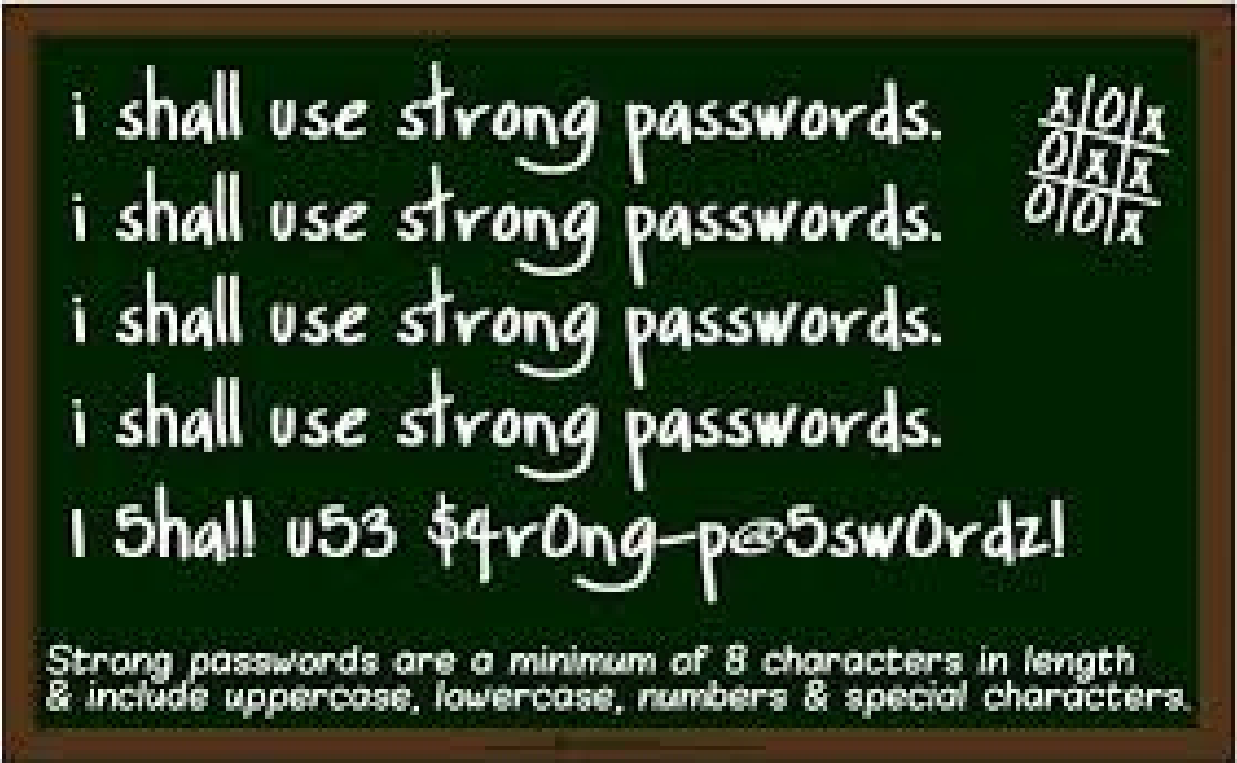


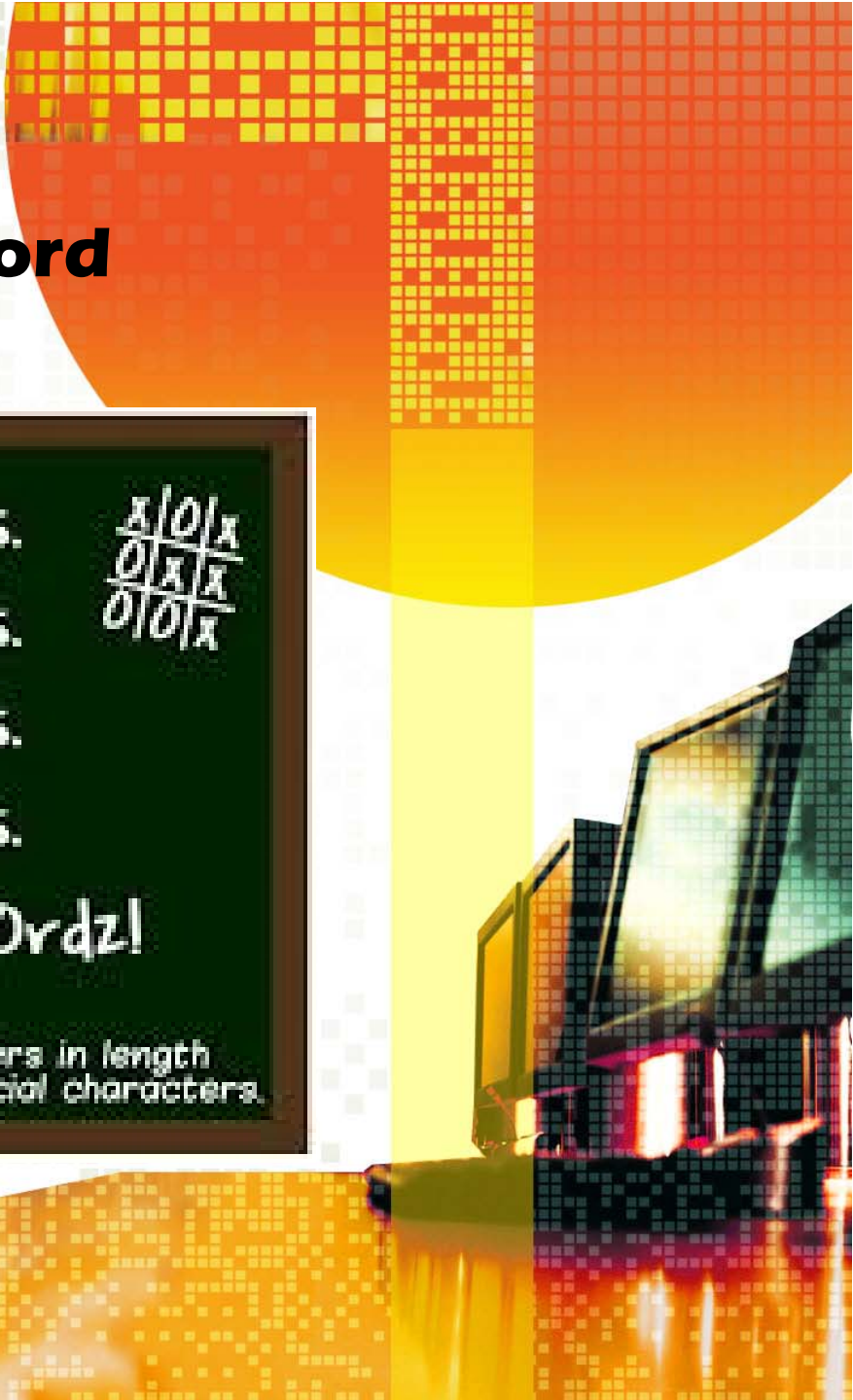
# Creating a Strong Password



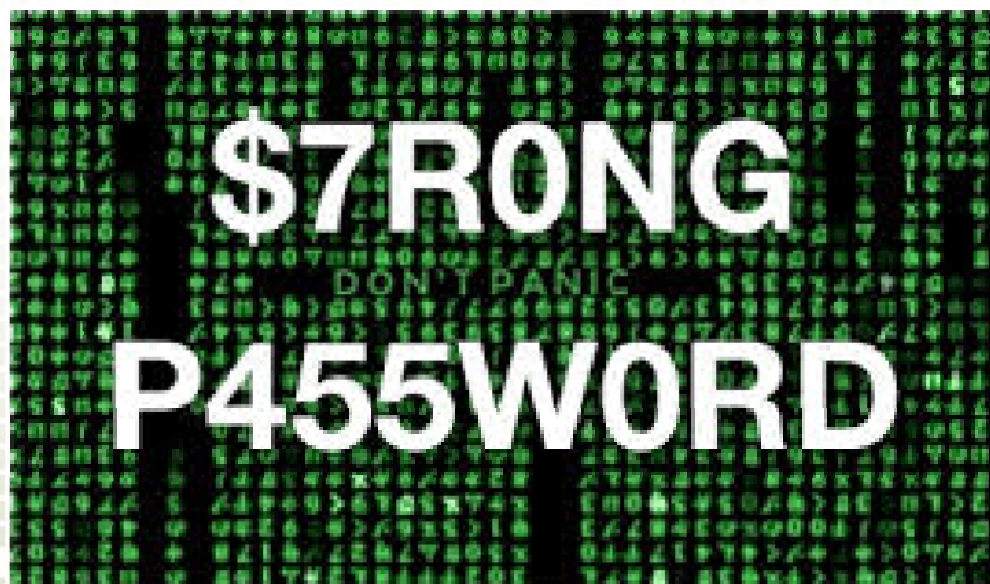
i shall use strong passwords.  
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I shall u53 \$4r0ng-p@5sw0rdz!

Strong passwords are a minimum of 8 characters in length & include uppercase, lowercase, numbers & special characters.

x	o	x
o	x	x
o	o	x



Passwords provide the first line of defense against unauthorized access to your computer. The stronger your password, the more protected your computer will be from hackers and malicious software.



# **WHAT MAKES A PASSWORD STRONG (OR WEAK)?**

## **A strong password:**

- ✓ **Is at least eight characters long.**
- ✓ **Does not contain your user name, real name, or company name.**
- ✓ **Does not contain a complete word.**
- ✓ **Is significantly different from previous passwords.**



# **WHAT MAKES A PASSWORD STRONG (OR WEAK)?** (CONT'D)

**A password might meet all the criteria above and still be a weak password.**

- **For example, Hello2U! meets all the criteria for a strong password listed above, but is still weak because it contains a complete word.**
- **H3ll0 2 U! is a stronger alternative because it replaces some of the letters in the complete word with numbers and also includes spaces.**



# **WHAT MAKES A PASSWORD STRONG (OR WEAK)? (CONT'D)**

**Help yourself remember your strong password by following these tips:**

- **Create an acronym from an easy-to-remember piece of information. For example, pick a phrase that is meaningful to you, such as My son's birthday is 12 December, 2004.**
- **Using that phrase as your guide, you might use Msbi12/Dec,4 for your password.**



# **WHAT MAKES A PASSWORD STRONG (OR WEAK)? (CONT'D)**

**Substitute numbers, symbols, and misspellings for letters or words in an easy-to-remember phrase.**

- **For example, My son's birthday is 12 December, 2004 could become Mi\$un's Brthd8iz 12124 (it's OK to use spaces in your password).**

**Relate your password to a favorite hobby or sport.**

- **For example, I love to play badminton could become ILuv2PlayB@dm1nt()n.**



# Mp'niPt1 derd!

- My
- puppy's
- name
- is
- Percy
- the
- 1der
- dog
- !

