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Remembering Your Password

With as many passwords as we have these days, it's near impossible to remember all of them. You might even think it's impossible without writing them all down. That's now true. There ways that you can make a secure password, and still remember it. Below are just a few methods.

- Mnemonics - Remembering a randomized, assigned difficult password, like "tthertd" can be simple and fun by using a mnemonic. Think of a sentence where there is one word beginning with each letter of the password, for example, "tthertd" could be "terrible tigers have every right to drive."
- Develop an Algorithm - Take the name of the website and then add the last four digits of a friend's home phone number to the end. The password for wikiHow might be "wikihow4588".
- Remove the vowels - Take a word or phrase and remove the vowels from it. (e.g. "eat the cheese-burger" becomes "tthchsbrgr").
- Connect the first letters - Develop a password using the first letters of a sentence or phrase that means something to you - like your national anthem or a slogan you have seen some where. 'Don't shop for it, Argos it' would become DsfiAi.
- Mix words - Choose two words and combine their letters to create the password, choosing one letter of the first word and one letter of the second word, and repeating this until you get to the last letter of each word. An example could be: Words: house & plane. Password: hpoluasnee
- Turn letters into numbers or symbols - Think of a phrase, or name that your password will be. Type that name using numbers (located on the telephone # pad) or simply use a symbol that reminds you of a letter, like @ for a.

For more tips on how to make secure passwords visit: <http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/ctis/security/passwords.html>

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