

Re: exploring the use of manual encryption of passwords (newbie)

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Paul Rubin wrote:

> "Alex D" <anon@anon.anon> writes:
>> *I want to avoid anyone peeking over my shoulder and memorize some of
>> the passwords,*
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> *I don't see why you need fancy encryption for that. Just write the
> words backwards or something. Also, it's simple enough to avoid
> pulling out the paper when someone is looking over your shoulder.*
>
>> *or even worse: forget or lose the piece of paper.*
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> *Think of the paper as a \$20 bill. You've probably carried \$20 bills
> in your pocket any number of times. How often have you forgotten and
> lost one? Just exercise the same level of care with the piece of
> paper, and you shouldn't forget or lose it.*

As extra security write the password on the \$20 bill. If you lose it the person who finds it will spend it and forever break the link between password and you.