

# Human-Centred Security

## Week Task Sheet: Security Policies

You're going to write a password policy on Friday. You need to gather some evidence

Search the literature to find best practice for the following things (split amongst your group members)

- a) Are people inclined to share passwords? In other words, should we try to forbid this?
- b) How often should people change their passwords (voluntarily)? In other words how quickly can a password be compromised using the latest technology?
- c) Should we advise people not to write their passwords down?
- d) Finally, what kind of advice should we offer people for choosing a password? Remember the two arrows and the data/information/knowledge pyramid – people remember knowledge easy and data poorly.

If the literature doesn't offer a ready answer, think about how to design to accommodate human tendencies.