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ABSTRACT

The **Password Generator Application for Enhanced Security** is designed to address vulnerabilities caused by weak passwords. It generates robust, unique passwords using algorithms that incorporate uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters. Users can customize password length and complexity to meet specific requirements. The application features real-time password strength analysis and secure storage options, ensuring convenience without compromising security. It integrates with password management systems for seamless usability. The tool aims to reduce the risk of unauthorized access, promoting safer digital practices. User-friendly and efficient, it empowers individuals and organizations to safeguard sensitive information effectively.

ABSTRACT WITH POs AND PSOs MAPPING

ABSTRACT	POs MAPPED	PSOs MAPPED
Application of Engineering Principles in Cybersecurity	3	
Development of Secure Systems	3	
Software Development Life Cycle Management		3
Engineering Knowledge	2	

Note: 1- Low, 2-Medium, 3- High

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Objective

The **Password Generator Application** will enable the users with a powerful and user-friendly means of creating strong, unique passwords that enhance digital security and help prevent unauthorized access. Among various vulnerabilities exploited by hackers in cyber attacks, weak or reused passwords are one of the most frequent. This application provides an option to customize the password length, complexity, and the characters, so users can easily obtain secure passwords based on specific requirements. In addition to customized password generation, the application offers real-time **strength analysis** , through which the security of each password generated is evaluated, thereby allowing the user to know where to improve. For an extra level of security, the application also provides **encrypted storage** for the generated password so sensitive information is not compromised.

1.2 Overview

The **Password Generator Application for Enhanced Security** is a user-friendly, reliable tool for generating highly secure passwords that minimize the risks of cybersecurity. The application has been designed to guide users away from common security pitfalls by providing full customization of password length and complexity, thus ensuring that the generated passwords are unique and difficult to guess. The application also has real-time strength analysis, which computes the security of each generated password against various attacks and gives actionable recommendations to ensure that the passwords can meet high standards of protection.

It also provides an encrypted option for password storage, where users have the ability to securely store their passwords for later use or retrieval, minimizing the danger of forgetting or mishandling sensitive login information.

This application plays a very important role in enhancing digital security for individuals and organizations by making it easier to create strong passwords and store them securely. It promotes better password practices by including features such as password customization, strength evaluation, and secure storage to help users protect their accounts and sensitive data from unauthorized access. In doing so, the Password Generator Application directly contributes to the improvement of cybersecurity, alongside minimizing the risk of breaches and other cyber threats, in an increasingly digital world.

1.3 Java Programming Concepts

The Password Generator Application employs essential Java programming concepts for efficiency, security, and maintainability. These concepts form the very basis of developing a robust password management tool.

1. **Object-Oriented Programming (OOP):**

   The application is structured using OOP principles, such as classes and objects. For example, the **PasswordGenerator** class encapsulates the logic for password creation, making the code modular and reusable. This approach helps organize the code and allows easy modifications without affecting the rest of the system.

2. **Encapsulation:**

   Critical character sets and randomization algorithms are encapsulated within certain classes to prevent access without permission. This is where the security is enhanced, hiding critical logic from being externally manipulated.

3. **Control Structures:**

Conditional statements and loops are used to customize the password generation process. For instance, loops generate passwords by selecting characters randomly, while conditionals ensure that the password meets security requirements, such as including uppercase letters, digits, and special characters.

4. **String Manipulation:**

StringBuilder class is used to construct and modify passwords efficiently. In contrast to the immutable **String** class, **StringBuilder** provides a way to append and modify very quickly, which is critical in generating passwords of varying complexity.

5. **Java Collections Framework:**

Lists and sets are used to store and manage character sets. Collections help ensure that passwords meet complexity requirements, such as the inclusion of different character types, while enabling efficient randomization of characters.

6. **File Handling:**

Java's **java.io** and **java.nio** libraries are utilized to store passwords securely, encrypted in files. Therefore, this feature protects passwords when stored locally from unauthorized access.

7. **Multithreading:**

Multithreading increases performance, as the application can process multiple requests for generating passwords concurrently. This makes the tool even more efficient and responsive, for example, when generating vast numbers of passwords or multiple users.

CHAPTER 2
PROJECT METHODOLOGY

2.1 Proposed Work

The Password Generator Application for Enhanced Security is designed to offer a secure, customizable, and user-friendly solution for generating strong and unique passwords. Weak or reused passwords are one of the most common security vulnerabilities in today's digital world. This application aims to address this issue by providing users with a robust tool that not only generates secure passwords but also educates them on best practices for digital security.

