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Snapple Real Fact #318

"Top-performing companies are called 'blue chips' after the costliest chips in casinos."

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"Insider Tips To Make Your Business Run Faster, Easier and More Profitably"



What's the cost of your team reusing passwords? Companies that apply the same credentials across accounts and save them via the browser open the door to security vulnerabilities. Learn more about how this happens here.

The Prevalence of Login-Dependent Platforms in Modern Business

Today's digital landscape is undeniably login-driven. From project management tools to customer relationship management (CRM) software, nearly every business-critical platform demands user authentication. It makes sense, as these credentials help secure sensitive data and personal information.

With the sheer number of systems employees interact with daily, it's no surprise that many are looking for ways to streamline password management. According to a NordPass poll, around 40% to 50% of 7,861 users prefer to save every code in their browser's built-in storage for convenience.

Are Your Credentials Truly Safe?

Chrome, Edge, Safari, and Firefox are fairly reputa-

ble platforms, so why not take advantage of their free password-saving features? Unfortunately, this practice carries the following risks:

- **Malware and infostealers:** Browsers store passwords in predictable locations. Many types of malicious software can extract every saved credential within seconds, without users ever knowing.
- **Zero IT oversight:** Built-in managers lack audit trails, secure credential sharing, the ability to enforce password policies, and other essential enterprise features.
- **Compromised devices:** Anyone with physical access to an unlocked, logged-in computer can view all stored passwords, or a hacker can access them remotely via hijacked browser sessions.
- **Cloud exploits:** Syncing passwords across devices centralizes data. If your browser account (e.g., Google or iCloud) gets hacked, an attacker gains access to all your stored credentials at once.

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Quotations

"Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea."

—Robert A. Heinlein

"Go to Heaven for the climate and Hell for the company."

—Benjamin Franklin Wade

"Maybe, if we underpaid politicians and overpaid teachers, there would be smarter people and less stupid laws."

—Morgan Freeman

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the World."

—Anne Frank

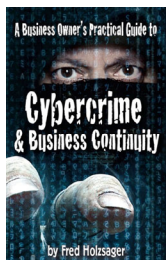
"Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way."

—Viktor E. Frankl

"Learn the rules like a pro, so you can break them like an artist."

—Pablo Picasso

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Password Reuse Makes Browser Storage Riskier

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• **Lack of phishing defense:** Native browser managers cannot actively flag spoofed login pages in real time, making users highly susceptible to generative AI-fueled phishing.

Strengthen Your Company's Password Security

The risk of a data breach increases if your team has rampant password reuse. Consider the following proactive strategies.

Use a Dedicated Password Manager

You don't have to do away with convenience entirely. Third-party password managers not only generate strong, unique passwords but also store them securely. Unlike browser-based tools, they offer encryption, cross-platform access, and other advanced protections.

Educate Your Team

Technology can only go so far without human vigilance. Regular training on password best practices

and common threats makes a massive difference. Simulate attacks to test awareness, and keep everyone informed about evolving security risks.

Enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

MFA creates an extra layer of protection with minimal effort. Even when hackers manage to steal credentials, they still need to bypass another form of verification to gain access.

Audit Passwords Regularly

When was the last time your company conducted a password checkup? Regular audits can identify weak, reused, or compromised credentials, while password monitoring tools flag vulnerabilities instantly.

Avoid Gambling With Stored Credentials

Password reuse and reliance on weak browser password managers are risky shortcuts that could cost your business dearly. Every reused piece of code amplifies the damage a single breach can cause.

Treat your credentials like the keys to the castle. Take the time to strengthen them, store them securely, and update your practices regularly.

It is critical to note, if you are breached/compromised or hit across the network by an attack, the time you saved will have been lost in an order of magnitude. So, keep passwords unique for every account you use.

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QUICK SECURITY TIP: Has it ever dawned on you that using your work or primary email address for your banking, legal matters, or investments might not be a great idea? **Consider the following:** Most of the phishing emails you receive are most likely going to arrive at the email you use regularly. If someone were Phishing you, it is most likely being sent to the primary email, seen most of the time by all those who communicate with you.

