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PARADIGM



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• What is that, how could you describe it?

PARADIGM

- Set of generally accepted views and rules The way you think the world works
 - In a given field
 - In a given time period
- To deny them is dangerous
- For example:
 - The Earth is flat
 - De strigis, quae non sunt, nulla questio fiat
 - PC Political Correctness

- Paradigm shift when the paradigm changes
- Why?



- Paradigm shift when the paradigm changes
 - Knowledge exceeds its former limits
 - Revolutionary new technology
 - Book printing
 - Steam engine
 - Internet = digital network



- Paradigm shift when the paradigm changes
 - Gutenberg

- Digital networks Internet
- Books, music, movies
- Cyber crime, cyber war

Corvina codex from the library of King Matthias





- One copy cca. one year, one monk
- 10 thousand copies few days
- Art → Industrial process
- What are the consequences?

- Codex copying ended
- Books became primary tool for
 - storing and
 - transferring the knowledge



- Today the print is considered:
- Expensive
- Slow
- Hard to carry
- Copying: quality decreases (slow, expensive)



 Cost of copying and carrying to somewhere?

- Copying needs:
 - Zero cost
 - Zero time
 - Quality is the same
- Carrying to anywhere:
 - Zero cost
 - Zero time

• Google, Ctrl-F



Knowledge transfer has never been so easy!

BUT!

VIRTUAL WORLD REAL SECURITY

- Internet has become part of everydays
- Amount of data increases
- Our dependency on data increases day by day

OLD RULES ARE GOOD TO RETHINK

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OLD RULES & HOWTO-s ARE GOOD TO RE-THINK *

PASSWORDS

USER AUTHENTICATION METHODS

USER KNOWS SG. IN HIS MIND



USER HAS SG.





BIOMETRIC



USER AUTH METHODS

- Price
- Complexity
- False +/-
- Known incidents

PASSWORD RULES

- What makes a good password?
- Example?
- The most important rules?

PASSWORD RULES

From the point of view of the management?

GOOD PASSWORD USER – GENERAL POINT

- Must be memorable!
- Must NOT be guessable by others!

MUST BE MEMORABLE

🖕 You should know 😊

MUST NOT BE GUESSABLE

- How can you guess someone else's password?
- ?
- ??
- ?? ??

"DEFAULT" PASSWORDS

- Factory default pwds in wifi devices
- asdfgh, 123456 default pwds of lazy sysadmins
 (French bank)



RELATIONSHIP between person and pwd

- Date of birth
- Name of girl-/boyfriend, wife/husband
- Name of pet, favourite star, beer, etc.
- (example celebs, Obama)

RELATIONSHIP between username and pwd (strings)

- admin admin
- admin admin!admin, admin01



RELATIONSHIP between username and pwd (logical) James Bond -- ???

RELATIONSHIP between username and pwd (logical) James Bond -- 007



DICTIONARY ATTACK

Software tries all the words from a list







ADVANCED DICTIONARY ATTACK

- Software tries all the words from a list and simple modifications
- Based on the known pwd structures
- E.g.: password – password01..password99 etc.



- Software tries out all the possible char combinations
- What is the result?
- What is the question?

- Software tries out all the possible char combinations
- What is the result? Will find it!
- What is the question? How much time?

Number of possible combinations?

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 Char set: 80, length: 8...

- Number of possible combinations?
- Char set: 80, length: 8...



• It means: ??? ???

- Number of possible combinations?
- Char set: 80, length: 8...

- It means: length makes a good pwd, not the mixed type of chars in it.
- Charset: limited
- Length: unlimited

BRUTE FORCE calculations in Excel/Calc

- Cracking speed: Jeremy Gosney
- 25 AMD Radeon GPUs
- How many tries/sec??



BRUTE FORCE calculations in Excel/Calc

- Cracking speed: Jeremy Gosney
- 25 AMD Radeon GPUs
- ~350 billion tries/sec ~ 10^{12} (on NTLM hashes)
- Do some calculations!?

