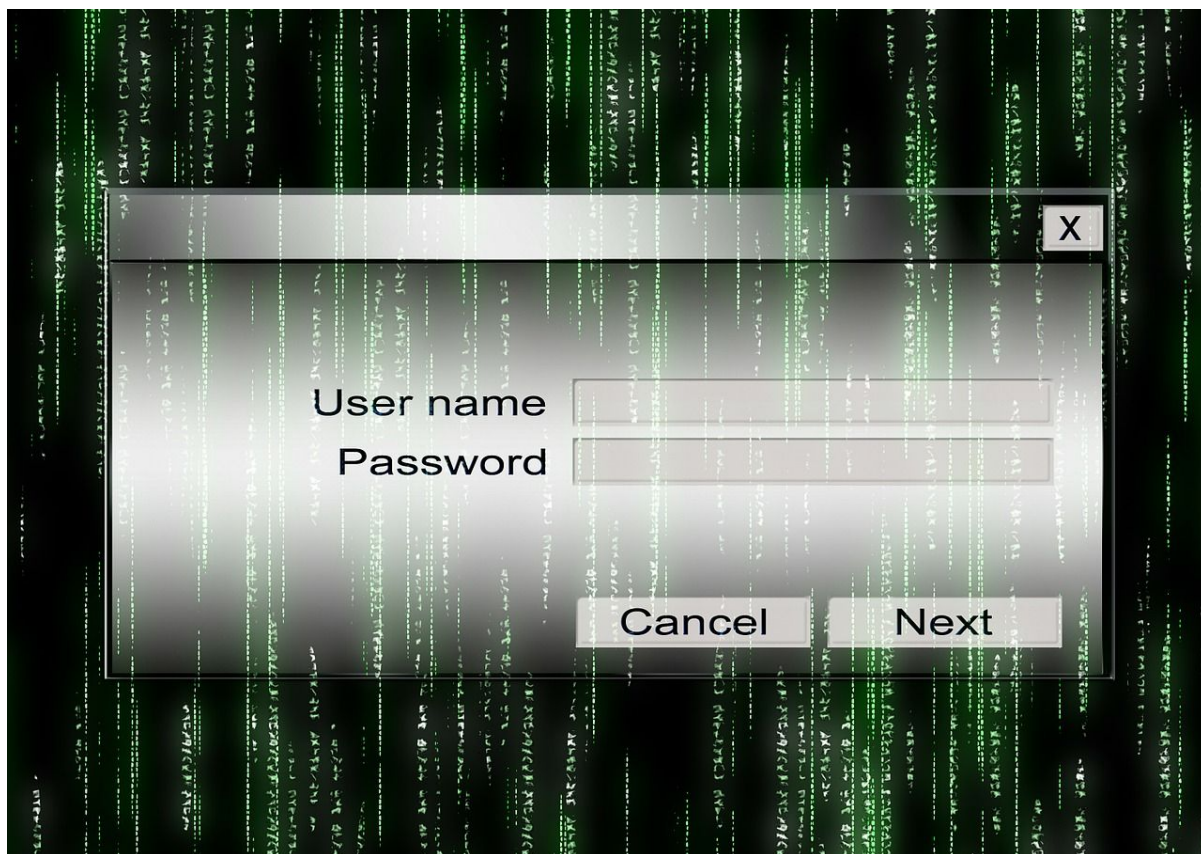


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# WHY PASSWORD REUSE ISN'T BAD



