ECE 498KL: eCrime and Internet Service Abuse

# Basic Password Attacks and Defenses

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## Passwords

- Password: (a) secret known to a user that is (b) used to authenticate the user to a system (c) by supplying it to the system when challenged
- Authenticating system needs to be able to verify that the supplied password is correct

ID	$\mathbf{N}$ ame	Passw. routine	Accounts with passw.	Leak date		
1	000webhost.com	\$p	15035687	$\approx$ Mar. 2015		
2	17.media	md5(\$p)	3824575	$\approx$ Sep. 2015		
3	51cto.com	md5(md5(\$p).\$s), md5(\$p)	3 923 449	$\approx$ Dec. 2013		
4	7k7k.com	\$p	9 231 185	$\approx$ Oct. 2011		
5	aipai.com	md5(\$p)	4529928	$\approx$ Apr. 2011		
6	ashleymadison.com	bcrypt(\$p)	36 140 796	$\approx$ July 2015		
7	badoo.com	md5(\$p)	122 730 419	$\approx$ June 2016		
8	csdn.net	\$p	6425905	$\approx$ Oct. 2011		
9	duduniu.cn	<b>\$</b> p	14 192 866	$\approx$ Aug. 2011		
10	gawker.com	des(\$p)	487 292	$\approx$ Dec. 2010		
11	gmail.com	\$p	4 925 994	$\approx$ Sep. 2014		
12	imesh.com	md5(md5(\$p).\$s)	51 308 651	$\approx$ Sep. 2013		
13	ispeak.cn	\$p	8 294 278	$\approx$ Apr. 2011		
14	linkedin.com	sha1(\$p)	112275414	$\approx$ Feb. 2012		
15	mail.ru	\$p	5 269 103	$\approx$ Sep. 2014		
16	mate1.com	\$p	27 402 581	$\approx$ Feb. 2016		
17	mpgh.net	md5(md5(\$p).\$s)	3 119 180	$\approx$ Oct. 2015		
18	myspace.com	sha1(\$p)	358 986 419	$\approx 2008$		
19	naughtyamerica.com	md5(\$p)	989 401	$\approx$ Apr. 2016		
20	nexusmods.com	md5(md5(\$s).md5(\$p))	5 918 540	$\approx$ Dec. 2015		
21	r2games.com	md5(md5(\$p).\$s), md5(\$p)	11 758 232	$\approx$ Oct. 2015		
22	renren.com	\$p	4 392 208	$\approx$ Nov. 2011		
23	sprashivai.ru	\$p	3 472 645	$\approx \text{May } 2015$		
24	taobao.com	\$p	14 769 995	$\approx$ Jul. 2015		
25	tianya.cn	\$p	29 642 564	$\approx$ Nov. 2011		
26	twitter.com	\$p	26 121 984	$\approx$ June 2016		
27	vk.com	\$p	92 144 526	$\approx 2012$		
28	weibo.com	<b>\$</b> p	4 529 994	$\approx$ Dec. 2011		
29	xiaomi.com	md5(md5(\$p).\$s)	8 281 358	$\approx \text{May } 2014$		
30	xsplit.com	sha1(\$p)	2 990 112	$\approx$ Nov. 2013		
31	yandex.ru	\$p	1 186 565	$\approx$ Sep. 2014		
To	Total accounts with email addr.: 994 301 846, Total distinct email addr.: 884 460 979					

Table 1: Analyzed identity leaks (\$p - clear password, \$s - salt)

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Function bcrypt
Input:
                                                 log_2(Iterations). e.g. 12 => 2^{12} = 4,096 iterations
           Number (4..31)
   cost:
            array of Bytes (16 bytes)
                                                random salt
   salt:
  password: array of Bytes (1..72 bytes) UTF-8 encoded password
Output:
            array of Bytes (24 bytes)
   hash:
//Initialize Blowfish state with expensive key setup algorithm
state \( \) EksBlowfishSetup(cost, salt, password)
//Repeatedly encrypt the text "OrpheanBeholderScryDoubt" 64 times
ctext ← "OrpheanBeholderScryDoubt" //24 bytes ==> three 64-bit blocks
repeat (64)
   ctext \( \text{EncryptECB(state, ctext) //encrypt using standard Blowfish in ECB mode
//24-byte ctext is resulting password hash
return Concatenate(cost, salt, ctext)
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### Free Password Hash Cracker

Enter up to 10 non-salted hashes:



Supports: LM, NTLM, md2, md4, md5, md5(md5), md5-half, sha1, sha1(sha1\_bin()), sha224, sha256, sha384, sha512, ripeMD160, whirlpool, MySQL 4.1+

### Download CrackStation's Wordlist

#### How CrackStation Works

CrackStation uses massive pre-computed lookup tables to crack password hashes. These tables store a mapping between the hash of a password, and the correct password for that hash. The hash values are indexed so that it is possible to quickly search the database for a given hash. If the hash is present in the database, the password can be recovered in a fraction of a second. This only works for "unsalted" hashes. For information on password hashing systems that are not vulnerable to pre-computed lookup tables, see our hashing security page.

Crackstation's lookup tables were created by extracting every word from the Wikipedia databases and adding with



SplashData releases its annual list in an effort to encourage the adoption of stronger passwords to improve Internet security. The passwords evaluated are mostly from North American and Western European users. The list shows many people continue to put themselves at risk for hacking and identity theft by using weak, easily guessable passwords.

RANK	PASSWORD	CHANGE FROM 2014
1	123456	Unchanged
2	password	Unchanged
3	12345678	1 7
4	qwerty	1 7
5	12345	2 🔰
6	123456789	Unchanged
7	football	3 <b>7</b>
8	1234	1 🛭
9	1234567	2 🞵
10	baseball	2 🔟
11	welcome	NEW
12	1234567890	0
13	abc123	1 🗷
14	111111	1 7
15	1qaz2wsx	MEM
16	dragon	7 🛂



"123456" and "password" once again reign supreme as the most commonly used passwords



**Some longer passwords** are so simple as to make their extra length virtually **worthless** 