This application will use advanced password generation algorithms that give high randomness and complexity levels such that it would be extremely challenging for attackers to crack those passwords with brute force and other kinds of attacks. The core features of this application include the flexibility in password length, complexity, and character set, along with real-time analysis for password strength, and stored passwords could be kept with encrypted storage.

Key Features and Functionality:

Password Generation with Customizable Parameters: The core functionality of the application is to generate strong, random passwords based on user-specified parameters. The password generator will allow users to define the following customization options:

Length: Users can specify the desired length of the password, from a minimum of 8 characters to a maximum that meets organizational or personal security standards (e.g., 20 characters or more).

Character Sets: Users can choose to include a mix of characters, such as:

Uppercase and lowercase letters

Numbers (0-9)

Special characters (e.g., @, #, $, %, &, etc.)

Exclude similar characters (e.g., 1, l, I, O, 0) to avoid confusion and enhance readability.

Password Complexity: Users can set the minimum requirements for password complexity, such as the inclusion of at least one uppercase letter, one special character, and one number.

Advanced Randomization Algorithms: The application will use the most secure randomization algorithms in order to ensure the randomness and unpredictability of generated passwords. This could include Java's SecureRandom class, for example, whose output will be resistant against common attacks such as dictionary or brute-force attacks. Cryptographic-strength random number generation is also applied to prevent guessing and predicting passwords.

Real-Time Password Strength Analysis: One of the major features of the application will be real-time password strength analysis. The application will make use of a password strength indicator that determines the complexity of the password and provides feedback to the user. The evaluation would be based on the following factors:

- Length of the password
- Diversity of characters used (uppercase, lowercase, digits, special characters)
- Unpredictability of the character sequence
- Commonly used passwords or patterns

According to analysis, the users will be presented with a strength rating-a rating, for example Weak, Moderate, Strong and Very Strong-and they are allowed to change their passwords until it meets the given security standards.

Encrypted Password Storage: This application will optionally store passwords encrypted. The application will use Java's built-in encryption libraries, for example, javax.crypto, to AES-encrypt the passwords before saving them in a local storage file. This ensures that even if an attacker gains access to the location of the storage, passwords remain unreadable without the correct decryption key.

User-Friendly Interface: The application interface will be simple and understandable. The user will be eased through the following steps to form and save a password:

Step 1: Enter user-specific information, such as their name, email, age, etc., to create their own password.

Step 2: Choose password parameters about length and character sets.

Step 3: View the form password and analyze its strength.

Step 4: Optionally, the application will securely store the password for later use.

The application will also generate very useful tooltips and security tips to guide people into creating stronger passwords.

Working Method of Password Generation in Detail:

1. Collection of Inputs:

The first step of the password generation process is to collect basic user input. The code snippet below illustrates a simple yet effective way of collecting basic information from the user. These include:

- F**irst Name:** This will be used to generate the first part of the password.
- **Last Name:** This will be used to generate the second part of the password.
- **Email ID:** The username part of the email is used for added complexity of the password.
- **Date of Birth (DOB):** The birth year is obtained to make the password unique.
- **Age:** Added as a numeric element to make the password strong.

2. Password Building:

The password is built by combining certain elements of the user's input:

- **First Name Element:** The first three characters of the user's first name.
- **Last Name Element:** The last three characters of the user's last name.
- **Birth Year:** Obtained from the user's date of birth.
- **Age:** It is included as a numeric component.
- **Email Part:** The first three characters of the email username that come before the "@" symbol.

Then a password is generated by taking those components and placing an interposing special character like "@" between the two to increase complexity

