

Leveraging Cross-Website Coordination to Mitigate Credential Stuffing

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Password Reuse :: Definition



same user,
same or similar password,
multiple websites.

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Leaked Passwords

Announced data breaches in the **past year**:

GAMES WARNING: MASSIVE data breach leaks passwords for PS4, Xbox

On and Nintendo...
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Security
620 million accounts stolen from 16 hacked websites now for sale on dark web, seller boasts

Photography site 500px resets 14.8 million passwords after data breach

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Coinmama suffers a data breach of 450,000 emails and hashed passwords

Coinmama, a crypto broker that specializes in letting users buy cryptocurrencies with credit cards, announced Friday that it suffered a data breach of 450,000 emails and hashed passwords. The breach, which occurred in late 2018, involved a much larger number of users than previously reported, Coinmama said.

The 773 Million Record "Collection #1" Data Breach

Twitter Facebook Google+ LinkedIn YouTube Email

Houzz discloses data breach, asks some users to reset passwords

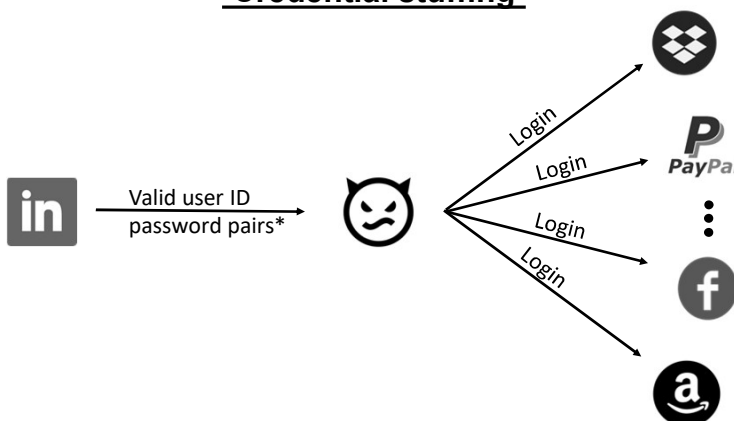
Citing an ongoing investigation, the company wouldn't say how or when the incident occurred

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Password Reuse :: Threats

"Credential stuffing"



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The reuse of passwords is the No. 1 cause of harm on the internet.

--- Alex Stamos (former CSO, Facebook)

99% of compromised user accounts come from password reuse.

--- Patrick Heim (Head of Trust & Security, Dropbox)

Credential stuffing is enormously effective due to the password reuse problem.

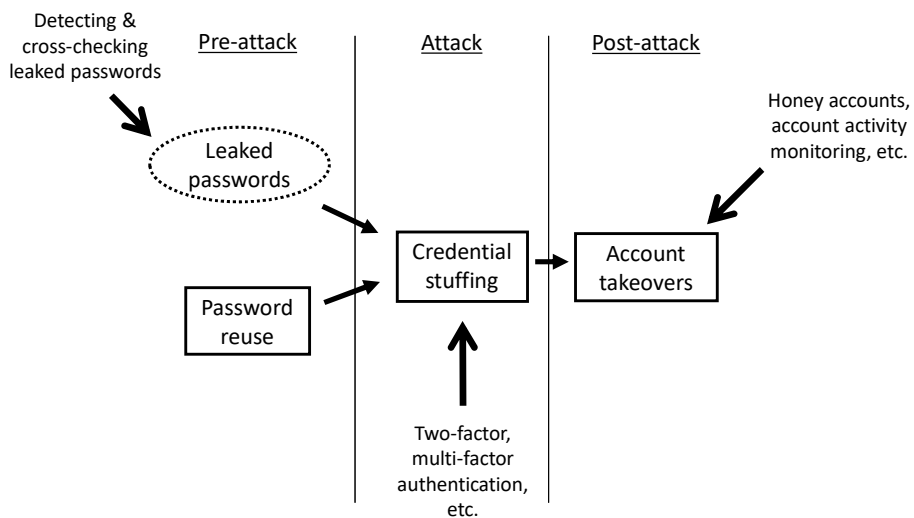
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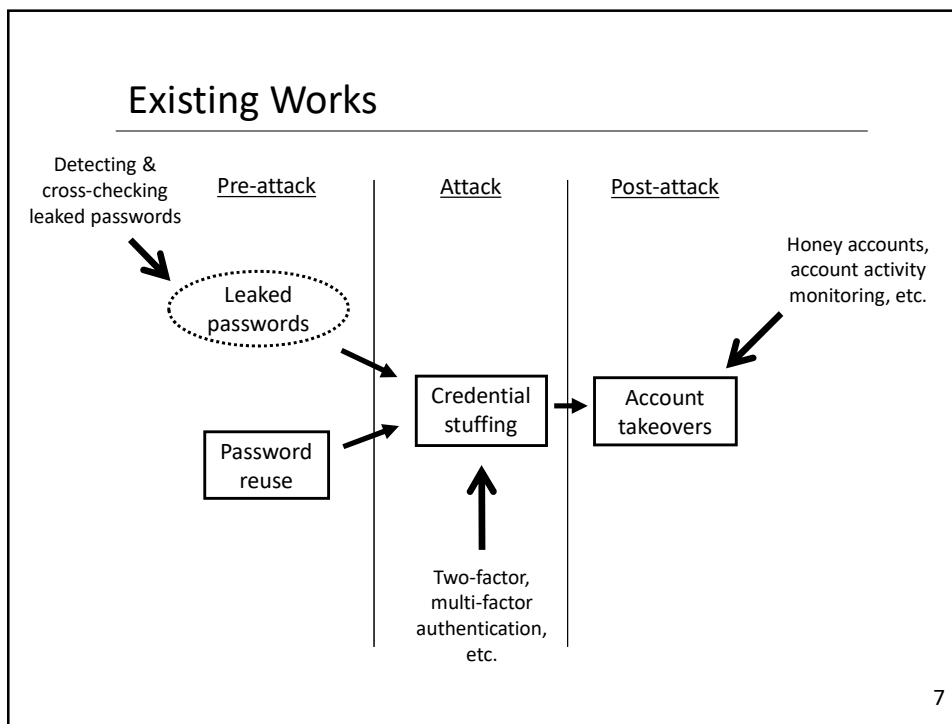
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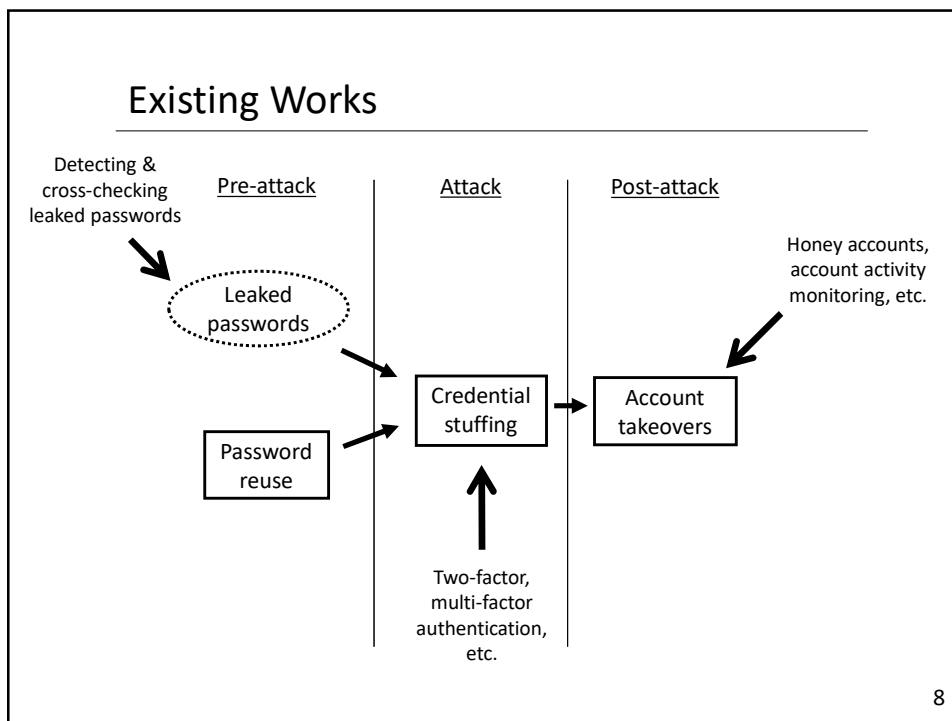


