

# 5 Tips for better password security!

They want what you've got—don't let them have it. Make sure you're doing what you can to keep your sensitive data out of the hands of cyber criminals.

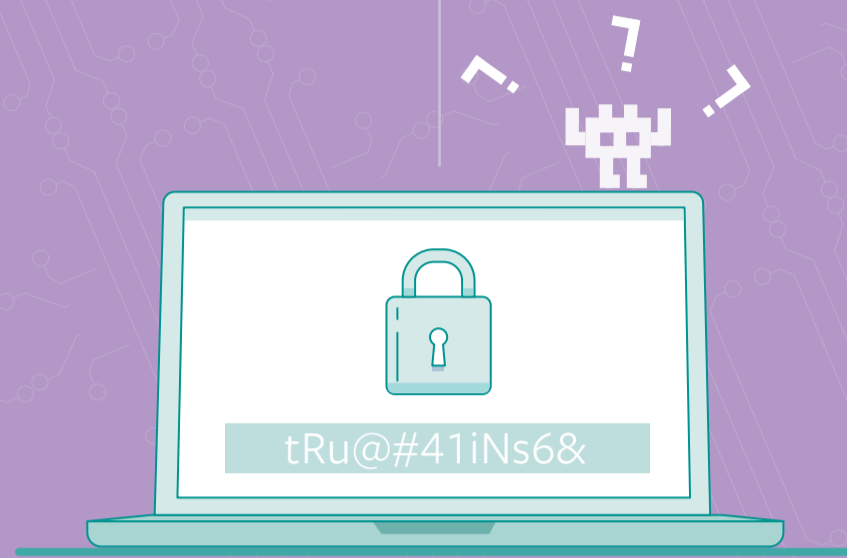
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## 01

### Strength can be found in complexity.

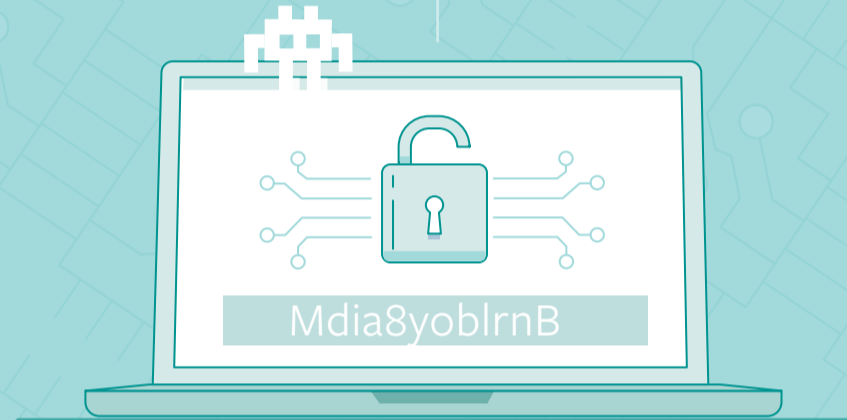
Avoid using passwords that include personal details about yourself such as your name, your pet's name, the city you were born in, etc. These tend to be easier for hackers to figure out. Using passwords that are at least 12 characters long and have a combination of letters, numbers and other characters can make them harder to crack.



## 02

### Just don't make it too difficult for you to remember.

You don't want to create a password so obscure that it's impossible for you to remember. If you want to create a password that's easy to remember, but hard to guess, try using a phrase. For example, the phrase "My dog is an 8 year old black labrador retriever named Barkley," would become: *Mdia8yoblrnB*.



## 03

### Keep mixing things up.

If you use the same password for multiple accounts, you're putting yourself at risk. If one account is compromised, it may result in all your accounts being compromised. Be sure to create unique passwords for each account, and update them often.



## 04

### Beware the password save feature.

Creating strong passwords can be useless if you're leaving your login information saved for your favourite websites. While password save features are convenient, they're also risky. Never use this feature on a computer that's shared with others. Inputting your password each time not only heightens security, but will help you remember it!



## 05

### Use questions only you know the answer to.

It's important to think carefully about the security questions you select when you set up a new account. Instead of choosing one of the pre-selected questions provided, try to come up with your own. That way you can use a question and an answer that only you would know the answer to.

