How Passwords Are Cracked



Interception

Passwords can be intercepted as they are transmitted over a network

Searching

IT infrastructure can be searched for electronically stored passwords





Manual Guessing

Name, date of birth & pet's name can be used to guess common passwords

Stealing Passwords

Insecurely stored passwords can be stolen including handwritten ones





Social Engineering

Social engineering techniques trick you to reveal passwords

Brute Force

Automated guessing of billions of passwords until they find a correct one





Shoulder Surfing

Observing someone typing their password

Key Logging

An installed keylogger intercepts passwords as they are typed



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