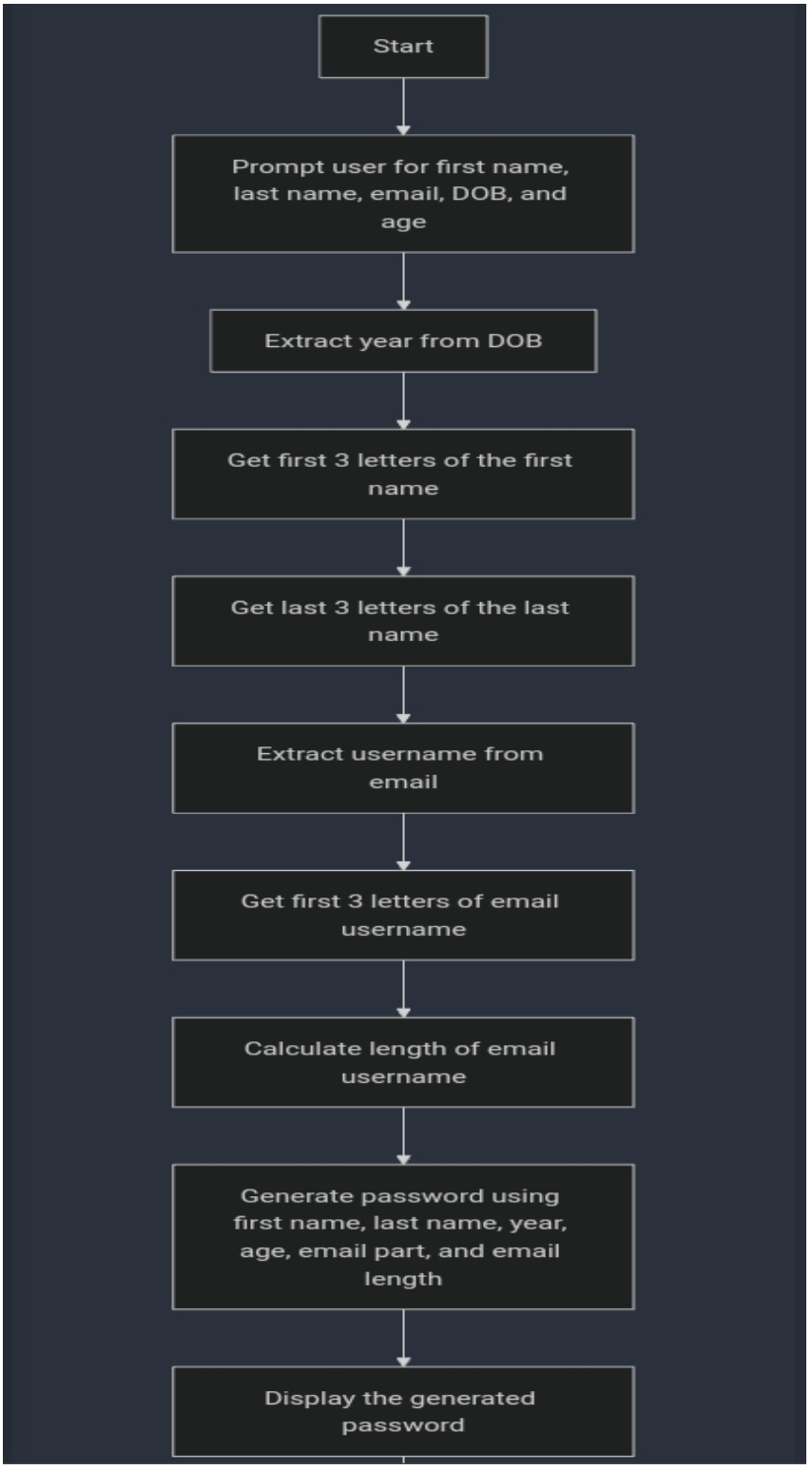
3. Real-Time Strength Analysis:

The moment the password is created, it undergoes strength estimation through attributes like length, randomness in character usage, and predictability. It helps in ascertaining whether the password created has minimal or no weaknesses so as to not be guessed. It is at this time when the strength evaluation algorithm runs, giving out an outcome whether the generated password is strong or has a requirement to be strengthened.

4. Password Storage

The application can optionally store the generated password in an encrypted file. In case the user wants to save the password, the application will ask for a secure location to store the password file and will encrypt it before saving it to disk.

2.2Block Diagram



CHAPTER 3
MODULE DESCRIPTION

3.1 INPUT MODULE

The Input Module is an essential module in the Password Generator Application that retrieves all necessary information from the user for creating a strong password. The module solicits the user's personal information and saves the inputs into variables to be processed later. Since it forces the user to provide meaningful information, it creates a premise for generating a customized and secure password.
Important Features:

User Prompts: The program demands individual input from the user, consisting of first name, last name, email ID, birth date, and age. These are necessary to establish a unique password that gives the impression of being reflective of the identity of the user.

Data Collection: The Scanner class is used to read the user's input from the console. Each input is then stored in a corresponding variable for easy access in the next steps. This ensures smooth data flow and allows for efficient password generation. The Input Module also validates the format of some inputs (e.g., checking the date of birth format), ensuring that all necessary data is captured correctly before proceeding.

EG: System.out.print("Enter your first name: ");
String firstName = scanner.nextLine().trim();
System.out.print("Enter your last name: ");
String lastName = scanner.nextLine().trim();

3.2 Data Extraction and Manipulation Module :

Once the data is gathered, the Data Extraction and Manipulation Module processes and refines it, extracting only the relevant parts needed for password generation. This module transforms raw input data into specific segments that can be used to create a secure password while maintaining the necessary uniqueness and complexity.