So, you say... "but it's the only one that I have." Now, think for a moment about if you were to use a separate email for only your **private communications**. Do you see how that may reduce the likelihood of being phished? Sure, the Bank or Investment company you use may get breached and some emails may get exfiltrated, exposing your email account "in the wild." Otherwise, your **SECONDARY** email account should be safe, especially with the Federal guidelines Banks and Investment houses must comply with regarding individual privacy protections.

Tips:

- 1. Consider getting an account on outlook.com (from Microsoft) or on Gmail.com (from Google). There are other sources you may choose to use. If you are truly concerned about your privacy, there's Splunk.com which is used by companies that trade securities. Mind you, theirs is not a free email account, but it will be secure.
- 2. When you establish any additional special purpose email account, make sure it is more secure by...
 1. using a complex password that has more than 16 characters (upper & lower case), symbols, and numbers to make it more complex.
 2. This password MUST BE A UNIQUE PASSWORD — not used for any of your other accounts.
 3. Whenever possible, have the account additionally protected using Two Factor Authentication (2FA).

Considerations:

- 1. Take extra precautions NOT TO USE THE SECONDARY EMAIL for anything not FINANCIALLY related.
- 2. Whatever you do with the new email account, DO NOT SIGN UP FOR ANY Subscriptions or enroll in any online apps or social media—that defeats the purpose of establishing this special email account.
- 3. Once you have established this special email account, remember, you must contact your Banks and your investment partners to let them know you only want to use the SECONDARY ACCOUNT for all of your communications with them. It should not be necessary, but you might also let them know, you do NOT WANT THEM TO DISTRIBUTE the account information with their marketing department and other business partners. **Stress to them**—it is for exclusive use of personal communications.

Beware of the "White Envelope Scam"! Lately, many homeowners have been receiving empty envelopes in the mail. **Why would this be?** Apparently, scammers wish to drive up their ratings in Amazon and other online vendors. By sending you a package that is not declined or returned, they use your name as a "verified" customer, except they are using an account *that they have gained access to* for when they use it. As they build up their list of verified buyers, they then increase the ratings for their site to garner more buyers. There are two important aspects here... 1. If you are receiving these envelopes, your personal data may be compromised... and 2. Whoever buys from these sites with *bogus* 5-Star reviews will then (also) perceive you as part of this scam. Make sure to check your Personal info on the Dark Web. Two reputable sources are <https://www.AAA.com> and <https://www.Experian.com> and change your passwords.

More Cringeworthy and Ponderances from Dad

How many times have you heard a quick one or two liner that made you cringe or ponder? How about some more? *Many memes are from shared Facebook groups.*

☺ The fact that *Head & Shoulders* doesn't have a body wash called 'Knees & Toes' disappoints me.

☺ Did you know Davy Crockett had three ears? His left ear, his right ear and his wild frontier.

☺ I heard the CEO of Ikea was appointed Prime Minister of Sweden. He's currently assembling his cabinet.

☺ Today, I saved over \$350 by not going to Costco to buy a chicken.

☺ Gravity is one of the most fundamental forces in the universe, but if you remove it, you get... Gravy.

☺ Why do the French have only one egg for breakfast? Because, in France, one egg is an *oeuf*.

☺ Math is hard, 15+15 is thirty..., But, 16+16 is thirty, too!

☺ I don't always roll a joint, but when I do, it's my ankle.

☺ My wife thought our kids were spoiled, but I think most kids smell like that.

☺ My half brother and I aren't allowed to play with chainsaws anymore.

☺ I just purchased an original Van Gogh coffee table. I know it's original because there's a bit of veneer missing.

☺ Who knew that the hardest part of being an adult is figuring out what to cook for dinner every single night for the rest of your life until you die.

☺ In 3,024 years, life will either be really good or really bad. It's 5050.