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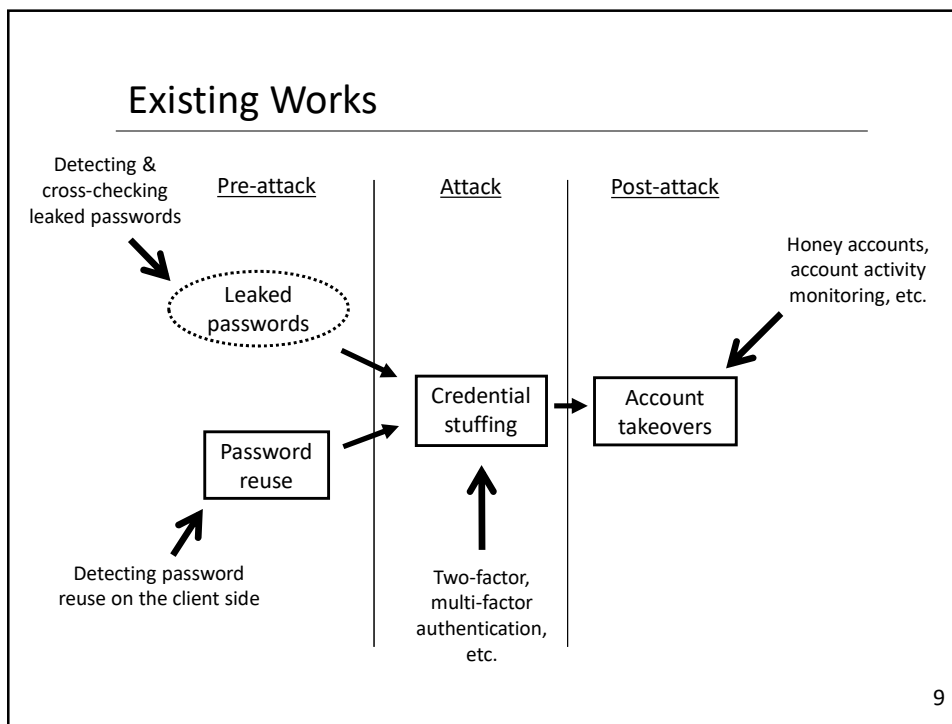
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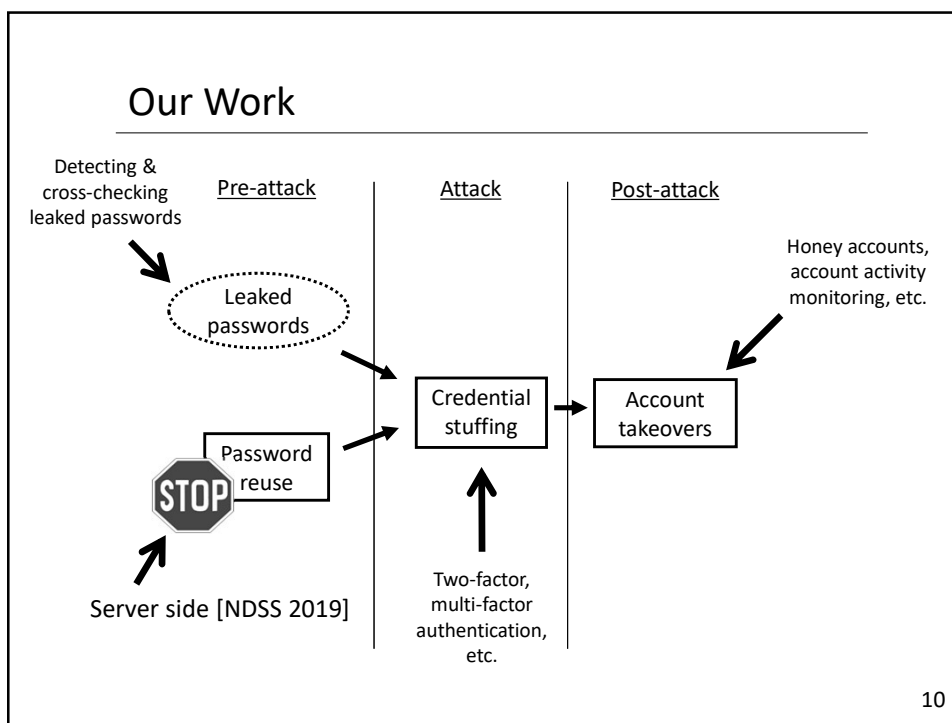
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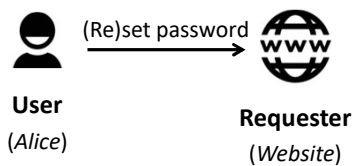
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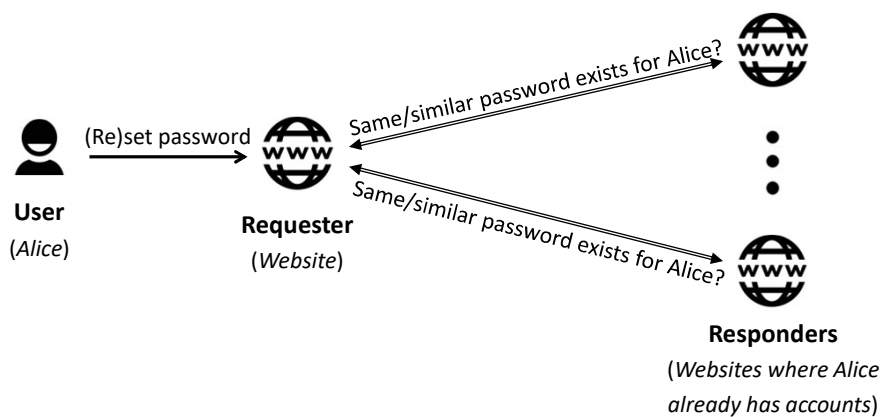
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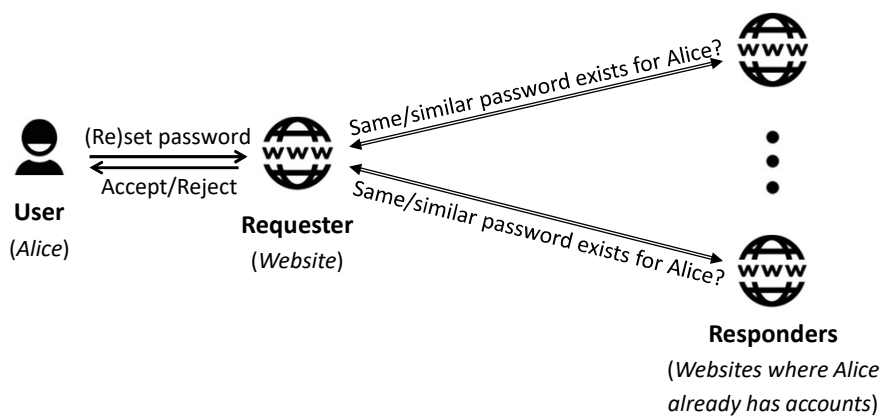
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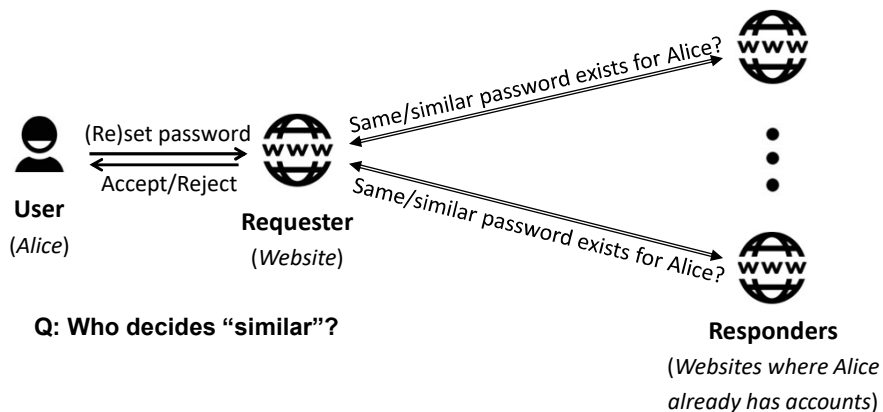
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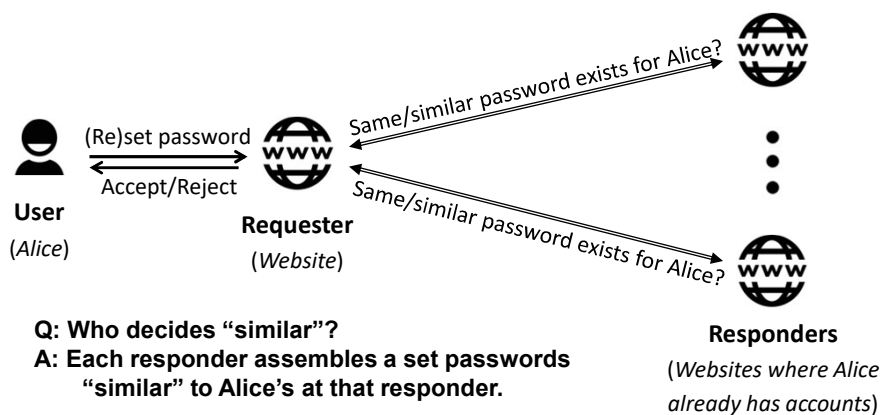
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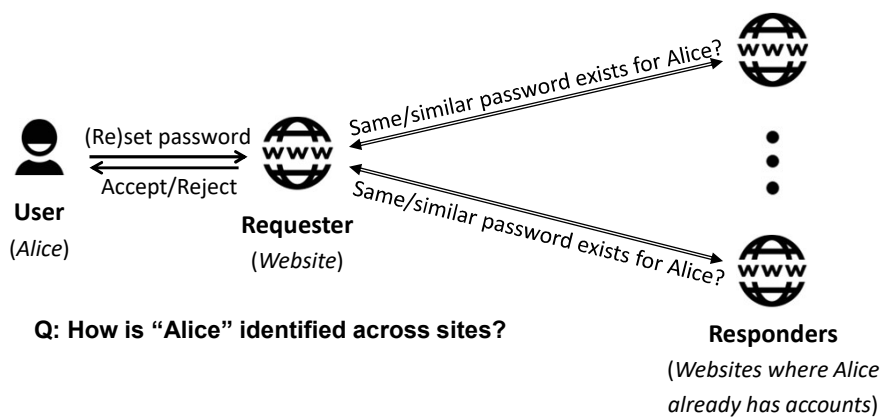
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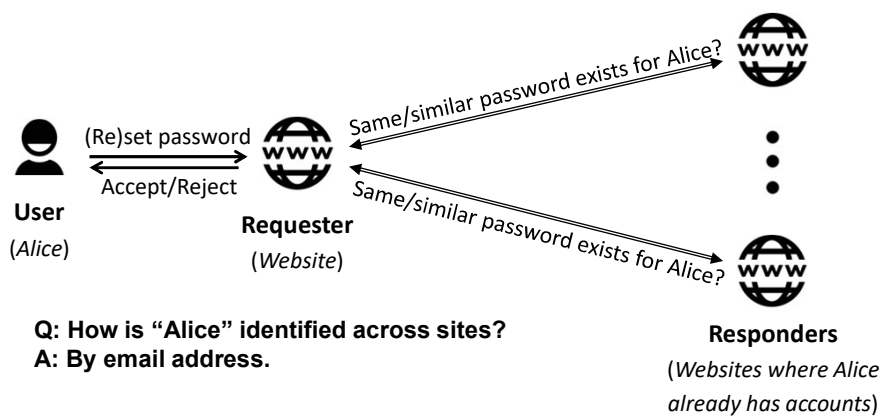
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Interfering with Password Reuse ::

Goals :: Deployment

- We don't require a universal adoption of our framework
- A simple estimate suggests that if these 20 websites adopted our framework, then each Internet user would have ~4-5 different and dissimilar passwords

"If multiple passwords cannot be avoided, four or five is the maximum for unrelated, regularly used passwords that users can be expected to cope with" [1]

Website	Users (M)	Websites	Users (M)
Facebook	2167	Taobao	580
YouTube	1500	Outlook	400
WhatsApp	1300	Sina Weibo	376
Yahoo!	1000	Twitter	330
Gmail	1000	Amazon	310
WeChat	980	Baidu Tieba	300
QQ	843	LinkedIn	260
Instagram	800	Snapchat	255
Tumblr	794	Reddit	250
iCloud	782	Pinterest	200

Table: Top 20 websites ranked by number of active users. In addition, there are **3.58 billion** active Internet users worldwide.

[1] Adams and M. A. Sasse, "Users are not the enemy," Communications of the ACM, vol. 42, pp. 40–46, Dec. 1999

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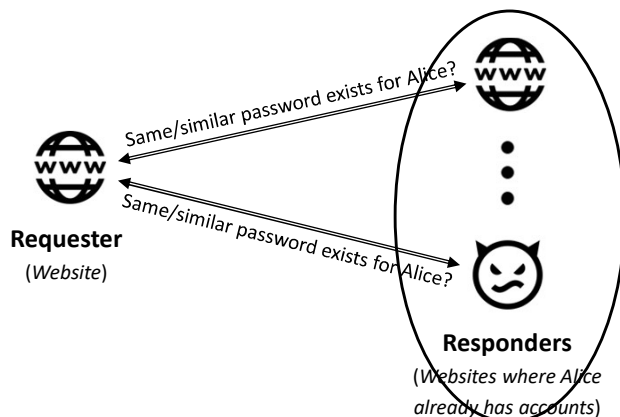
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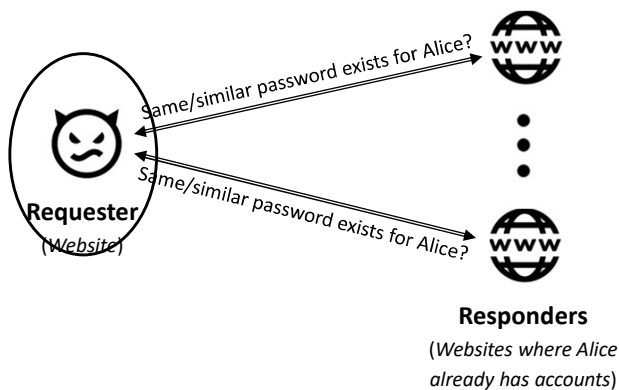
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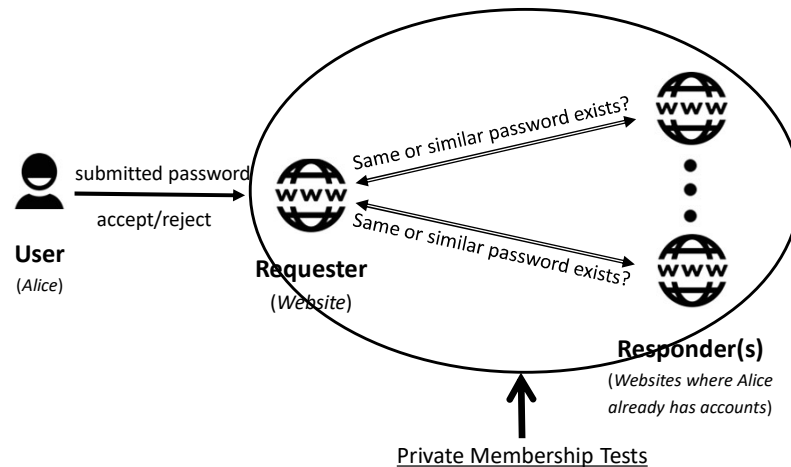
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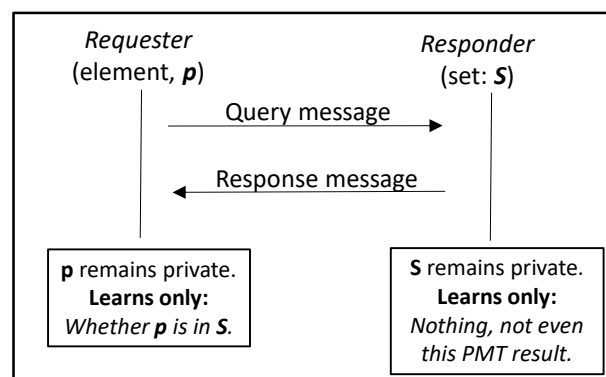
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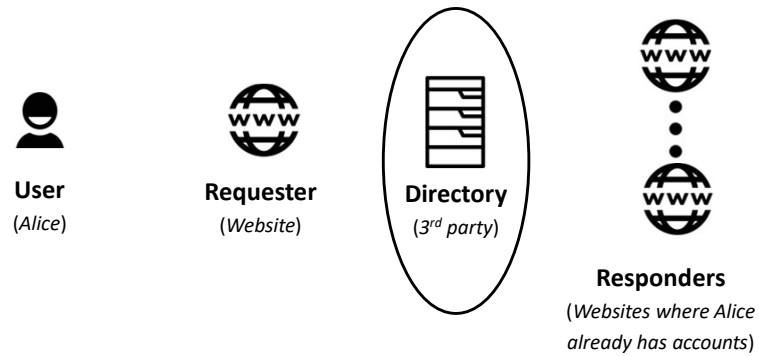
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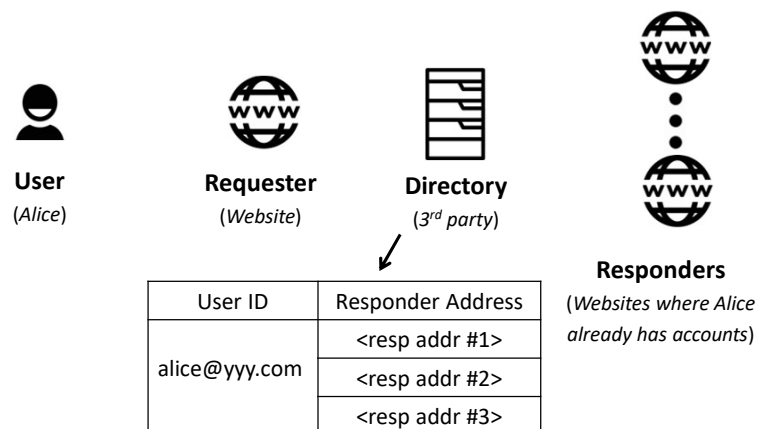
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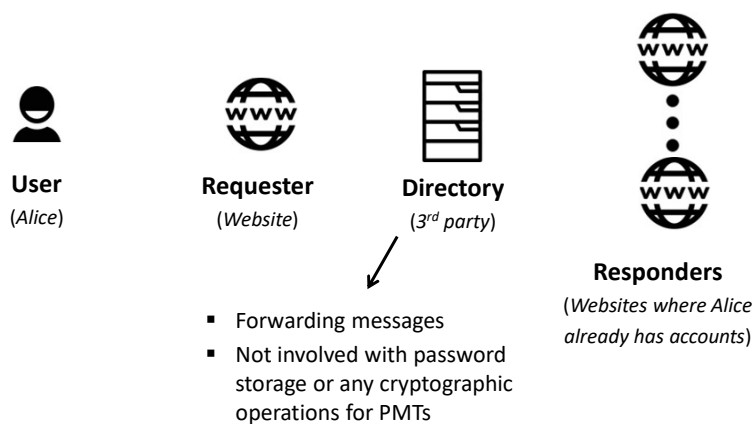


