



7 PASSWORD SAFETY TIPS



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Don't Use Personal Info

Don't create passwords from info that others might know or could easily find out (like the accessible info in your social media profile).

Such as,

- Your nickname or initials
- The name of your child or pet
- Important birthdays or years
- The name of your street
- Numbers from your address





Don't be stingy, Make it longer

Long passwords are stronger, so make your password at least 12 characters long.

But, randomness does not provide as much protection as one would think (e.g. "qeadzcvrsfxv1331").

If you use,

- A lyric from a song or poem
- A meaningful quote from a movie or speech
- A series of words that are meaningful to you
- An abbreviation: Make a password from the first letter of each word in a sentence.

It would be not only long but also memorable

password123



evaluator-passenger-whoops-ablaze





Mix it up

Use upper and lower case letters, numerals, punctuation marks.

UPPERCASE

SYMBOLS

wH01292014eTV

wH-01292014_etV

lowercase

4 Avoid Common Keyboard Paths

Don't use common, simple words, phrases & patterns that are easy to guess.

Examples:

- Obvious words and phrases like "password" or "yourname"
- Sequences like "abcd" or "1234"
- Keyboard patterns like "qwerty" or "qazwsx"

My password

~~123456~~

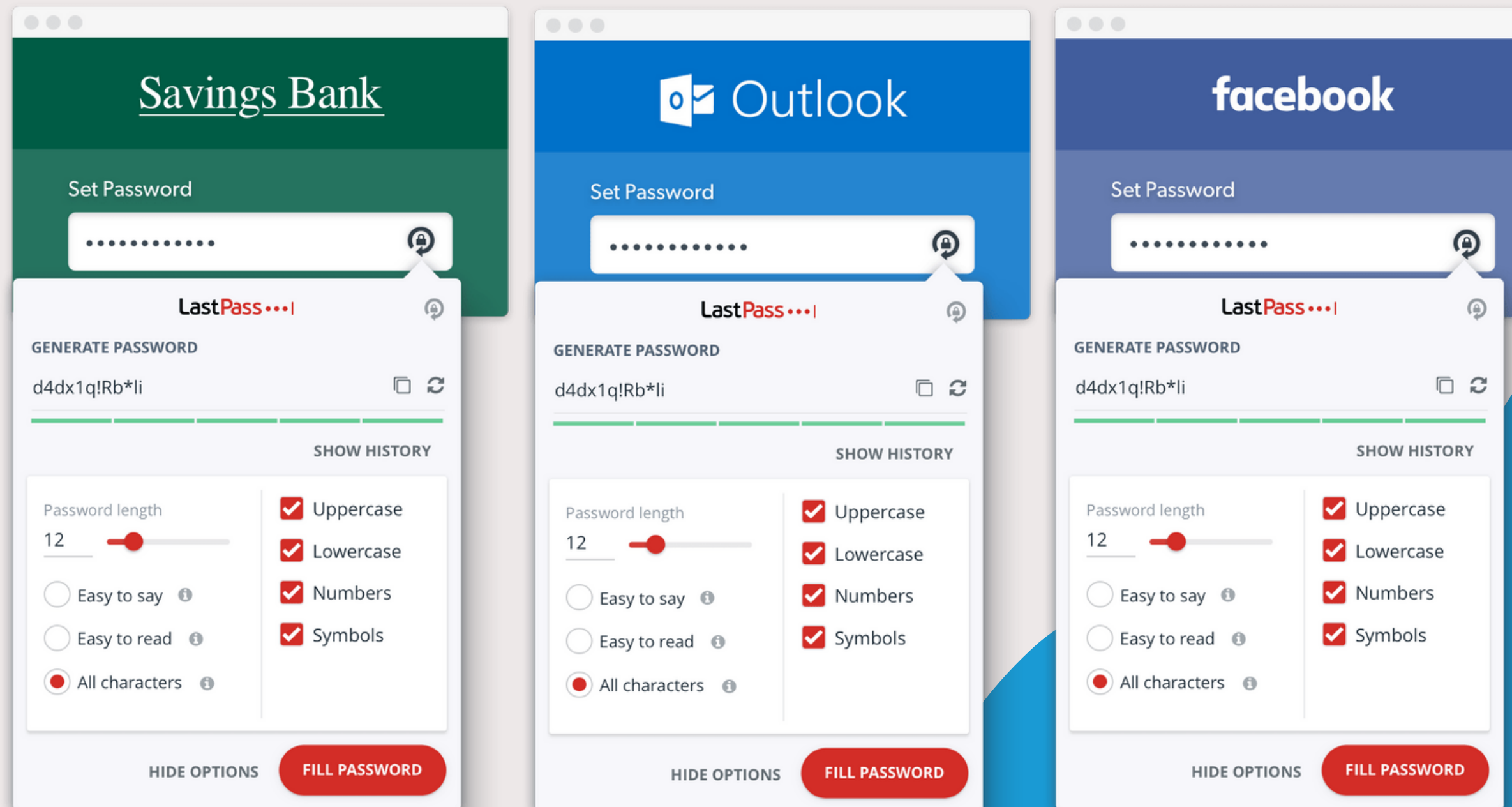
~~qwerty~~

A3eT8M6BFI



Use a password manager

One way to store and remember passwords securely is to use a tool that stores your list of usernames and passwords in encrypted form. Some of these tools will even help by automatically filling in the information for you on certain websites. (Example: LastPass.)



A large, stylized number '6' in blue and light green, set against a light green background.

Never Reuse Passwords

Use a different password for each of your online accounts. Reusing passwords is risky! If someone gets your password for one account, they could access your email, address, and even your money.



Facebook



Instagram



Bank account



Tiktok



Twitter



Think outside the box - "passphrase"

Instead of a password, think about creating a passphrase. You can use the first characters of a sentence you can easily remember and which is meaningful to you.

Phrase



Passphrase

"piece of my heart"

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