☺ I'm looking for my "Gone in 60 seconds" DVD. It was here a minute ago.

☺ Did you know that you use 17 muscles when opening a bottle of wine? Fitness is my passion.

☺ I am starting to think I will never be old enough to know better.

☺ A 350 credit score prevents identity theft.

☺ My wife is blaming me for ruining her birthday. That's ridiculous, I didn't even know it was her birthday.

☺ Before it was carved... Mount Rushmore's natural beauty was unpresidential.

☺ I got myself a Seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.

☺ **Childhood injuries:**

Fell off my bike, Fell out of a tree, and Twisted my ankle.

Adult injuries: Slept wrong, Sat down too long, and Sneezed too hard.

☺ People who ask me what I'm doing tomorrow probably assume that I even know what day of the week it is.

☺ Funny thing about getting older: Your eyesight starts getting weaker, but your ability to see through people's BS gets much better.

☺ The older I get, the earlier it gets late!

Hope these brought you a smile ☺

Quick Productivity Tips

We're living in an age of mobility. As a result of travel while working, a larger force of laptops have grown in popularity. Some will use mice with the laptops, but others may choose to become proficient using the touch pad. Let's see what you can learn about mastery on your touch pad. [Based on Dell's ALPS Touchpad]

Basic Controls

Move cursor: Slide ONE finger across the pad in the desired direction.

Left click: Tap once anywhere on the pad (or press lower-left corner, if no tap to click).

Right click: Tap twice, or press lower-right corner (or two finger tap on some models).

Tap-to-click: Enable in Windows Settings > Devices > Touchpad.

Scrolling

One-finger scroll: Place ONE finger on the right or bottom edge and slide up/down (vertical) or left/right (horizontal).

Two-finger scroll: Place TWO fingers on the pad and slide together in any direction.

Zoom

Pinch zoom: TWO fingers—spread apart to zoom in, bring together to zoom out.

Enable: Check "Enable Pinch Zoom" in touchpad settings.



Rotation: TWO fingers—hold one still, arc the other finger left or right to rotate in 90° increments.

Other Common Gestures

Three-finger swipe: Switch apps, desktops, or

NOTE: It is best to read this column while at your computer for a better understanding of the content presented. *Enjoy!*

volume (Configurable in Settings > Touchpad).

Four-finger swipe: Switch monitors or other actions (configurable).

Two-finger tap: Right-click (if not using physical buttons).

Two-finger drag: Select multiple items.

Flick

The Flick gesture enhances navigation for a variety of applications. You can use the Flick gesture for browsing the Internet or scrolling through photos in a photo viewer window. You can also use the Flick gesture to enter or exit slideshow mode.

Settings & Tips

1. **Open Settings:** Windows logo + I > Settings > Bluetooth & Devices > Touchpad.

2. **Adjust:**

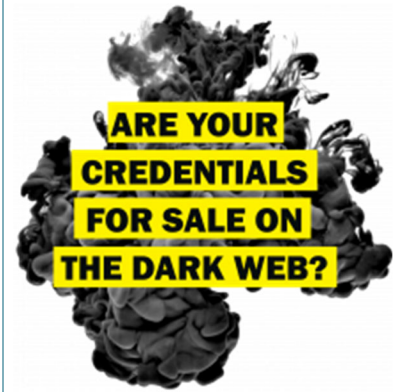
- Cursor speed
- Tap sensitivity
- Scroll direction
- Enable/disable gestures

3. **Check "Scrolling Region"** if one-finger scroll doesn't work.

4. **Update drivers** via Dell Support or Windows Update for full gesture support.

Now that you have been "exposed" to the touchpad use gestures, hopefully, you will feel more comfortable in using it—especially, if you are confined to a limited space for work (e.g., "in an airplane seat between two other passengers"). If you have a Dell with an ALPS touchpad, many or all of these should apply; however, if you have a different brand laptop or touchpad, you may need to reference the support documentation made especially for your device.

—Images from **Dell Support** website knowledgebase docs



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Did you know...?