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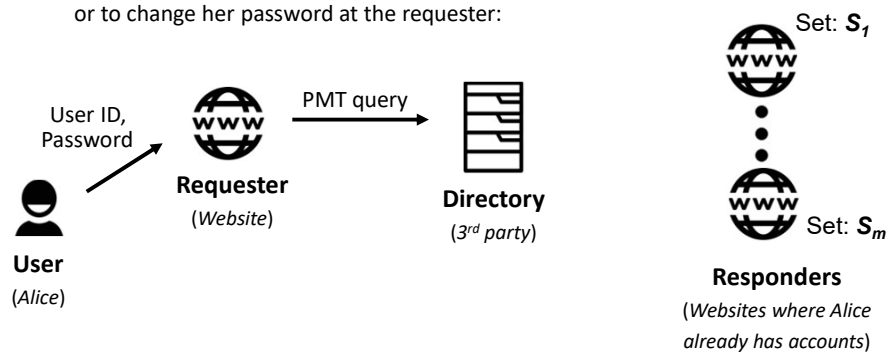
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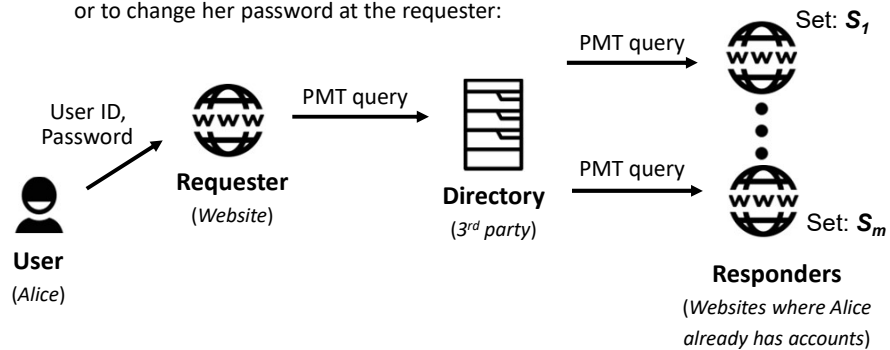
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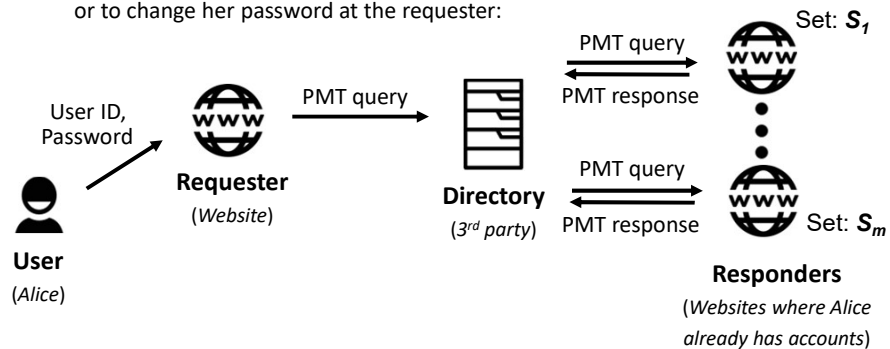
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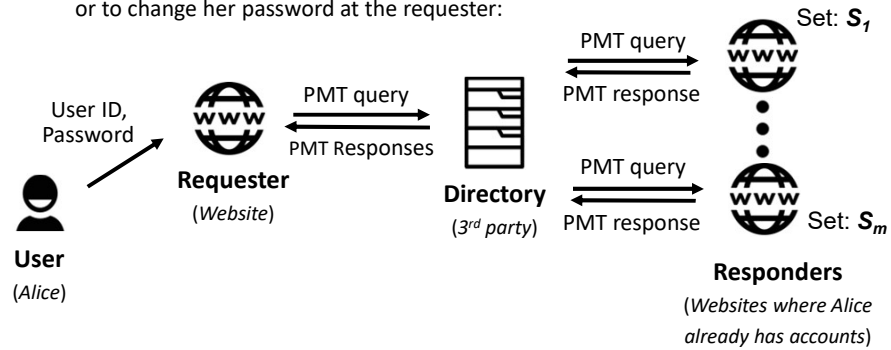
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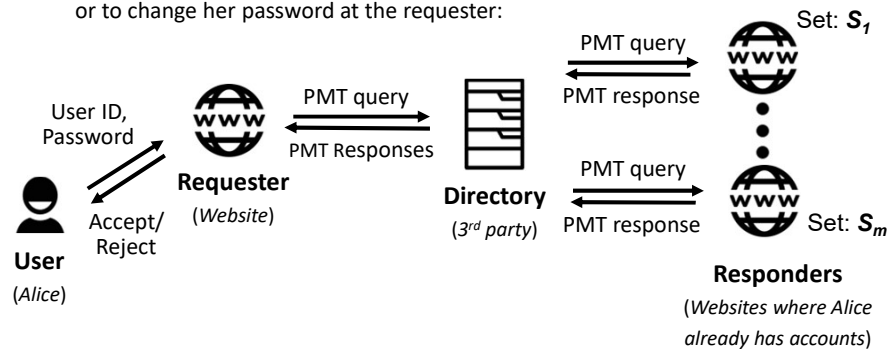
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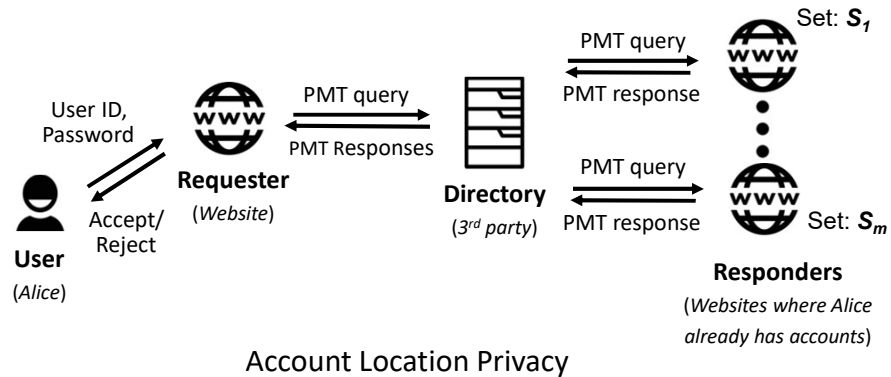
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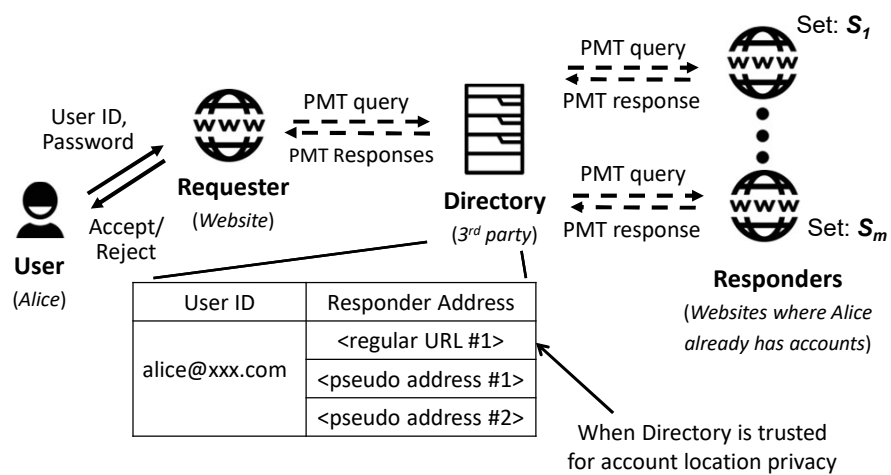
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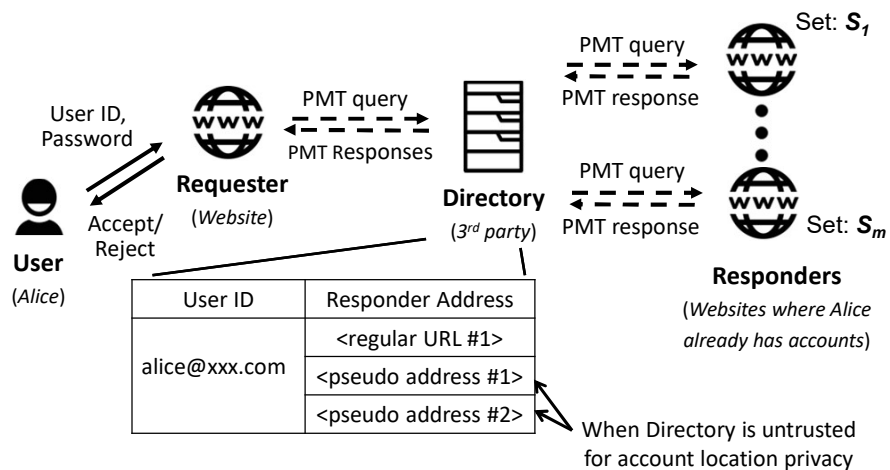
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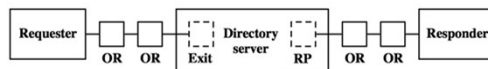
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Tor (The Onion Router) network enables anonymous communication, which can hide the identities of the **requester** and **responders** when the directory is **untrusted** for **account location privacy**.



A private Tor network for our prototype system, across 8 different datacenters in Europe and North America.

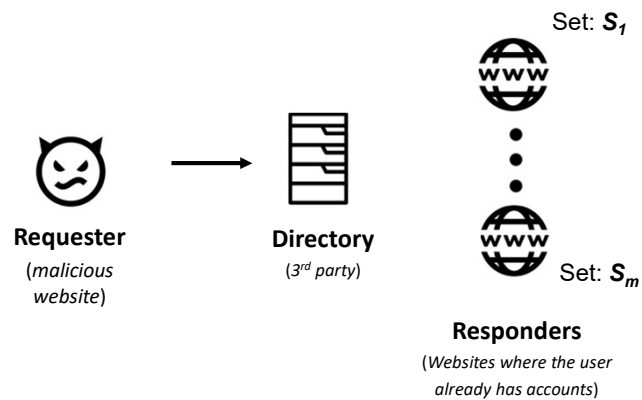
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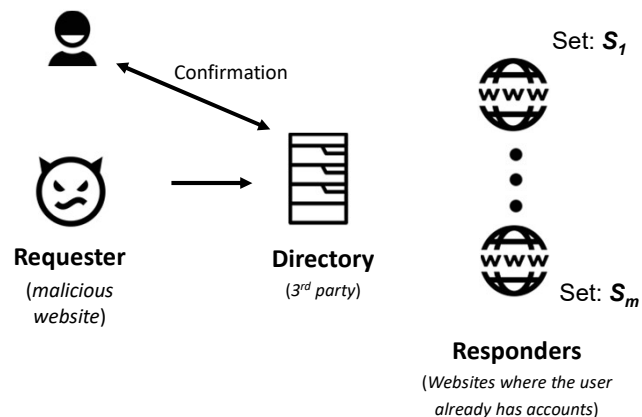
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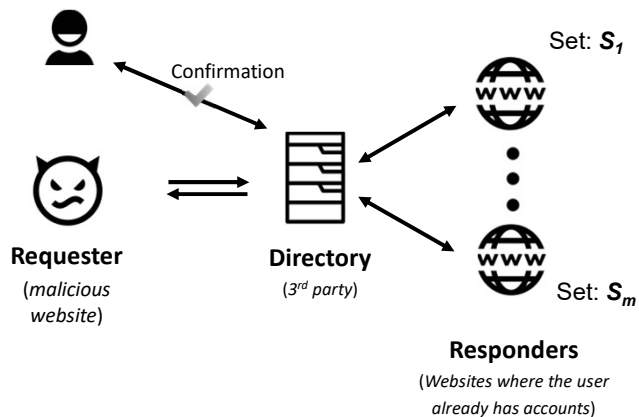
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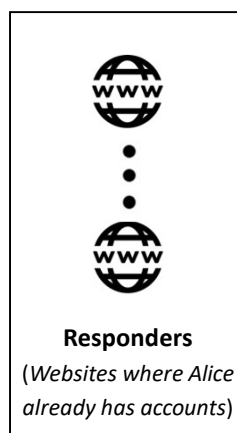


