QUENCE - INSTRUCTIONS

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Quence is a password generator that makes strong, short, memorable passwords. To use it, you only need this document (including the two attached tables), and a six-sided die. Having two or four six-sided dice might make it easier.

Quence makes fake words like 'apetol', 'shults', 'phabid'... Each word is made from a half-word from the FIRST3 table plus a half-word from the LAST3 table. Each table is a 6×6 grid of blocks. Each block is a 6×6 grid of half-words.

1. Look at the FIRST3 table. Choose a random block by rolling the die for the row and then the column.

Example: 1 2 --> row 1 and column 2 --> the block with 'abo' and 'cal'

2. Look at that block. Choose a random half-word by rolling the die twice in the same way.

Example: 3 4 --> row 3 and column 4 --> 'ape'

3. Look at the LAST3 table. Repeat the same steps to choose a random half-word by rolling four more times.

Example: 6 1 2 4 --> 'tol'

4. Put these half-words together to make a word.

Example: 'apetol'
If the word isn't good (like 'oatnto'), you can throw out that word and start again.

5. Repeat steps 1-4 to make as many words as you want.

Three words is a reasonably strong password, four words is very strong. More than four is probably more than necessary for any practical application. See below for details.

6. Connect the words together to make a password.

Example: capitalize and put periods between them --> Apetol.Shults.Phabid Example: just put them together --> apetolshultsphabid

If you want precise numbers: each 6-letter word contributes 20 bits of entropy. So three words is a 60-bit password, which is considered moderately strong, and four words is an 80-bit password, which is considered very strong. Five words is a 100-bit password, which is extremely strong, and probably unnecessary for most uses. A page explaining the details, and explaining "bits of entropy," is coming soon.

An automatic digital version of Quence, and related files, are available at github.com/krysdam/quence