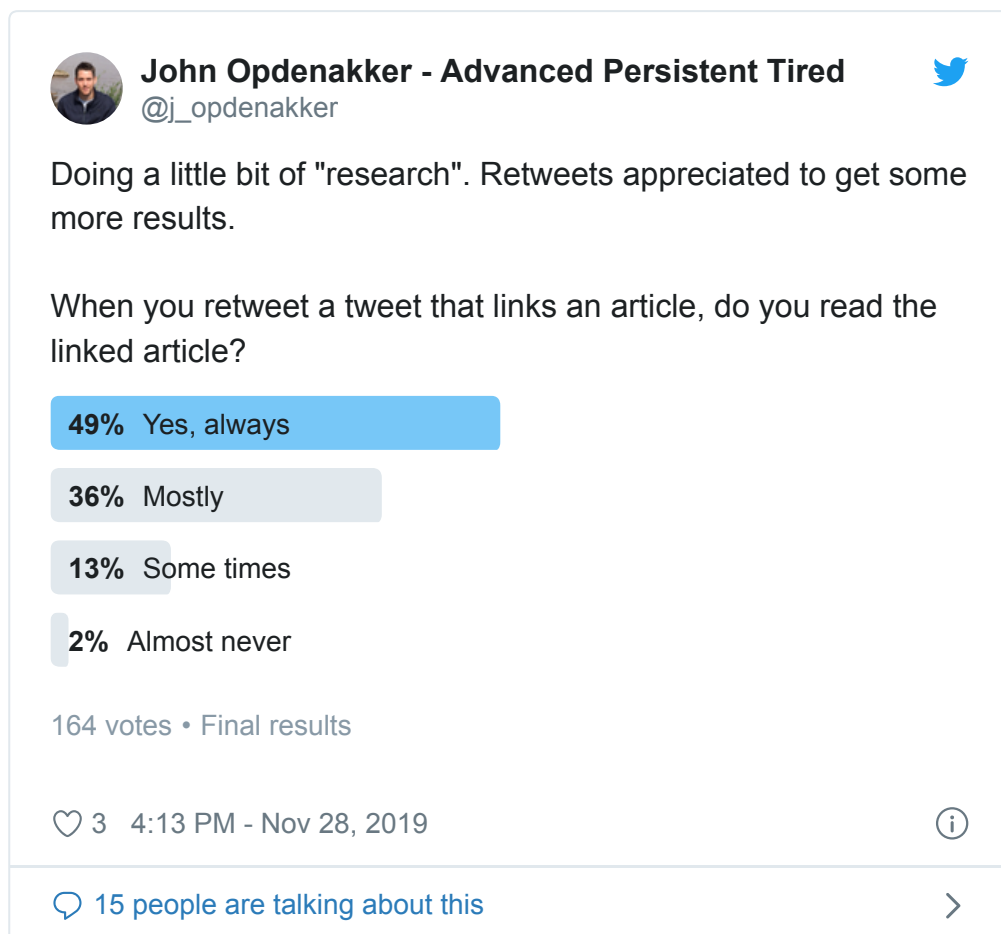
If you're a security practitioner I guess this title grabbed your attention immediately. Because we all know that password reuse is a bad security practice and people shouldn't reuse passwords, right?

Damn right!

If you want to know why password reuse is a bad idea and why we should **never** recommend users to do so, I suggest you to read [this blog](#) I wrote previously.

But why the hell this title that states the opposite? Because I want to do a little experiment. I want to see if people actually read this article after I post it on social media or will just share it without reading. Or maybe they'll lose their mind after only reading the title and will start to lecture me or call me out. Yes, that happens on social media...

So I deliberately tried to create a clickbait kind of title with terrible security advice. I did this poll earlier today.



Whilst it might sound strange, only 49 percent says to always read an article that's linked to a tweet before sharing it.

But what if the article contains fake news, promotes extreme ideas or just isn't factual?

## **SOME LOREM IPSUM**

**Lorem Ipsum** is simply dummy text of the printing and typesetting industry. Lorem Ipsum has been the industry's standard dummy text ever since the 1500s, when an unknown printer took a galley of type and scrambled it to make a type specimen book. It has survived not only five centuries, but also the leap into electronic typesetting, remaining essentially unchanged. It was popularised in the 1960s with the release of Letraset sheets containing Lorem Ipsum passages, and more recently with desktop publishing software like Aldus PageMaker including versions of Lorem Ipsum.

This part is just here to make the article longer. If you don't read the entire article you might miss some very controversial things that you actually don't want to share.



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Contrary to popular belief, Lorem Ipsum is not simply random text. It has roots in a piece of classical Latin literature from 45 BC, making it over 2000 years old. Richard McClintock, a Latin professor at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, looked up one of the more obscure Latin words, consectetur, from a Lorem Ipsum passage, and going through the cites of the word #experiment in classical literature, discovered the undoubtable source. Lorem Ipsum comes from sections 1.10.32 and 1.10.33 of "de Finibus Bonorum et Malorum" (The Extremes of Good and Evil) by Cicero, written in 45 BC. This book is a treatise on the theory of ethics, very popular during the Renaissance. The first line of Lorem Ipsum, "Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet..", comes from a line in section 1.10.32.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP ME WITH THIS EXPERIMENT

I want to verify if the results from the poll are realistic. If you're still reading this you can help me. May I ask you 2 favors?

Please share this on twitter or other social media, preferably by quote tweeting/sharing my post and mentioning the hashtag that you should have found somewhere in this article. If not go and have a look ;).

In that way I know if you have read it or not. Can you also please click on this link, it is another way for me to know what percentage of people have read till the end.

If I get representative results I'll share them afterwards.





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