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Adversary
(Markov Decision Process)



Responders
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Prior knowledge about
Alice's passwords (the
"dictionary")



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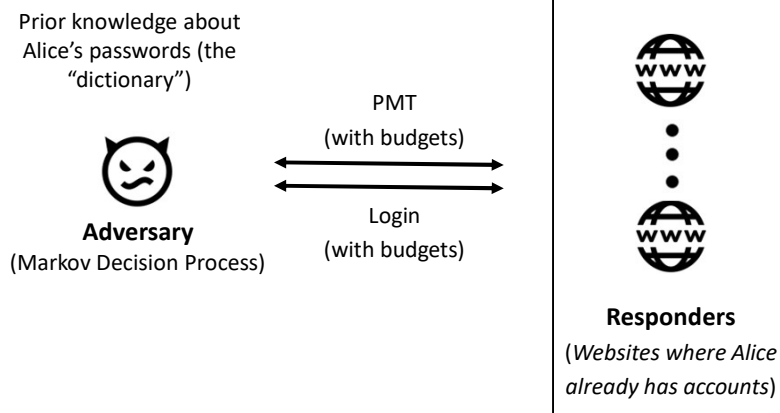


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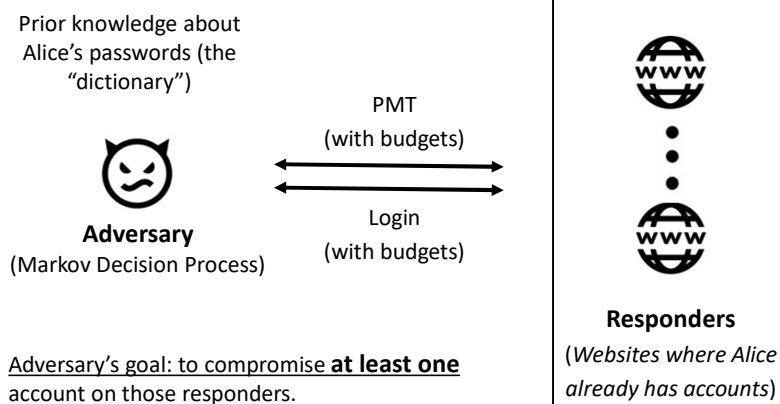
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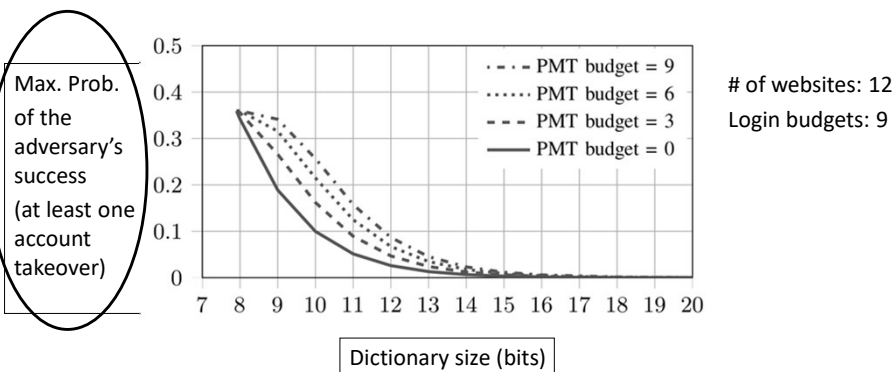
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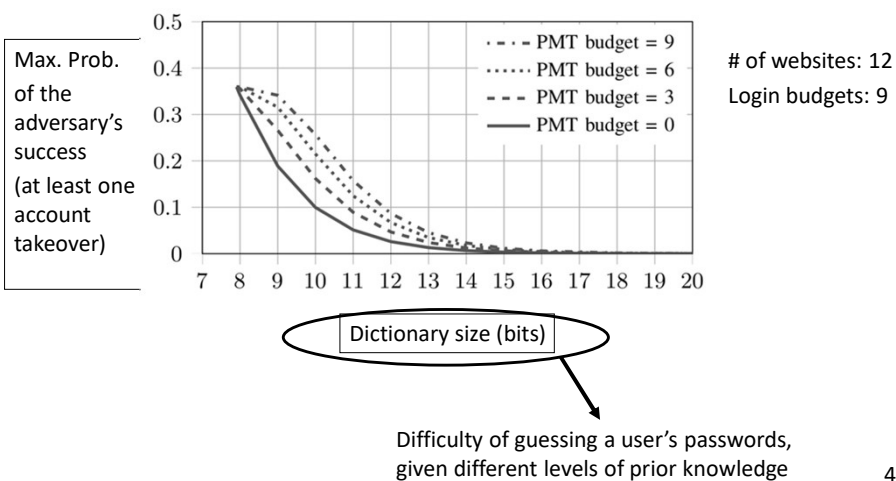
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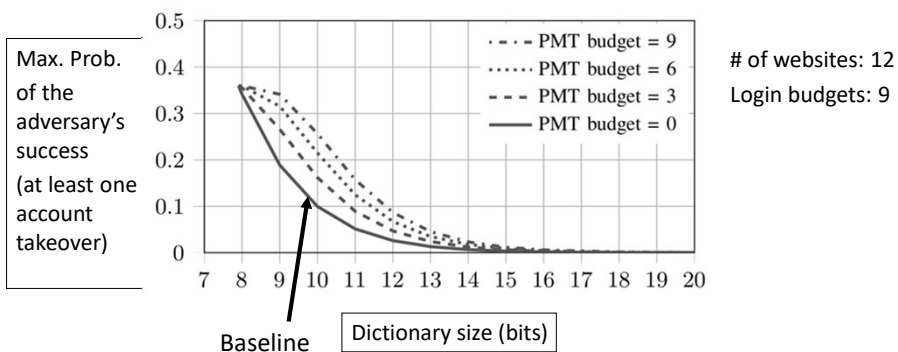
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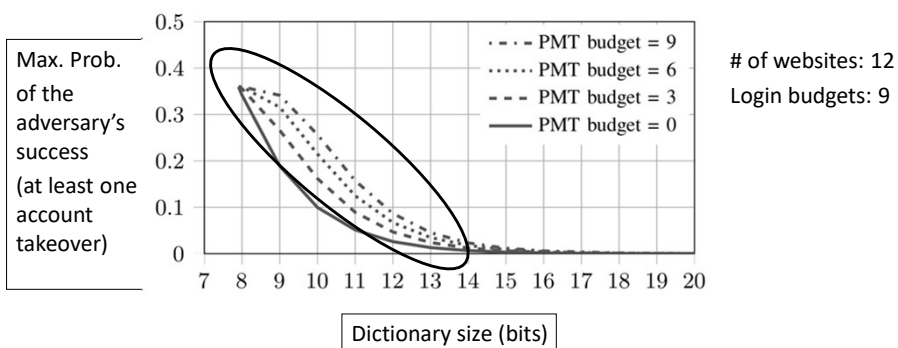
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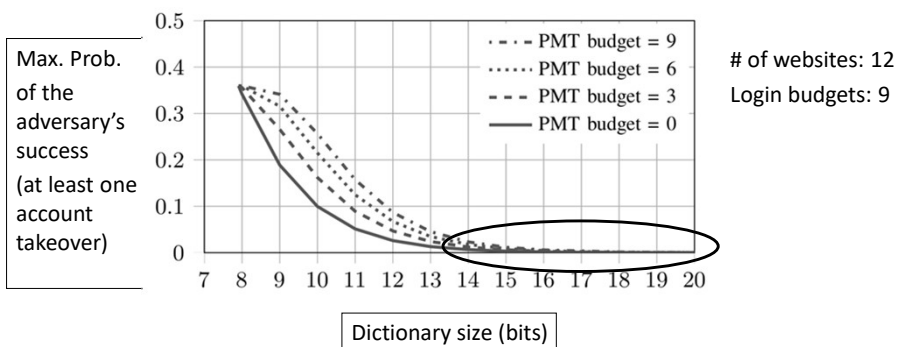
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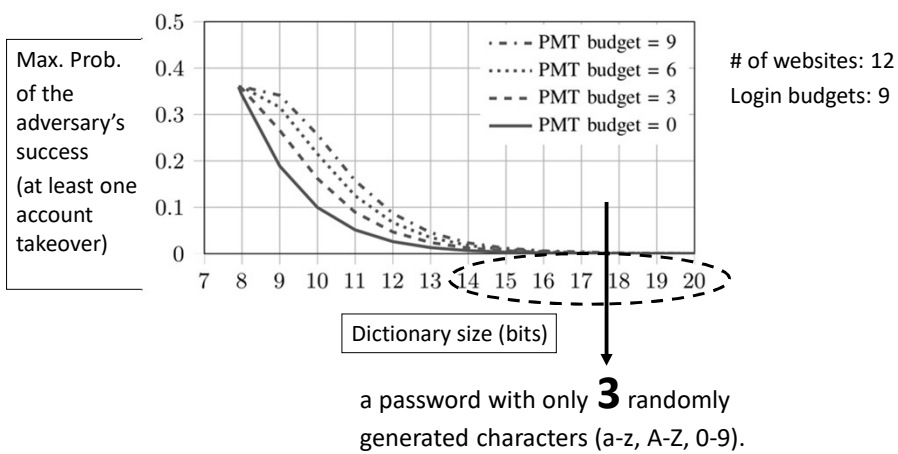
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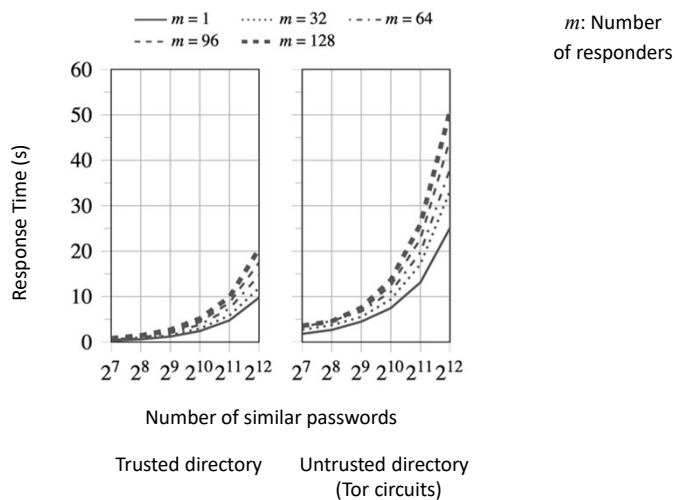
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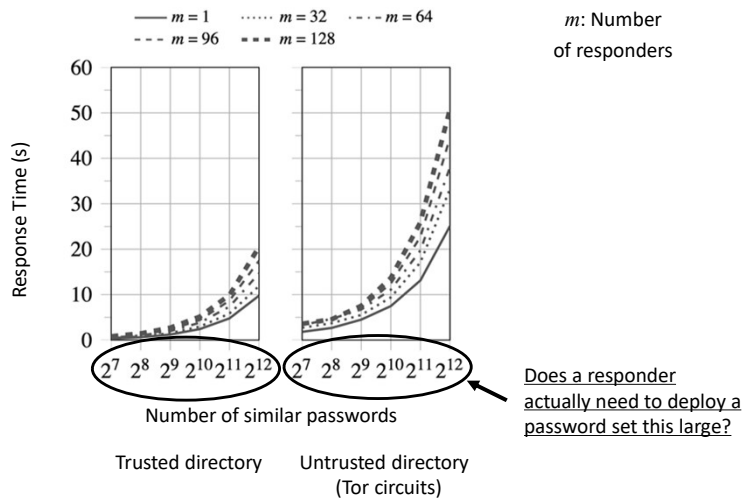
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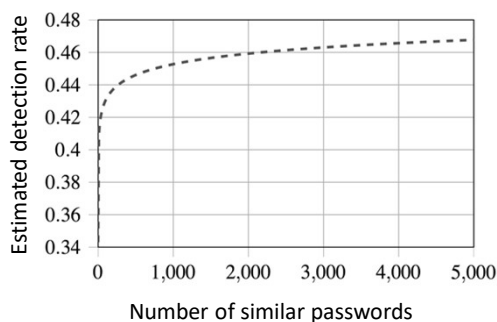


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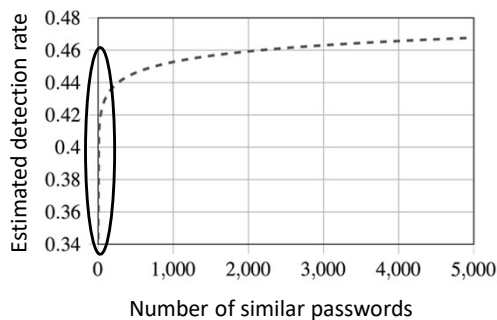
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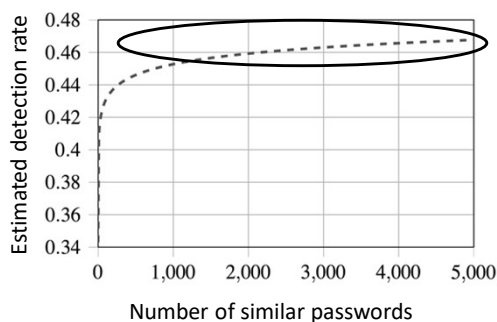
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n	1	1	2	2	5	9	13	16	20	23
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Trusted directory
 (Qualifying response: ≤ 5 s)

n	m				
	1	6	11	16	21
1	95	61	42	33	27
10	87	59	40	31	25
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n	1	2	2	5	8	11	14	17	19	22
m	16	21	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
tdr	.999	≈1	≈1	≈1	≈1	≈1	≈1	≈1	≈1	≈1

Untrusted directory

t_{goal} : target response time;
 m : number of responders;
 n : number of similar passwords;
 tdr : overall true detection rate.