- Cyber-attacks have continued to grow in cost, size, and impact—causing 60% of SMBs to go out of business within 6 months of a cyber incident.

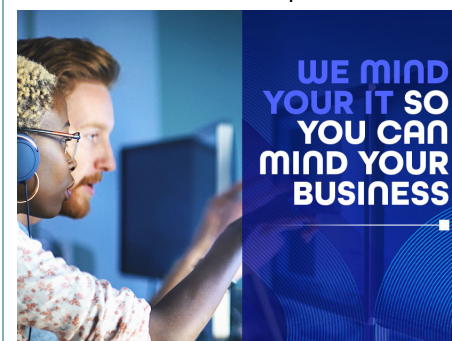
- Over 80% of data breaches leverage stolen passwords as the principal attack vector—often acquired on the *Dark Web*.

- Far too often, companies that have had their credentials compromised and sold on the Dark Web don't know it until they have been informed by law enforcement—but then, it's too late.

- To help keep your critical business assets safe from the compromises that lead to breach and theft, we are offering a complimentary, one-time scan with **Dark Web ID™ Credential Monitoring**.

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The Lighter Side...

Keep This In Mind...

Never let anyone tell you what you can or cannot do. Just look at Beethoven. Everyone told him he would never be a musician just because he was deaf. But, did he listen?

-Accredited to How To Kill an Hour (Facebook)

Grandmother on the Beach

A grandmother is watching her grandson playing on the beach. Suddenly, a huge wave comes up and swallows this boy, pulling him into the sea.

The frightened grandmother looks up to the sky and says, "Dear G-d, he's my only grandson. My life is nothing without him. Please bring him back to me." Another huge wave hits the beach and brings this boy back.

The woman looks up to the sky again and says, "He had a hat, too!"

-Accredited to How To Kill an Hour (Facebook)

In The Beginning

A doctor, an engineer and a lawyer are all having a discussion about which was the oldest profession. The doctor said, "My profession must have existed first, because G-d took a rib from Adam and Eve was created, that was surgery, so obviously, doctors were first."

The engineer retorted, "No, it was an engineer that existed first. If you recall, there was chaos and then there was order. It's our strength to create order from chaos, thus, the engineer was the first."

Then, the lawyer spoke, "Well, who do you think created chaos?"

-Accredited to Bob Alper (Facebook)

The Anticipated Engagement

A man calls his mother, "Mom, I've got some exciting news and you're the first I wanted to share it with. I've just become engaged."

Mother: "Sweetheart, since the day you were born, those are the words I've been waiting to hear. When do I get to meet her?"

Son: "Well, let's have lunch next Tuesday."

The mother walks into the restaurant and sees her son sitting with three young women. It's kind of an awkward meal. When they finish eating, he dismisses them. As they're sitting alone in the restaurant, she asks, "What's going on here?"

Son: "Mom, I was kind of conducting an experiment. I wanted to see if you could figure out which of the three I'm going to marry."

Mother: "The red head in the middle."

Son: "Mom, you're right. How did you know?"

Mother: "She's the one I didn't like."

-Accredited to Bob Alper (Facebook)

A Lawyer and A Friend at the Mountain Cabin

Early in the morning, the lawyer and his Czech friend went out to pick berries for their morning breakfast. As they were picking blueberries, along came two big Bears - a male and a female.

The lawyer, seeing the two bears, climbed a tree.

His friend wasn't so lucky and the male bear caught him and swallowed him whole.

The lawyer drove his car to town as fast as he could to get a policeman. The policeman took his gun and ran to the berry patch with the lawyer.

Sure enough, the two bears were still there.

"He's in that one!" said the lawyer, pointing to the male.

The policeman looked at the bears, took careful aim with his gun, and shot the FEMALE.

"What did you do that for!" shouted the lawyer, "I said he was in the other bear!"

"Exactly," answered the policeman. "Would you believe a lawyer who told you that the Czech was in the Male?"