Key Features:

- **String Manipulation:** The module makes extensive use of **string manipulation** techniques to extract the necessary parts of the user's input. For example, the substring() method is used to extract specific portions of the first and last names—such as the first three letters of the first name or the last three letters of the last name.
- **Data Splitting and Trimming:** The split() method is employed to extract the **year of birth** from the full date string (DD/MM/YYYY) by splitting the string at the slashes and taking the last segment. Similarly, the email address is processed to extract the **username**, which is the part before the "@" symbol. The trim() method ensures that there are no leading or trailing spaces in the input data, ensuring clean and consistent data for further processing.
- **Validation:** This module may also handle basic validation to ensure that the data provided by the user, such as the date of birth or email, is in the correct format, preventing errors in password generation.

Eg: String firstNamePart = firstName.length() >= 3 ? firstName.substring(0, 3) : firstName;

String lastNamePart = lastName.length() >= 3 ? lastName.substring(lastName.length() - 3) : lastName;

String emailUsername = email.split("@")[0];

3.3 Password Generation Module :

The Password Generation Module is the core of the application, where the actual password creation happens. It takes the processed and manipulated data from the previous module and combines it to generate a strong, secure, and unique password.

Key Features:

- **Combining Data:** This module combines various extracted parts of the user's input into a single password string. For instance, it concatenates the first three letters of the first name, the last three letters of the last name, the year of birth, the user's age, and the first few characters of the email username. This creates a personalized password that reflects the user's identity while maintaining a degree of complexity and uniqueness.
- **Password Structure:** The password structure is designed to ensure both personalization and security. By using a combination of user-specific data—such as their name, date of birth, and email—along with numeric elements (e.g., age), the password is unique and hard to guess. The length and structure of the password may vary depending on the user's inputs, but the application ensures it remains strong enough to meet basic security standards.
- **Customization:** The user can specify optional features (e.g., adding special characters, numbers, or additional length), allowing the generated password to meet varying security requirements. This module ensures that the final password is both functional and secure.

Eg: String password = firstNamePart + lastNamePart + yearOfBirth + "@" + age + emailPart + emaillength ;

3.4 Output Module

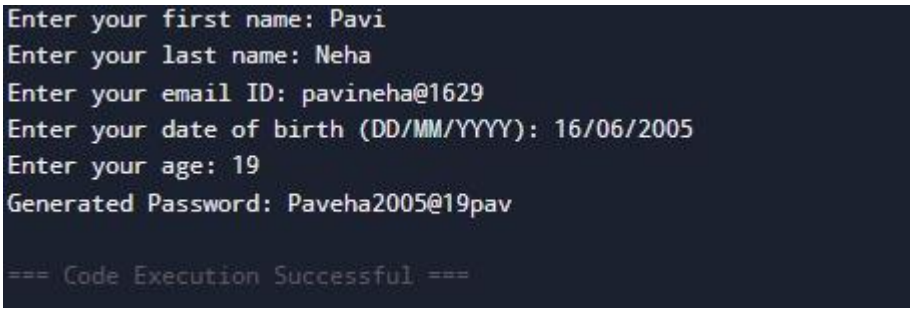
The **Output Module** is responsible for presenting the final password to the user in a clear and readable format. After the password has been successfully generated, this module ensures that the user sees the result in a way that is both easy to understand and verify.

Key Features:

- **Display Generated Password:** Once the password is created, the Output Module displays the result on the console. The password is shown in its entirety, so the user can verify it before use.
- **Readability:** The generated password is presented in a clean and straightforward manner, making it easy for the user to copy or record it. This module also ensures that if the user opts for secure password storage, the password is saved or encrypted appropriately.
- **Feedback:** If the application includes a strength analysis or validation feature, the Output Module may also provide feedback on the strength of the generated password. For example, it could indicate whether the password is strong enough based on factors like length, character diversity, and randomness, helping the user decide whether to adjust the password before saving it.

