

CSS322 – Passwords Notes

Character set : $a \rightarrow z$ (26)

Password length : 6

No. of passwords : 26^6
 $\approx 3 \times 10^8$

Attack rate : 10^{12} passwords/sec

Char. set : 94 chars

Length : 8

No. passwords : $94^8 \approx 6 \times 10^{15}$

Time : $\frac{6 \times 10^{15}}{10^{12}} = 6 \times 10^3$ sec
 ≈ 2 hrs

Length : 4 char Time : 94×2 hrs

Figure 1: Password brute force examples; Lecture 25

8 passwords	000 001 010 ⋮ 111	3 bits
10 passwords		4 bits
n passwords		$\log_2(n)$ bits
3×10^8 passwords		28.16 bits (29)
1 character, $a \rightarrow z$ (26)		$\log_2(26)$ ≈ 4.70
1 char, $0 \rightarrow 9$ (10)		3.32
10 char, $a \rightarrow z$		$4.70 \times 10 = 47.0$ bits
14 char, $0 \rightarrow 9$		47 bits

Figure 2: Password entropy examples; Lecture 25

$$\begin{aligned} \# \text{ of passwords} &: 94^{10} \\ \text{Entropy} &: \log_2(94^{10}) \\ &\approx 65.9 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 3: Password Entropy Example; Lecture 26

username	password
john	mysecret
sandy	ld9a%23f
daniel	mysecret
...	...
steve	h31p_m3?

Figure 4: Password Storage - Cleartext password; Lecture 26

username	password	$E(K_s, \text{password})$
john	mysecret	axj4.....
sandy	ld9a%23f
daniel	mysecret	q234j....
...
steve	h31p_m3?

$C = E(K = \text{mysecret}, P = \text{mysecret})$
 Submit john, mysecret:
 $P = D(\text{mysecret}, C)$

Figure 5: Password Storage - Encrypted; Lecture 26

username	H(password)
john	06c219e5bc8378f3a8a3f83b4b7e4649
sandy	5fc2bb44573c7736badc8382b43fbaee
daniel	06c219e5bc8378f3a8a3f83b4b7e4649
...	...
steve	75127c78fd791c3f92a086c59c71ece0

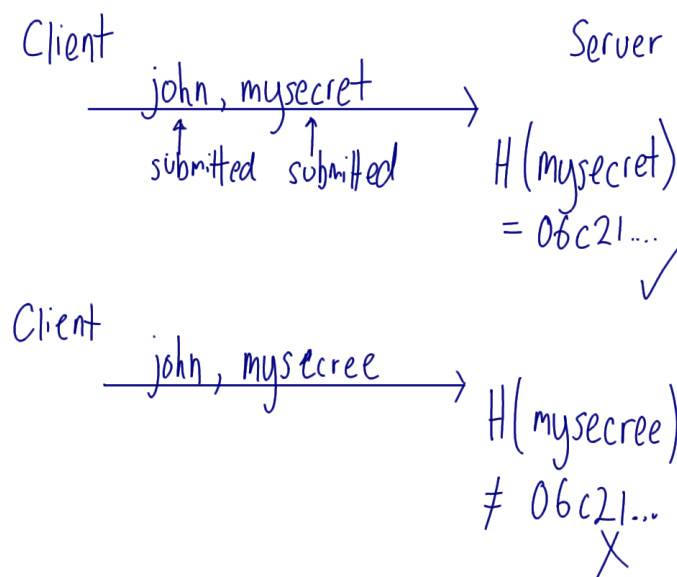


Figure 6: Password Storage - Hash of password; Lecture 26

username	H(password)
john	06c219e5bc8378f3a8a3f83b4b7e4649
sandy	5fc2bb44573c7736badc8382b43fbae
daniel	06c219e5bc8378f3a8a3f83b4b7e4649
...	...
steve	75127c78fd791c3f92a086c59c71ece0

MD5 : 128 bits
 One-way property : 2^{128}
 10^{10} attempts (hashes) per second
 Time to defeat one way property :
 $2^{128} / 10^{10} \approx 10^{21}$ years

Figure 7: Password Storage - Brute Force on Hash; Lecture 26

username	H(password)
john	06c219e5bc8378f3a8a3f83b4b7e4649
sandy	5fc2bb44573c7736badc8382b43fbae
daniel	06c219e5bc8378f3a8a3f83b4b7e4649
...	...
steve	75127c78fd791c3f92a086c59c71ece0

Brute force on passwords
 8 char long, 94 characters
 # of passwords : 94^8
 Time : $94^8 / 10^{10} \approx 7$ days

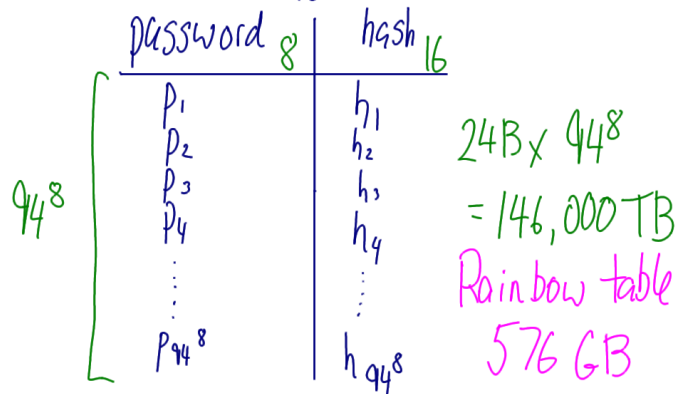


Figure 8: Password Storage - Using Rainbow Table; Lecture 26

username	salt	H(password salt)
john	a4H*1	ba586dcb7fe85064d7da80ea6361ddb6
sandy	U9(-f	816a425628d5dee17839fffeafb67144
daniel	5<as4	11842ced4203d4067ed6a6667f3f18d9
...
steve	LqM4^	184b7f9c6126c568ee50cd3364257973

Salt : 32 bit

Possible salt values : $2^{32} \approx 4 \times 10^9$

Rainbow table 1, salt₁ : 576GB

" " 2, salt₂ : 576GB

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" " 2^{32} , salt _{2^{32}} : 576GB

Too many rainbow tables to create.

Figure 9: Password Storage - Salted Hash; Lecture 26