

Re: Password recommendations

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What an excellent question!

Basically, that recommendation forces both seven-character chunks of the password to be non-zero. This requires much more work on the part of the existing password cracking tools. Its true that a fourteen character password is far more secure than an eight character. But a seven character leaves one whole half of the password as null, which is instantly broken.

Hope that helps.

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"Jennifer" <Jennylats@aol.com> wrote in message

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> Microsoft recommends that a password be 8 characters long -

> however, passwords are stored in 7 character lengths

> making an 8 character password easiest to figure out. My

> question is why do they recommend 8 then? am I missing

> something?