FIRST3

aba abb abd abe abi abl	abo abr abs abu aca acc	ace ach aci ack acq acr	act acu ada add ade adh	adj adm ado adu adv aer	aff afo afr aft aga age
agg agi ago agr ahe aid	aim air ala alb alc ale	alf alg ali alk all alm	alo alp alr als alt alu	alw ama amb ame ami amm	amo amp ana anc and ane
ang ani ann ano ans ant	anx any apa ape apo app	apr aqu ara arb arc are	arg ari arm aro arr art	asc ash asi ask asp ast	ath atl atm ato att aud
aug aus aut ava ave avi	avo awa axi bab bac bad	bag bai bak bal ban bap	bar bas bat bay bea bec	bed bee bef beg beh bei	bel ben ber bes bet bey
bia bib bid big bil bin	bio bir bis bit bla ble	bli blo blu boa bob bod	boi bol bom bon boo bor	bos bot bou bow box boy	bra bre bri bro bru buc
bud buf bui bul bun bur	bus but buy cab cad cal	cam can cap car cas cat	cau cav cea cel cem cen	cer cha che chi chl cho	chr chu cin cir cit civ
cla cle cli clo clu coa	coc cod coe cof cog coh	coi col com con coo cop	cor cos cot cou cov cow	cra cre cri cro cru cry	cub cul cup cur cus cut
cyc cyl dad dai dal dam	dan dar das dat dau dav	day dea deb dec ded dee	def deg del dem den dep	der des det dev dia dic	did die dif dig dil dim
din dio dip dir dis div	doc doe dog doi dol dom	don doo dor dos dot dou	dow doz dra dre dri dro	dru dry dub duc due duk	dul dum dun dup dur dus
dut dwe dyn eac eag ear	eas eat ech eco edg edi	edu edw eff egg egy eig	eit ela eld ele eli ell	elo els ema emb eme emi	emo emp ena enc end ene
enf eng enh enj enl eno	enr ens ent env enz epi	equ era ere eri ero err	esc esp ess est ete eth	eur eva eve evi evo exa	exc exe exh exi exp ext
eye fab fac fai fal fam	fan far fas fat fau fav	fax fea feb fed fee fel	fem fen fer fes fet fev	few fib fic fid fie fif	fig fil fin fir fis fit
fiv fix fla fle fli flo	flu fly foc fol fon foo	for fos fou fra fre fri	fro fru fue ful fun fur	fus fut gai gal gam gan	gap gar gas gat gau gav
gaz gea gen geo ger ges	get gif gil gir giv gla	gle gli glo glu goa god	goe goi gol gon goo gor	gos got gov gra gre gri	gro gru gua gue gui gul
gun guy hab had hai hal	ham han hap har has hat	hau hav haw hay haz hea	hei hel hem hen her hes	het hid hig hil him hin	hir his hit hol hom hon
hoo hop hor hos hot hou	how hug hum hun hur hus	hyd hyp ice ide ign ill	ima imm imp ina inc ind	ine inf ing inh ini inj	inl inn ino inp inq ins
int inv ion iow ira ire	iri iro irr isa isl iso	isr iss ita ite its jac	jam jan jea jef jen jer	jes jim job joh joi jon	jos jou joy jud jul jum
jun jur jus kan kar kat	kee kel ken kep ker key	kid kil kin kis kit kne	kni kno kon kor lab lac	lad lag lai lak lam lan	lap lar las lat lau law
lay lea lec led lee lef	_	lev lew lia lib lic lie	lif lig lik lil lim lin	lip liq lis lit liv loa	lob loc lod log lon loo
lor los lot lou lov low	loy luc lum lun lut lyi	lym mac mad mag mah mai	maj mak mal mam man map	mar mas mat mau max may	mcc mcg mea mec med mee
mel mem men mer mes met	mex mic mid mig mil min	mir mis mit mix mob mod	moi mol mom mon moo mor	mos mot mou mov muc mul	mun mur mus mut mys myt
nai nam nan nap nar nas	nat nav nea nec nee neg	nei nel neo ner nes net	neu nev new nex nic nin	nit nob nod noi nom non	nor nos not nou nov now
nuc num nur nut oak oat	obe obj obl obs obt obv	occ oce oct odd off oft	ohi oil old oli omi onc	one onl ont ope opi opp	opt ora orb orc ord ore
org ori orn ort osc ost	oth ott oug our out ove	owe owi own oxf oxi oxy	pac pad pag pai pal pan	pap par pas pat pau pav	pay pea pec ped pee pel
pen peo pep per pes pet	pha phe phi pho phr phy	pia pic pie pig pil pin	pio pip pis pit pla ple	plo plu poc poe poi pol	pon poo pop por pos pot
pou pov pow pra pre pri	pro pru psy pub pul pum	pun pup pur pus put pyr	qua que qui quo rab rac	rad rag rai ral ram ran	rap rar rat raw ray rea
reb rec red ree ref reg	reh rei rej rel rem ren	reo rep req res ret rev	rew rhe rho rhy rib ric	rid rig rin rip ris rit	riv roa rob roc rod rog
rol rom roo ros rot rou	row roy rub rud rui rul	rum run rur rus rut sab	sac sad saf sag sai sak	sal sam san sar sat sau	sav saw say sca sce sch
sci sco scr scu sea sec	sed see seg sei sel sem	sen sep seq ser ses set	sev sew sha she shi sho	shr shu sic sid sie sig	sil sim sin sir sis sit
six siz ske ski sky sla	sle sli slo slu sma sme	smi smo sna sno soa soc	sod sof soi sol som son	soo sop sor sou sov spa	spe sph spi spl spo spr
spu squ sta ste sti sto	str stu sty sub suc sud	suf sug sui sul sum sun	sup sur sus swa swe swi	swo sym syn syr sys tab	tac tai tak tal tam tan
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tok tol tom ton too top	tor tot tou tow tox tra	tre tri tro tru try tub	tum tun tur twe twi two	typ ult una unb unc und	une unf unh uni unk unl
unm unn unp unr uns unt	unu unw upo upp ups upw	urb urg uri usa use usi	usu uti utt vac val van	var vas vec veg veh vei	vel ven ver ves vet via
vib vic vid vie vig vil	vin vio vir vis vit viv	voc voi vol von vot vul	wag wai wak wal wan war	was wat wav way wea web	wed wee wei wel wen wer
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lea led lee leg lel lem	len leo ler les let lew	lex ley lhi lia lic lid	lie lim lin lio lip lis	lit lks lla lle lli llo	lls lly lms log lon lop
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