Max qualifying responses per sec.

n	1	6	11	16	21	26
1	4304	1013	492	325	237	174
10	2415	549	277	188	155	122
20	1478	336	182	129	98	78
30	1076	243	124	86	63	53
40	788	187	94	67	49	40
50	683	159	76	52	39	33
60	611	132	63	43	32	25

Trusted directory
 (Qualifying response: $\leq 5s$)

n	1	6	11	16	21	26
1	95	61	42	33	27	22
10	87	59	40	31	25	20
20	78	54	37	28	23	19
30	71	51	35	27	20	16
40	62	44	32	24	18	14
50	53	39	26	20	15	11
60	42	31	20	16	10	10

Untrusted directory
 (Qualifying response: $\leq 8s$)

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Interfering with Password Reuse :: Detection Rate & Scalability

True detection rate maximization

Given a **target response time** constraint, how to choose **number of similar passwords (n)** and **number of participating responders (m)** to maximize **true detection rate**

	t_{goal} (s)									
	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09	.10
n	1	1	2	2	5	9	13	16	20	23
m	1	10	17	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
tdr	.343	.985	≈ 1	≈ 1	≈ 1	≈ 1	≈ 1	≈ 1	≈ 1	≈ 1

Trusted directory

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Untrusted directory
(Qualifying response: ≤ 8 s)

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Interfering with Password Reuse :: Detection Rate & Scalability

True detection rate maximization

Given a **target response time** constraint, how to choose **number of similar passwords (n)** and **number of participating responders (m)** to

A quick estimate:

A throughput of 50 qualifying responses per second is enough to enable each of the about 3×10^8 Internet users in the U.S. to setup or change passwords on more than 5 accounts per year.

tdr	.343	.985	≈ 1	≈ 1	≈ 1	≈ 1	≈ 1	≈ 1	≈ 1	≈ 1
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Trusted directory

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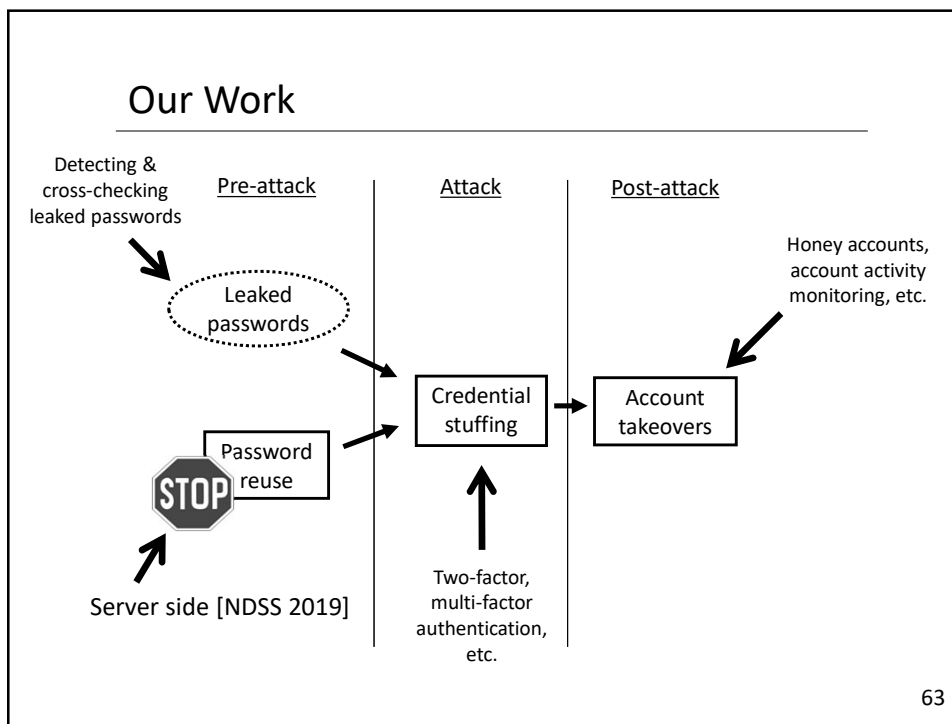
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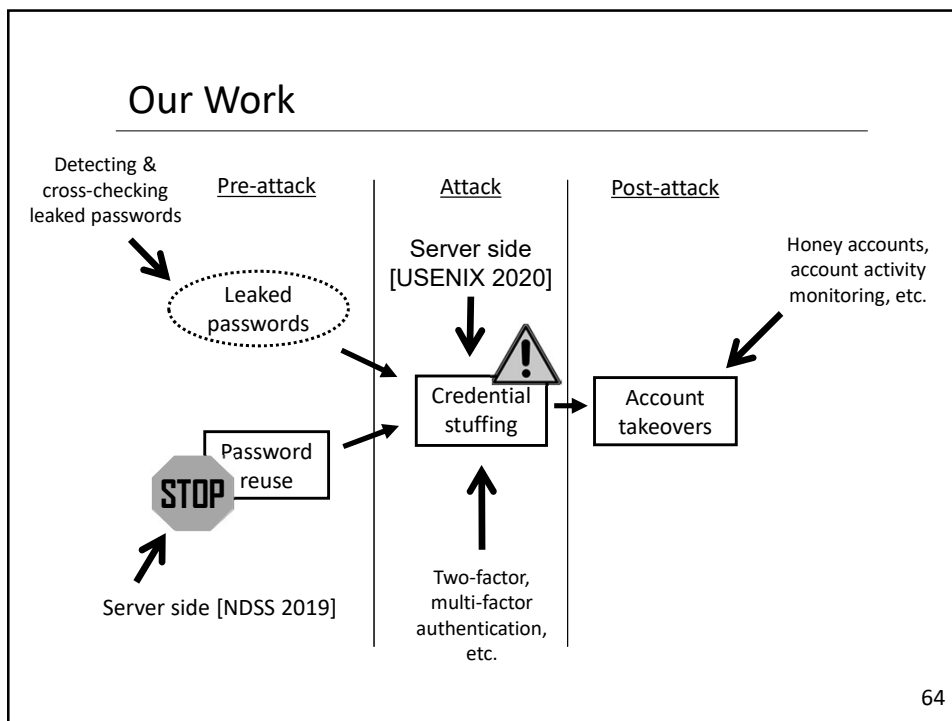
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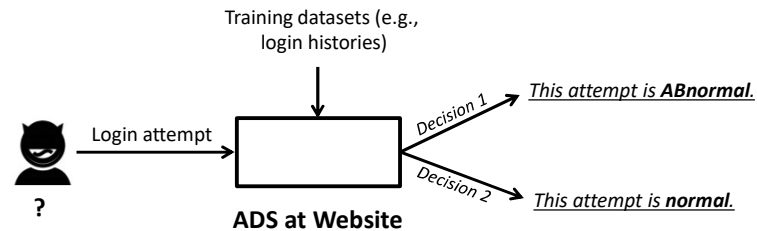


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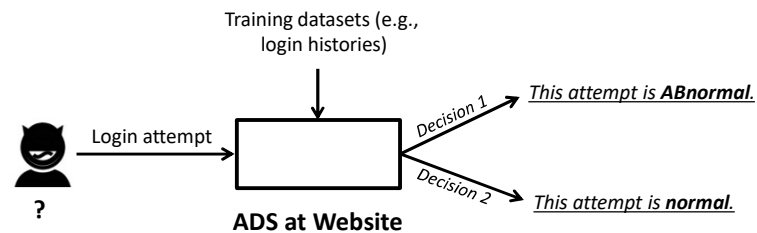
Detecting Credential Stuffing :: Anomaly Detection Systems (ADS)



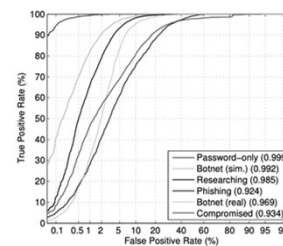
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Detecting Credential Stuffing :: Anomaly Detection Systems (ADS)



- Login features: IP addresses, useragent strings, device fingerprints, etc.
- Naïve ADS:
 - Strange IPs = "abnormal"
 - Strange devices = "abnormal"
- A proposed ADS*
 - Attacker capabilities
 - Classifier thresholds



* D. Freeman, S. Jain, M. Dürmuth, B. Biggio, and G. Giacinto. Who are you? A statistical approach to measuring user authenticity. In 23rd ISOC NDSS, February 2016.

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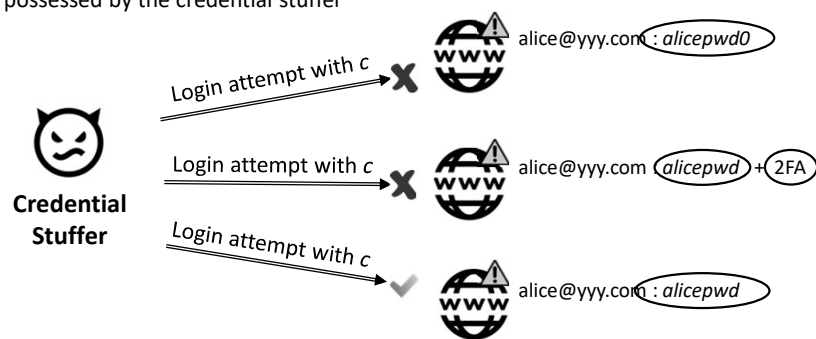
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Detecting Credential Stuffing ::

Evidence Trail from Credential Stuffing

$c = \text{"alice@yyy.com : alicepwd"}$,
a leaked username-password pair
possessed by the credential stuffer

Websites where Alice
has accounts



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The "trail" left by credential stuffing attacks are those passwords submitted in abnormal login attempts that fail:

- Without 2FA: the submitted password is incorrect; ADS reports "abnormal".
- With 2FA: the submitted password is correct; ADS report "abnormal"; and 2FA fails.



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alice@yyy.com : *alicepwd0*



alice@yyy.com : *alicepwd* + 2FA



alice@yyy.com : *alicepwd*

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Login attempt with c



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Suspicious: { *alicepwd* }



alice@yyy.com : *alicepwd*

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**Collecting
phase**

Websites where Alice
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**Credential
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Do you have "alicepwd"
as suspicious?

Login attempt with c



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**Counting
phase**



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Detecting Credential Stuffing :: Estimating False Detection Rate

Trying to recall **password-account mappings** by credential stuffing his/her own accounts with password candidates


**Forgetful User
(Mr. Hyde)**



Websites

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Detecting Credential Stuffing :: Estimating False Detection Rate

Trying to recall **password-account mappings** by credential stuffing his/her own accounts with password candidates


**Forgetful User
(Mr. Hyde)**

Try to log in with
password p, p', \dots

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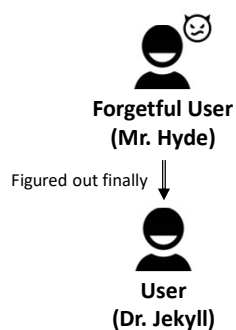
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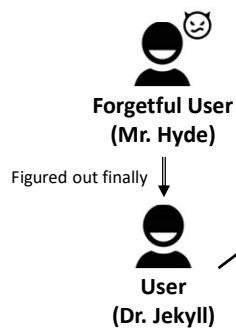


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Detecting Credential Stuffing :: Estimating False Detection Rate

Trying to recall **password-account mappings** by credential stuffing his/her own accounts with password candidates



Log in an account with
a correct password



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Detecting Credential Stuffing ::

Estimating False Detection Rate :: MDP

With knowledge of:

- All valid passwords of the user
- Password distribution (frequency)
- All sites where the user has accounts
- Credentials to pass any 2FA

Without knowledge of:

- Mapping between passwords and site(s) where they are correct



Websites

* MDP: Markov decision process

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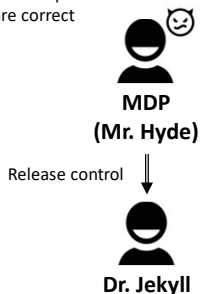
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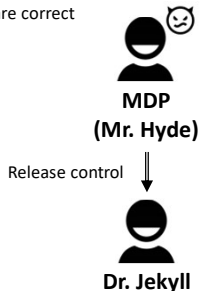
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Websites

Log in

Stuffing detected?

