



Passphrase Tips and Examples

Here is a list of tips to consider when creating a new passphrase:

1. **Don't use all common dictionary words.** *Example:* orange, car, etc.
2. **Misspell at least one word.**
Example: Instead of making it "why would you do that", make it "why wuld u do tht". If the word is not in a dictionary, it helps make it more secure.
3. **Consider using spaces.** *Example:* Instead of making it "iown2dogs", make it "i own 2 dogs"
4. **Consider using a long and complex passphrase.** *Example:* Instead of making it "i own 2 dogs and 1 cat", add some punctuation and capitalization to make it something like "I own 2 dogs, and 1 cat!"
5. **Never use sequential letters or numbers.** *Example:* 12345, abcde
6. **Never use repeated letters/numbers or keyboard patterns**
Example: 111, aaa, qwerty, asdfgh
7. **Never use the same passphrase for every site.**
Something you could do would be to make a passphrase like: "I am accessing Facebook!" for Facebook, or "I am accessing YouTube!" for YouTube, etc. (hint: don't use these examples)
8. **Test your passphrase here!** www.passfault.com, (enter your passphrase (or similar) and be sure that it would take at least 1 century to crack.)

Here is a list of example passphrases you could use to help spark some ideas along with the amount of time it would take to crack it according to the Passfault analyzer:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. #My son's bday is 20,Dec() | 39,490,895,060 centuries |
| 2. One(1)+Seven(7)=Eight(8)!! | 9,558,454,160 centuries |
| 3. *I gr4duated in twenty-ten. | 4,042 centuries |
| 4. Me gu5ta L0s Angeles?! | 686 centuries |
| 5. I am accessing Facebook! | 1 century, 5 decades |