

Unit 1 - APCS A Programming Program

Password Enhancer Project

Problem Statement: Develop an algorithm for enhancing the strength of a password (represented as a `String` of characters) given specified best practices in creating strong passwords (explained below) and strategic use of methods of the `String` class. Then, implement that algorithm in a method within a Java program.

Overview:

Currently many websites provide suggestions to account holders about some widely-recognized best practices in creating a strong password. Two of these best practices are worth specific focus:

- Use a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols in your password.
- Don't use personal information or common words as passwords.

One strategy that many security-savvy web users implement is to replace specific letters in a password with a (somewhat) similar-looking character. For instance, the password "spookyhalloeen" could be enhanced by replacing every "o" with "0" (zero), every "a" with "@", every "e" with "3", and every "l" with "!", so that the enhanced password would read as "sp00kyh@!!0w33n". (You might find it interesting to investigate the strength of each password, as well as your own passwords, at <https://howsecureismypassword.net/>.)

For this project, let's use this same strategy by replacing every vowel in a given password with another character. Specifically:

Vowel	Replacement Character
a	@
e	3
i	!
o	0 (zero)
u	^

NOTE: We are **ONLY** replacing lower case vowels. You may leave upper case vowels unchanged.

Program REQUIREMENTS:

1. The `main` method should prompt the user to input a password, call the helper method to enhance the password and print out the new improved password.
2. The `main` method should continue to prompt the user to input passwords until the user inputs "-999". (We will assume in the spirit of this project that the user has no interest in having this four-character password, which would take a computer 10 microseconds to crack.)
3. The code for strengthening the password **MUST** be done in a separate helper method other than `main`.
4. The helper method must be named `enhancePassword`.
5. The helper method takes a single parameter representing the old password.
6. The helper method must return the enhanced password (a `String`)
7. In designing your program, you are restricted to using only the methods of the `String` class that we have discussed in class (those found in the APCS A Java Subset)