* MDP: Markov decision process

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Detecting Credential Stuffing ::

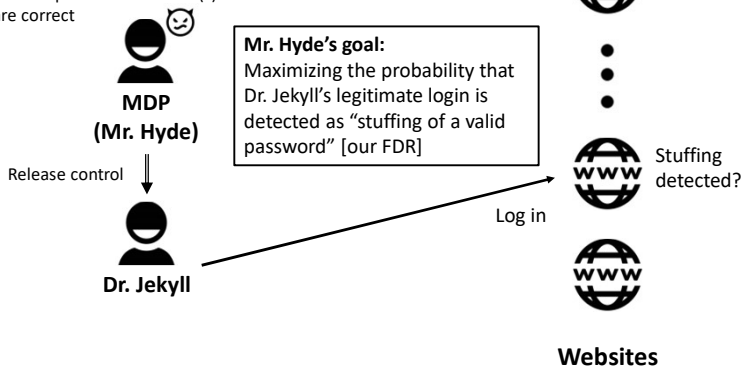
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MDP
(Credential Stuffer)

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Try to log in with the
leaked password



Try to log in with the
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Credential Stuffer's goal:

Minimize E(#) of sites that detect the attack while maximizing E(#) of sites that would have been compromised w/o our framework
[The ratio is our TDR]

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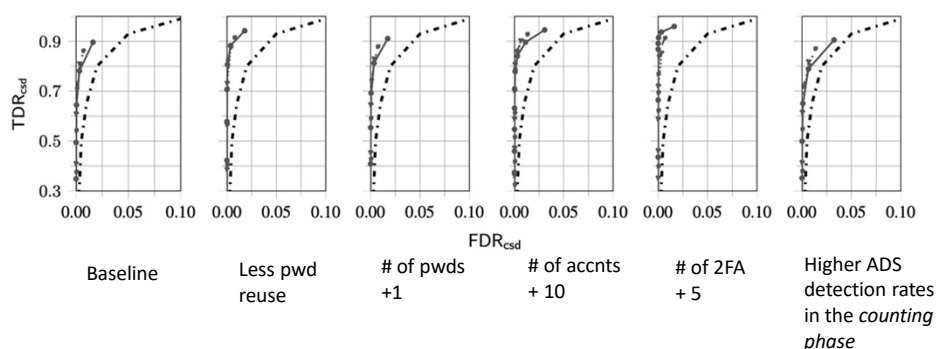
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Detecting Credential Stuffing :: Trading Off FDR & TDR

Researching attackers^[5]: valid passwords from same countries as legitimate users.

- **Default (baseline) setting:** some level of password reuse in a set of 4 distinct passwords across 10 accounts/sites with no 2FA deployed among them
- **Blue curves:** each for a different ADS threshold in *the collecting phase*
- **Black curves:** corresponding ADS's accuracy in detecting suspicious logins



[5] Freeman et al. (NDSS 2016)

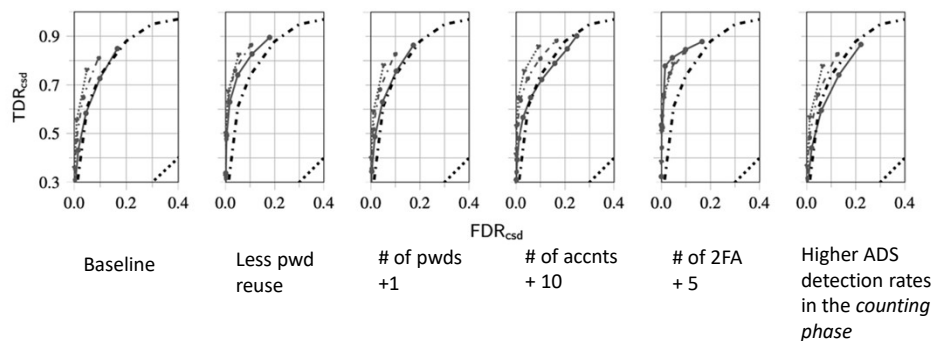
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- **Black, dotted lines:** random guessing



[5] Freeman et al. (NDSS 2016)

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Detecting Credential Stuffing ::

Goals :: Security and Privacy

- **Account location privacy:** Participating websites are not disclosed to one another

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Detecting Credential Stuffing ::

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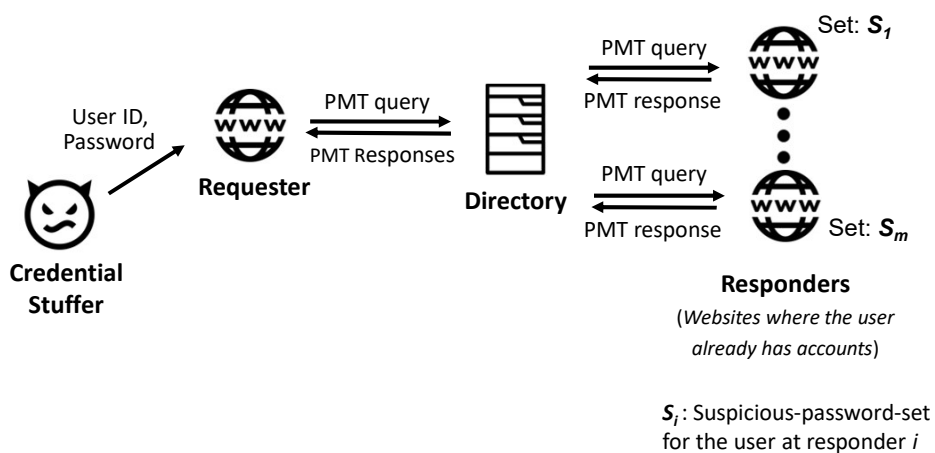
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- **Login privacy:** Hide *where the user is currently trying to log in* from other participating websites
- **Account security:** Detect credential stuffing while not qualitatively degrading account security in other ways

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Detecting Credential Stuffing ::

Framework :: Directory

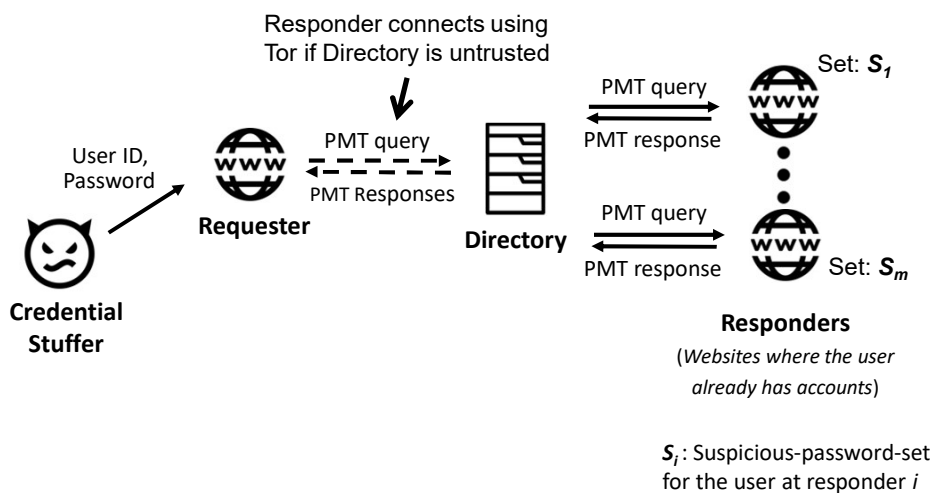


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Detecting Credential Stuffing ::

Login Privacy

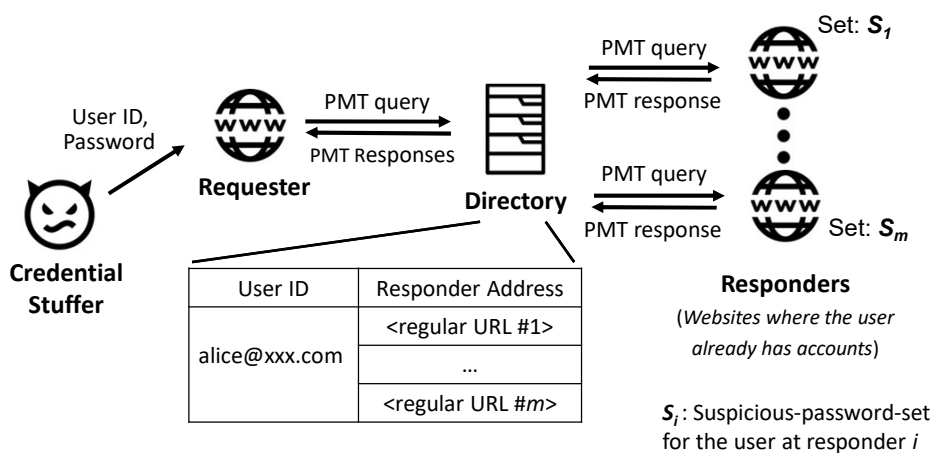


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Detecting Credential Stuffing ::

Login Privacy



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Detecting Credential Stuffing :: PMTs :: One-Round Protocols

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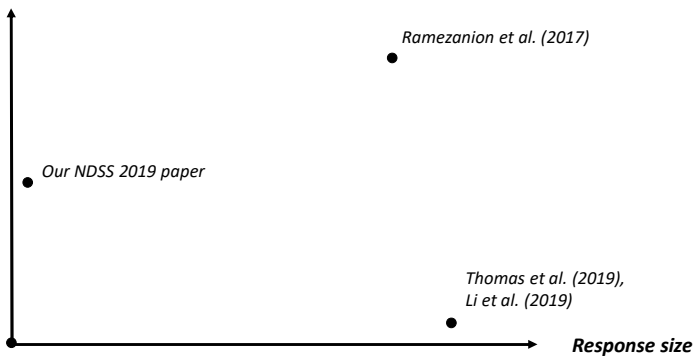


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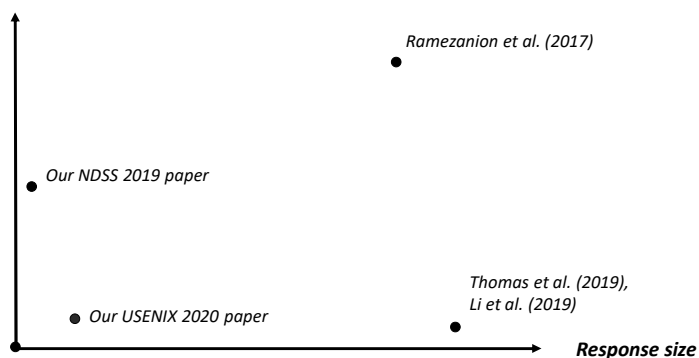


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Detecting Credential Stuffing :: PMTs :: One-Round Protocols

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Detecting Credential Stuffing :: Our PMT :: Cuckoo Filters

- An approximate membership query (AMQ) scheme proposed by Fan et al. (2014)
- Time needed by a membership test is constant with respect to the set size
- Space-efficient storage with tunable false positive rates
 - More space-efficient than Bloom filters when false positive rates are low (e.g., < 3%)

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Detecting Credential Stuffing ::

Our PMT :: Cuckoo Filters :: Membership Test

A fingerprint function: $fp()$

Two hash functions: $h_1() = hash()$
 $h_2() = hash() \oplus hash(fp())$

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Bucket 1	Bucket 2	Bucket 3	Bucket 4	Bucket 5	Bucket 6
	$fp("eve")$				$fp("bob")$
	$fp("charlie")$		$fp("alice")$		$fp("frank")$

$h_1("alice") = 2$

$h_2("alice") = 4$

Test membership of "alice"

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If at least one slot in the corresponding two buckets contains the queried fingerprint, membership holds.

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Test membership of "alice"

If none of the slots in the corresponding two buckets contains the queried fingerprint, membership does not hold.

