Cracking a password from the login box

How to crack a password on challenge/response?

- Guessing attack (default and common passwords)
- Brute force attack
- Dictionary attack

What are the counter-measures?

- Timing
- Limit number of tries

Tool:THC Hydra



How passwords are stored

- In clear (really bad)
- Hashed (bad)
- Salted Hash (better and easy to manage)
- Encrypted (best but complex to manage)