

Password question

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Say I have a password like JenP4\$\$4PlayerS. I understand this is a bad (i.e. not strong) password for a number of reasons. It has combinations of words, abbreviations and palindromes. My question is, given that all 15 characters have to be used (that is, the password can't be split into smaller units, like 7 digits) even if you can split out the pieces of the words, palindromes and abbreviation, if there's say a million each of these, you take a million cubed, and that's still a very large number. So how weak is a password like this? What kind of resources would it take to break? (rough approximation)