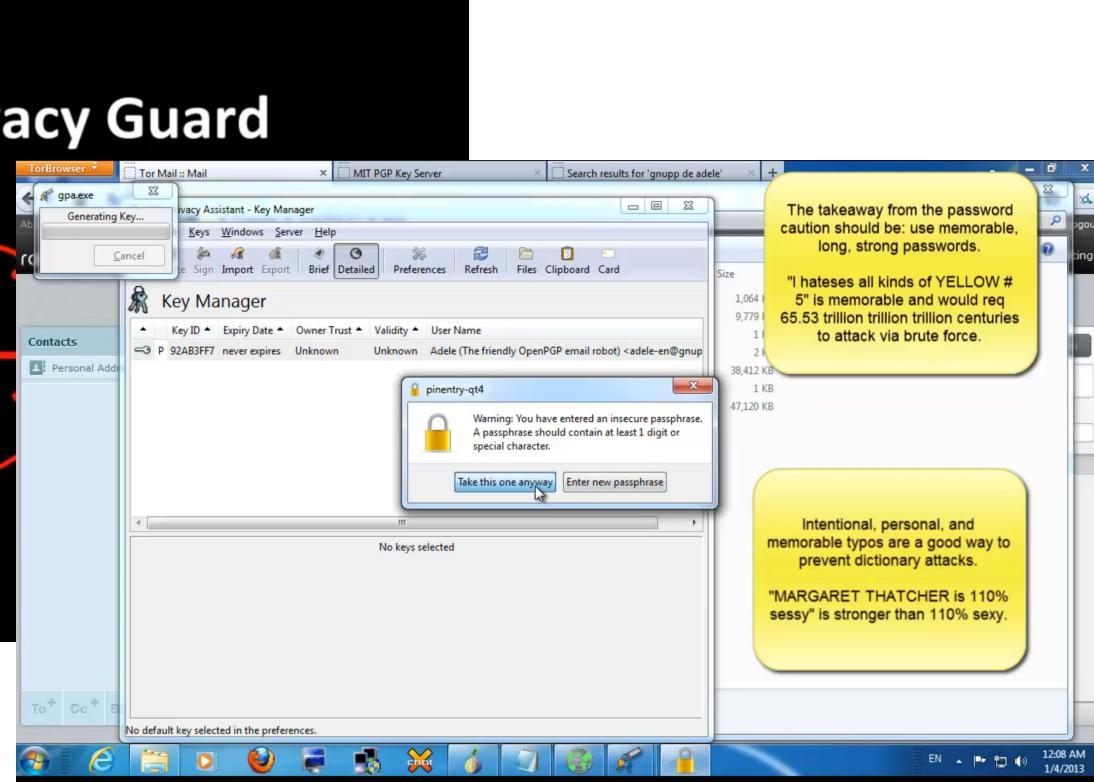
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Message that could
get source killed

The screenshot shows the GNU Privacy Assistant - Key Manager window. It displays two OpenPGP keys:

Key ID	Expiry Date	Owner Trust	Validity	User Name
P 92AB3FF	never expires	Unknown	Unknown	Adele (The friendly OpenPGP email robot) <adele-en@gnupg.org>
P 7A675AEC	never expires	Ultimate	Fully Valid	JournoTest (This is only a test. do not use.) <anon108@tormail.org>

A small window titled "Clipboard" is overlaid, showing the message: "The key has been copied to the clipboard".

At the bottom, it says: "Selected default key: 7A675AEC JournoTest (This is only a test. do not use.) <anon108@tormail.org>"

The screenshot shows a Windows desktop environment with several windows open:

- A "Generating Key..." dialog box from gpg.exe.
- The "Key Manager" window from the GNU Privacy Assistant, showing the same two keys as the previous screenshot.
- A "File Explorer" window showing a folder structure with file sizes and names like "Settings", "1 KB", "2 KB", "38,412 KB", and "47,120 KB".
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Snowden teach
Glenn PGP

Virtual Private Network Private Browsing

VPN

“VPNs mask your internet protocol (IP) address so your online actions are virtually untraceable. Most important, VPN services establish secure and encrypted connections to provide greater privacy than even a secured Wi-Fi hotspot.”

<https://us.norton.com/internetsecurity-privacy-what-is-a-vpn.html>

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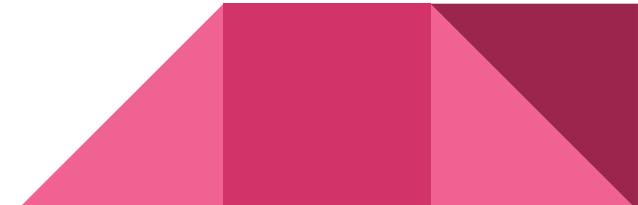
You're in a Private Window

Firefox clears your search and browsing history when you quit the app or close all Private Browsing tabs and windows. While this doesn't make you anonymous to websites or your internet service provider, it makes it easier to keep what you do online private from anyone else who uses this computer.