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Detecting Credential Stuffing ::

Our PMT :: Encryption

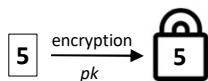
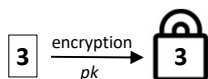
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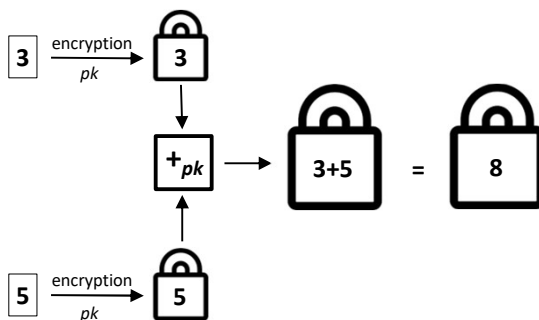
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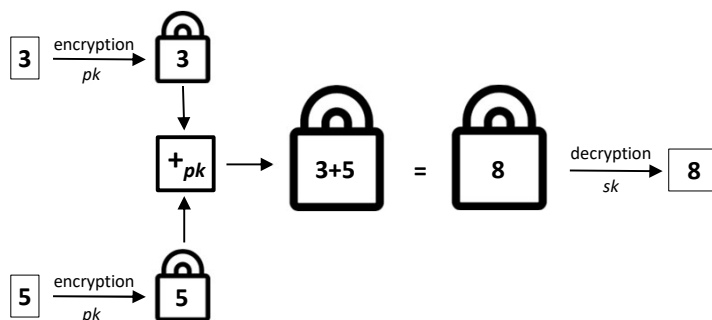
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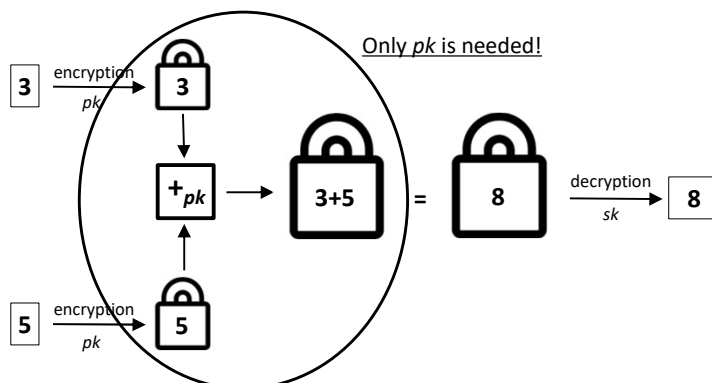
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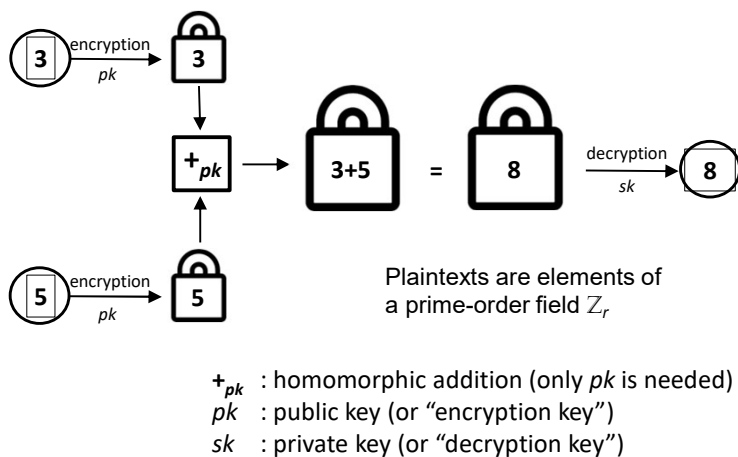
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Requester
(Element: "**bigbang**", pk , sk)

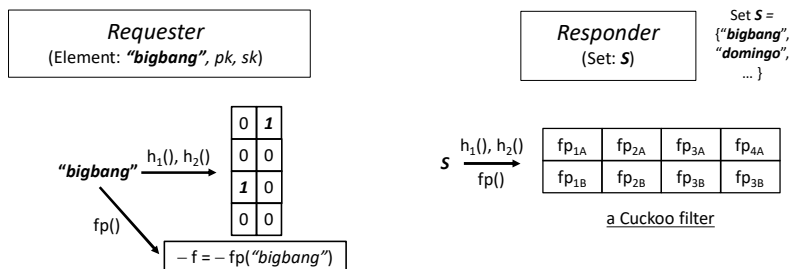
Responder
(Set: S)

Set $S =$
 {"**bigbang**",
 "**domingo**",
 ... }

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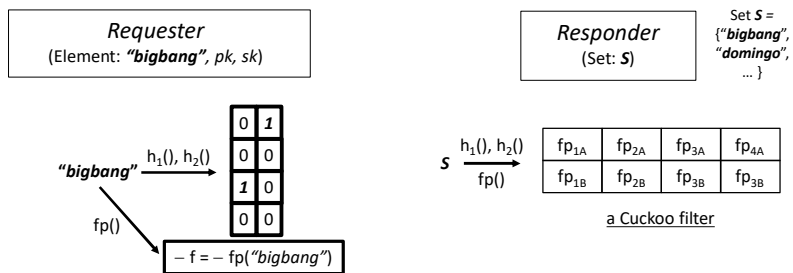
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Encrypted under an additively homomorphic
encryption scheme with public key pk .

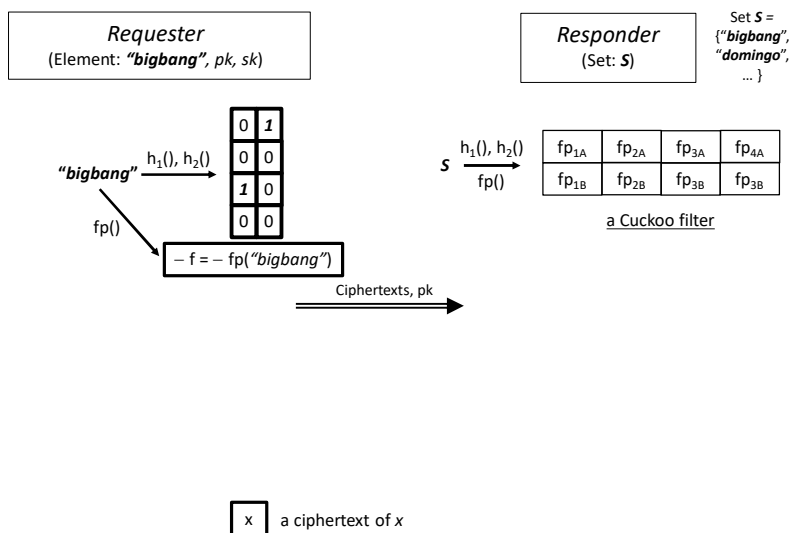
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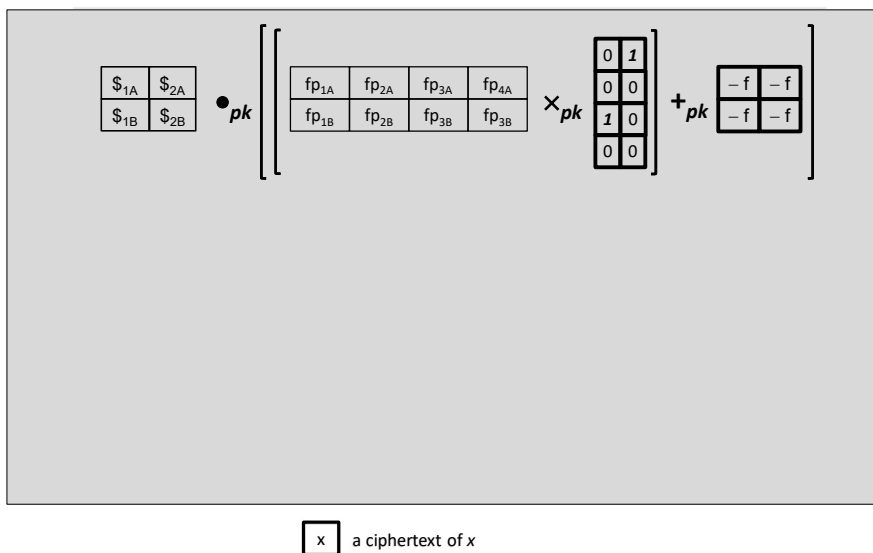
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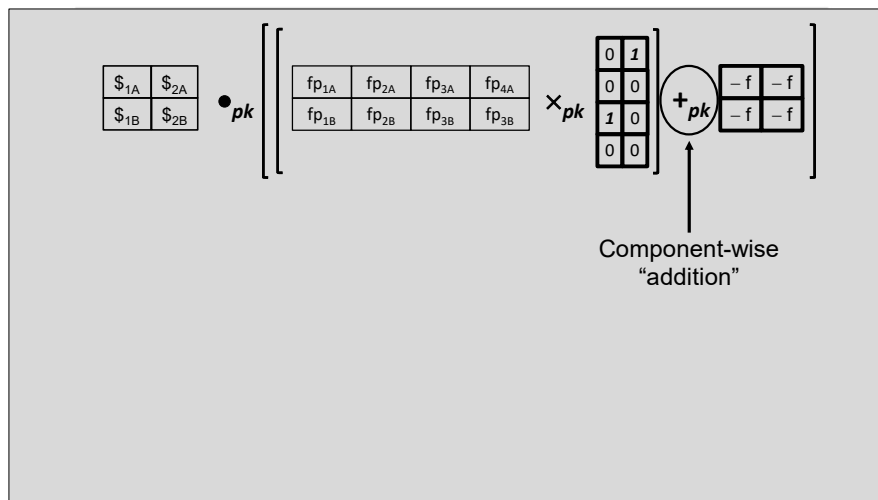
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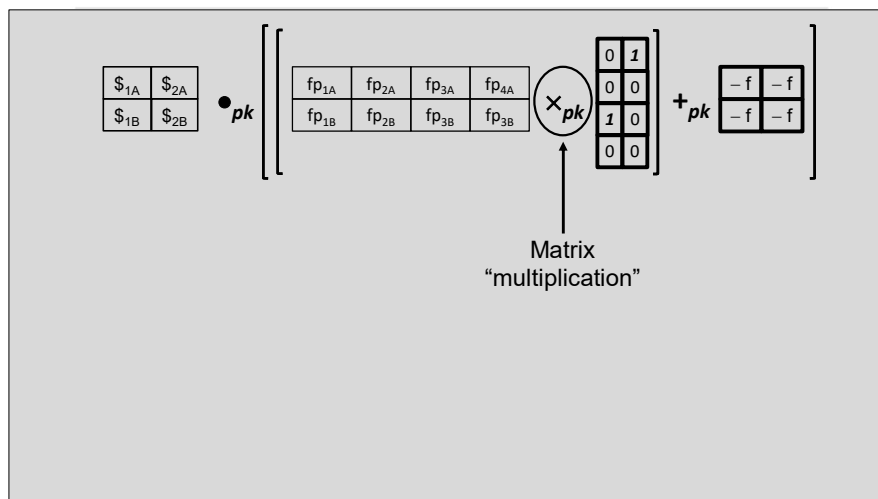


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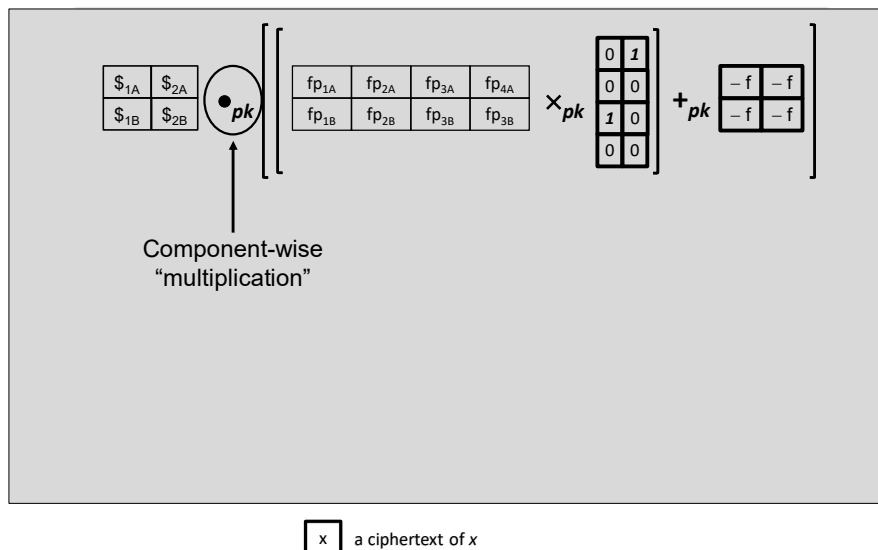