BRUTE FORCE calculations in Excel/Calc

Charset	Length	Cracking time
80	8	?
100	8	?
80	10	?
80	21	?

BRUTE FORCE calculations in Excel/Calc

Charset	Length	Cracking time
80	8	half hour
100	8	3 hours
80	10	4 months
80	21	10 ²⁰ years

3 hrs – 4 months: no difference ☺

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3 hrs – 4 billion years: THIS is a difference



GUESSING METHODS SUMMARY

- "Default" passwords
- Relationship between
 - Person and pwd
 - Username and pwd (as strings)
 - Username and pwd (logical)
- Dictionary
- Advanced dictionary
- Brute force

EXPERIENCE

 Length is more important than the complexity of char set!

SHADOW PASSWORD & HASH FUNCTION



jay:\$1\$V5C7ior3\$Q5dgwwZqG9MldIINAhytZ0:13790:0:99999:7:::

Here's an entry from the /etc/shadow file. You can tell that this hash was created by the MD5 algorithm, by the "\$1\$" prefix.

SHADOW PASSWORD & HASH FUNCTION

- MD5: crackable
- NTLM: ~350 billion tries per sec
- Bcrypt: ~ 72 thousand tries per sec

- Pwd should contain different type of chars:
 - Gmail
 - Federal Trade Commission
 - Twitter
 - OTP (biggest bank in Hungary)
 - (nearly everywhere)

Pwd generation sw by HP

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Use a "passphrase": a sentence you can remember. Then replace each word of the phrase with its initial, a similar digit or symbol, or, at random, use a whole word. For example:



The new password is mdN8w@r!hs. (Don't use this one, though.)

2 That may still be tough to remember. If you need to, write a reminder and hide the paper somewhere safe. But write the phrase or a hint, not the password.

3 Generally, if you have a strong password, you don't need to change it unless you suspect you've been hacked. But don't use the same one for different services.

- When do you change your password?
- Do you use the same pwd for different sites?
- Can you write your pwds down?
- Would you use a pwd management program?
- Is it possible to wirte down your passwords?

BEST PRACTICE FOR USERS

- Long password
- Don't use a common method to generate
- Should be memorable, e.g.: three words at least, add some extras at three postions at least.

BEST PRACTICE FOR USERS

- E.g.: Petrovic Karadjordje
- was born on 3 Nov 1768
- 3Petrovic11Karadjordje1768
- Dictionary attacks are languagedependent!

YOU MAY HAVE THE BEST PWD...

- Shoulder surfing
- Hidden camera
- Keylogger (hw/sw)
- Phishing emails
- Bad sysadmin
-etc....



Blacklist of most common passwords

Top 30 Most Commonly Used Internet Passwords 123456 ilove 12345 1234 password

- Passwords must NOT be stored not even encrypted
- Shadow password: strong hash function

jay:\$1\$V5C7ior3\$Q5dgwwZqG9MIdIINAhytZ0:13790:0:99999:7:::

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"salting": concatenate with a unique string

hefore hashing (username e c) kea:\$1\$c680fI2D\$0D56JmqHLzVDbjK2IoDNM/:1480 tbmi:\$1\$c680fI2D\$0D56JmqHLzVDbjK2IoDNM/:1480 bnk:\$1\$c680fI2D\$0D56JmqHLzVDbjK2IoDNM/:1480 syxtus:\$1\$c680fI2D\$0D56JmqHLzVDbjK2IoDNM/:1 paller:\$1\$c680fI2D\$0D56JmqHLzVDbjK2IoDNM/:1 ricsi:\$1\$c680fI2D\$0D56JmqHLzVDbjK2IoDNM/:14

 Change only if a security incident happened (or might happen), don't make uses change them every month.

CONCLUSION

- Passwords are free of charge
- Will be used in the future, too
- If used carefully, they are very secure
- You must be careful not only for yourself.



GOOD DOG: Invalid password. You have one more try.