

How to create an unhackable password

(that you can easily remember!)

Not detected on our inbuilt five-senses can easily become a trap for those relying on it solely for security in today's digital environment. Stolen identity from stolen passwords is an unfortunate fact of life, but it's avoidable if you take good precaution such as having a good password. So...

What is a good password?

- A good password has a mixture of alpha, numeric characters and symbols such as @, &,!,etc.. The longer and more cryptic password, the better it is.

For example: **2b@N2bt!t?i05fNx**

But how could you possibly remember this rather intimidating password above?

Here is how (a good password is constructed, using the above example):

1. Pick a phrase that is close to your heart. For example:
'To be or not to be that is the question'.
2. Write down the first letter of each word in that phrase: **tbontbtitq**
3. Change some of the letters into capitals, symbols or numbers: **2b@N2bt!t?**
*(You'll **need** to remember which your changed characters are).*
4. Next, add the year's two digits (*never part of your birthday*), say, when you first realised that Santa Claus could not possibly go down the chimney without getting ...stuck, in **xx05**. (a good story to help recall it). Shorten it to **i05**.
*(Note: Letters outside the phrase are **not** changed for simplicity reason).*
5. Then add something relating to the need for your password. E.g. if the password is for your Netflix account, you could add 'for **Netflix**'. Or **fNx** for short.

The password finally becomes **2b@N2bt!t?i05fNx**. Easy for you to remember, but it would take a 'non-governmental' hacker a lifetime using brute force to crack.

Tip: Recite the phrase **in your head** as you type the first letter of each word. It's strongly recommended NOT re-use the above template. It might have already been listed in a hacker's dictionary). Point 5 above gives you a **UNIQUE** password for each application.

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