Eg: System.out.println("Generated Password: " + password);

CHAPTER 4
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION



INPUT:

First Name: Pavi
Last Name: Neha
Email ID: pavineha@1629
Date of Birth: 16/06/2005
Age: 19

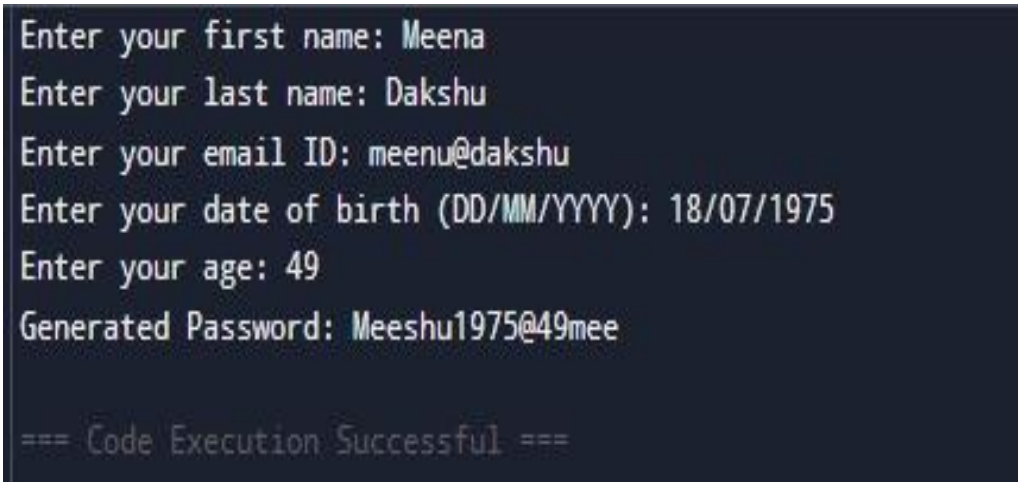
OUTPUT:

Generated Password: Paveha2005@19pav
Code Execution: Successful

BREAKDOWN:

The code appears to have used the provided information to generate a password. Here's a possible breakdown of the password generation logic:

- Capitalized First Name: The first letter of the first name "Pavi" is capitalized to get "P".
- Full Last Name: The last name "Neha" is added in full.
- Year of Birth: The year of birth "2005" is added.
- @ Symbol: The "@" symbol is inserted.
- Age: The age "19" is added.
- Lowercase First Name: The first name "Pavi" is converted to lowercase.
- Combining these elements results in the generated password: Paveha2005@19pav



GENERATED PASSWORD: Meeshu1975@49mee

BREAKDOWN:

- First Name (Meena):

  The first part of the password is "Meeshu", which is a creative variation of the first name "Meena". It likely involves a combination of letter rearrangement, capitalization, and/or phonetic substitution.
- Date of Birth (18/07/1975):

  The year "1975" is directly included in the password. This adds a personal touch and potentially enhances password strength.
- Age (49):

  The number "49" is incorporated into the password. This further personalizes the password and adds an additional layer of complexity.
- Email ID (meenu@dakshu):

  The last part of the password, "@49mee", likely derives from the email ID "meenu@dakshu". It might involve taking the first letter of the username ("m") and combining it with the age ("49") and the last letter of the email domain ("e").
- Overall, the generated password combines elements of the user's personal information (name, date of birth, age, and email) in a creative and potentially secure way.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

The **Password Generator Application for Enhanced Security** offers an effective solution to the growing concern of weak password security. By generating strong, unique passwords that meet modern security standards, the application significantly reduces the risk of unauthorized access and cyberattacks. The customizable features allow users to define password complexity and length based on their specific needs, while real-time strength analysis ensures passwords are robust enough to withstand potential threats. Additionally, the secure storage options further enhance the protection of sensitive data. Overall, this application promotes safe digital practices, offering both individuals and organizations an easy-to-use, secure, and reliable tool to safeguard their online accounts and personal information.

APPENDIX

(Coding)

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);

        // Input user details
        System.out.print("Enter your first name: ");
        String firstName = scanner.nextLine().trim();

        System.out.print("Enter your last name: ");
        String lastName = scanner.nextLine().trim();

        System.out.print("Enter your email ID: ");
        String email = scanner.nextLine().trim();

        System.out.print("Enter your date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY): ");
        String dob = scanner.nextLine().trim();

        System.out.print("Enter your age: ");
        int age = scanner.nextInt();

        // Extract year from date of birth
        String yearOfBirth = dob.split("/")[2];

        // Get first 3 letters of first name
        String firstNamePart = firstName.length() >= 3
```

```
? firstName.substring(0, 3)
            : firstName;

        // Get last 3 letters of last name
        String lastNamePart = lastName.length() >= 3
            ? lastName.substring(lastName.length() - 3)
            : lastName;

        // Get first 3 letters of email username
        String emailUsername = email.split("@")[0];
        String emailPart = emailUsername.substring(0, Math.min(3,
emailUsername.length()));

        // Create the password
        String password = firstNamePart + lastNamePart + yearOfBirth + "@" + age +
emailPart;

        System.out.println("Generated Password: " + password);
    }
}
```

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