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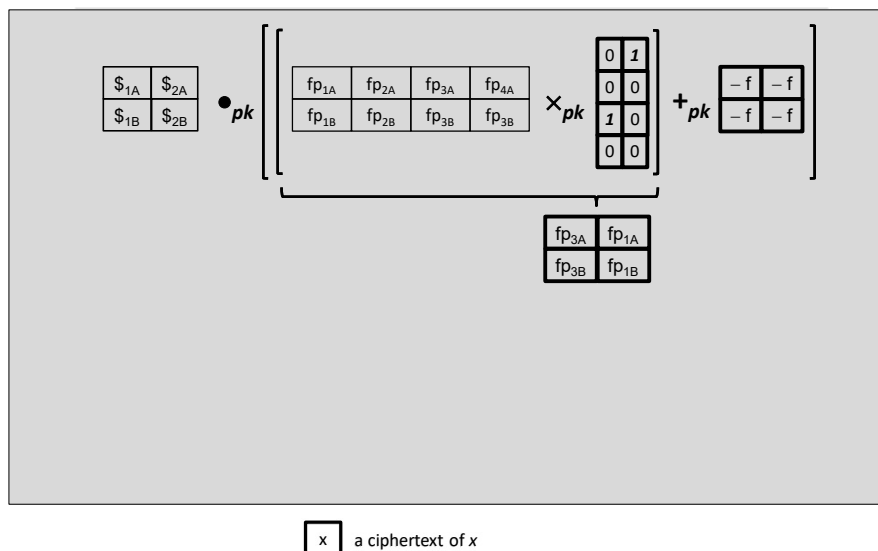
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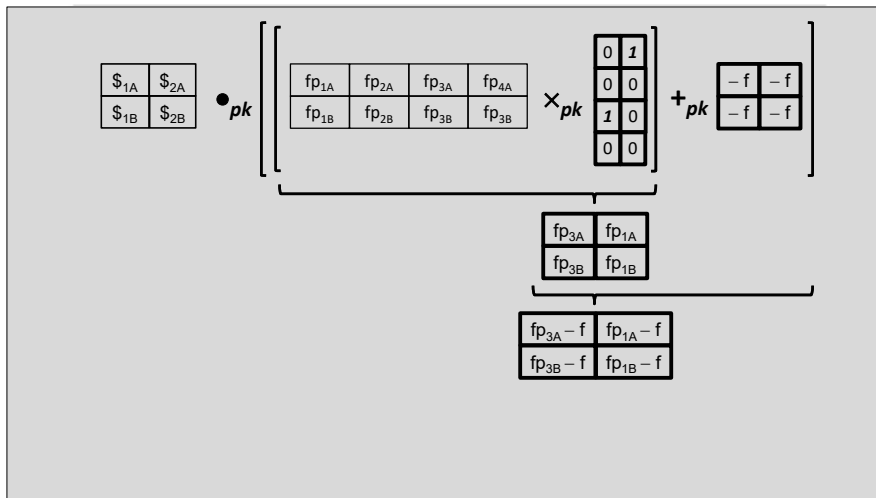
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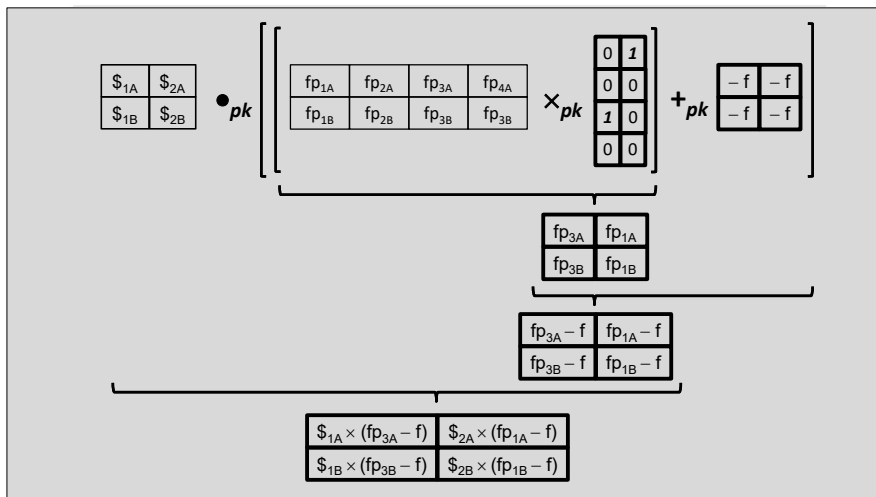


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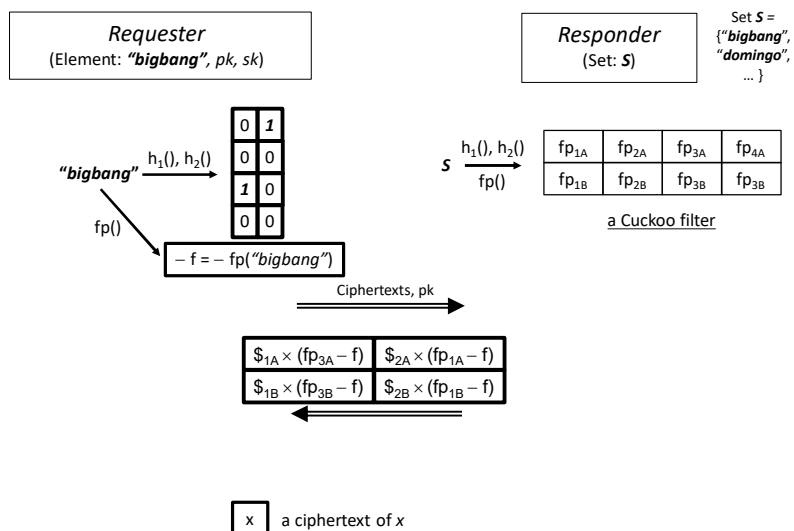


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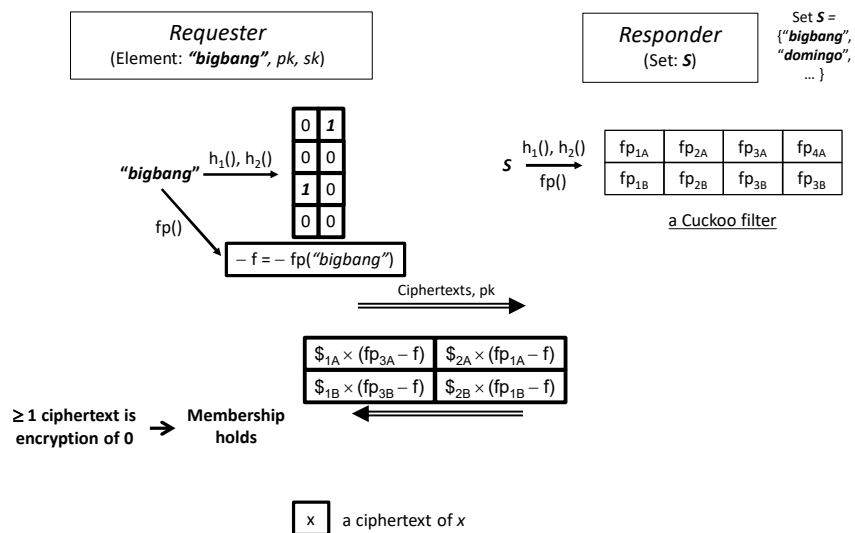
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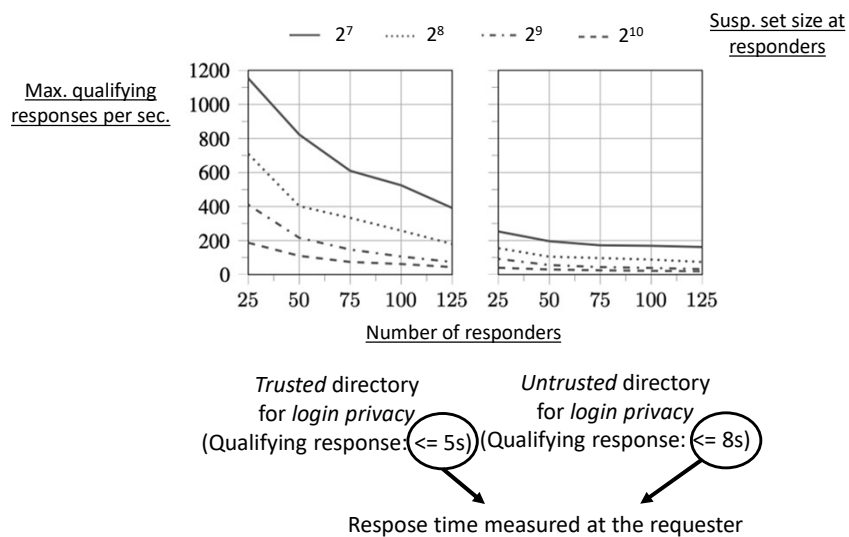
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	Credential-stuffing login attempts per day	Proportion that succeed	Proportion of all login attempts
Airline	1.4 Million	1.00%	60%
Hotel	4.3 Million	1.00%	44%
Retail	131.5 Million	0.50%	91%
Consumer banking	232.2 Million	0.05%	58%

Table: Credential stuffing estimates for four major U.S. industries^[6]

Total number of PMT queries per second:

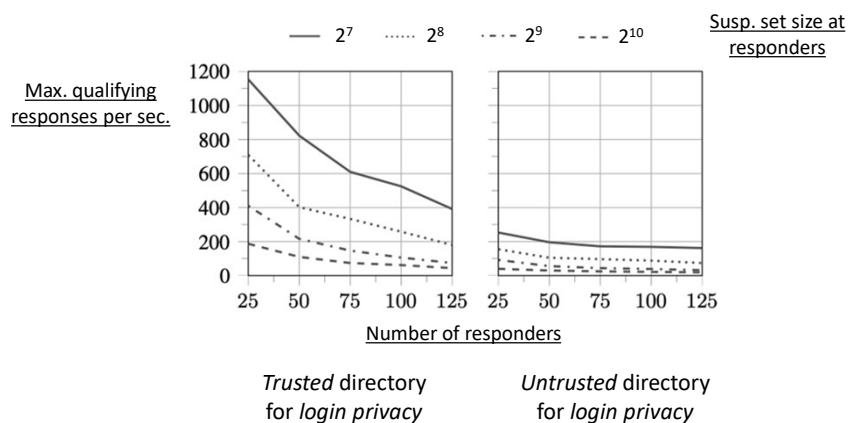
- If ADS false & true detection rates are 0.30 & 0.95 (against phishing attackers): **660**
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[6] Shape Security, "2018 Credential spill report"

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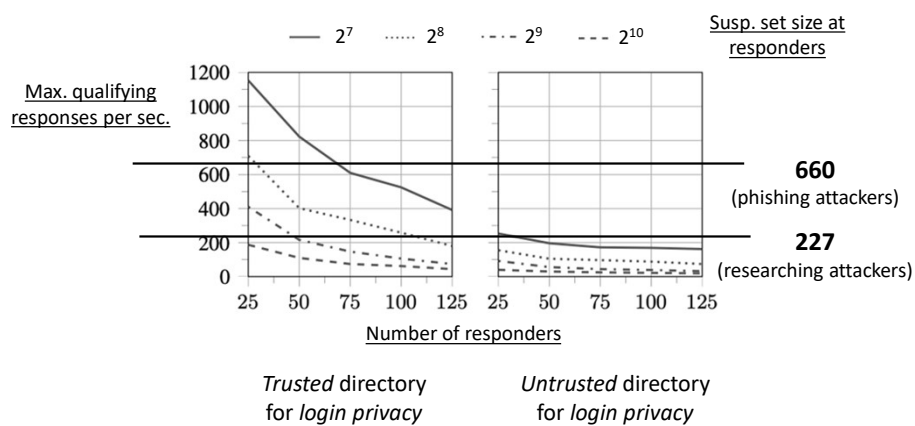
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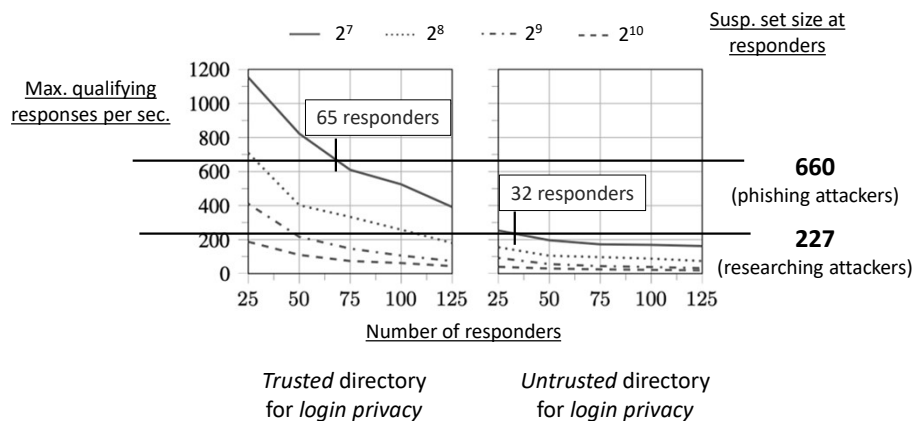
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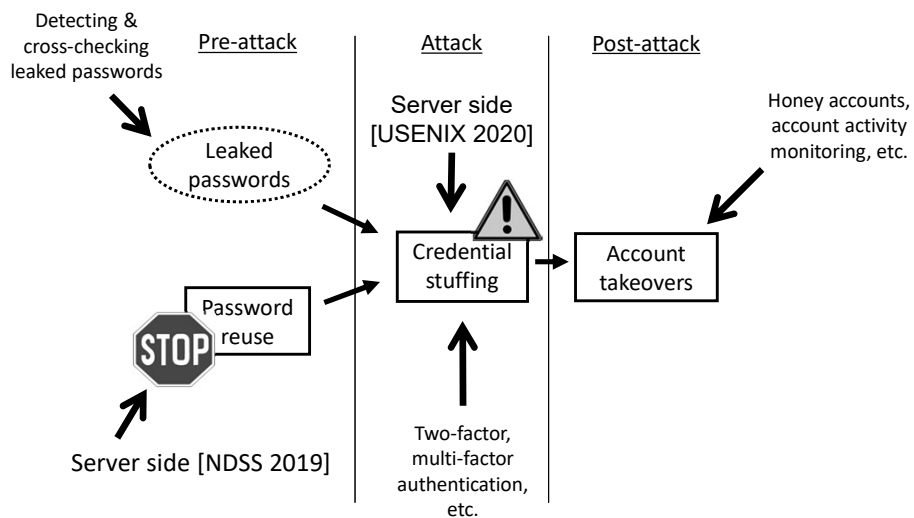
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Our Work

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