[Common myths about private browsing](#)

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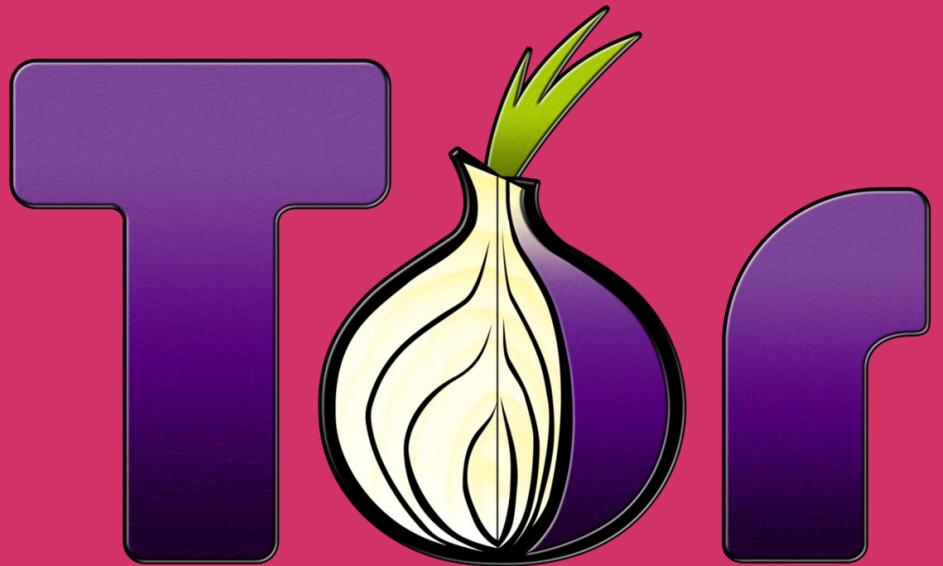


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Browser fingerprints!





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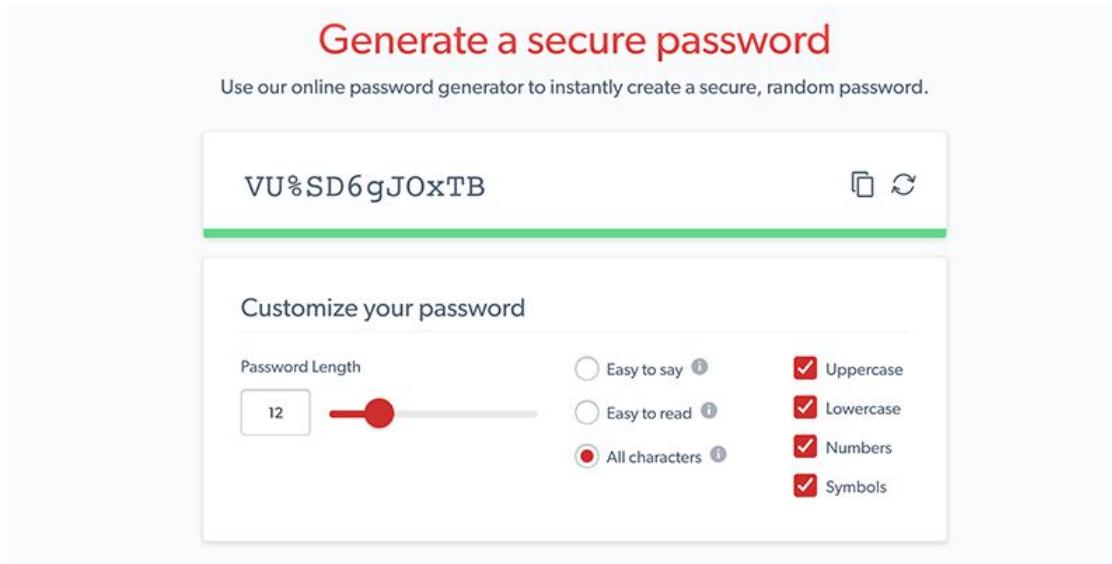


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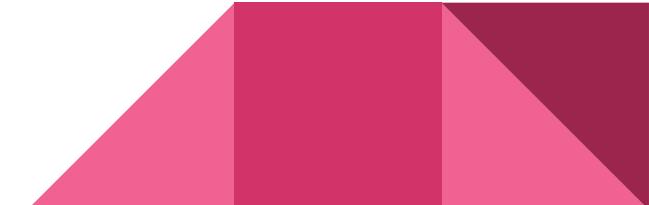
LastPass for Password Manager

LastPass... |

3class12 or 2word16 for master password,
randomly-generated unique passwords for
everything stored in vault



Duo for TOTP 2FA



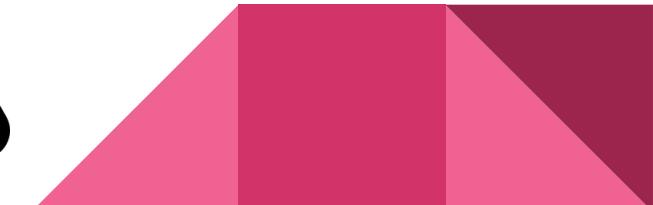
iMessage or WhatsApp for secure chat



uBlock Origin (no ads) or Adblock Plus
(acceptable ads) for Ad blocker



Whatever you do, make sure that you have a path to recover access your accounts without access to your phone / computer



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