

Mastodon Bytes

With the new switch to Outlook as our primary mailing service, things can get a little confusing.

Tip #6: Use different usernames and passwords.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to type in your password, which we all know is **WeLoveHelpDesk**, and it just logs us in to everything that we have an account for?

Wouldn't it be nice to use the same password for everything and rest assured that your accounts were safe? Unfortunately, when it comes to passwords, the more the better.

The greatest protection against all hacking attempts is diversity. If you use the same email address and password for every service you use in life you are putting yourself at unnecessary risk. In this situation you are greatly simplifying how much work a hacker has to do to steal all of your personal information since they only have to crack 1 password instead of 10.

It'd be fine if the person were to only see the pictures that your Aunt Eleanor sent you of her dogs that are just SOOOO adorable, but it wouldn't be so fine if the hacker took out all the money you were going to send to Aunt Eleanor so she would just stop sending you those pictures that she knows you adore. You're left broke and distressed with only pictures of an over-groomed Schnauzer to keep you company.

We get it, remembering a million different usernames and passwords is a hard task even for techno geniuses. Thankfully there are **password managers** you can download to save the day. These utilities make it easy to manage multiple accounts by only asking that you to remember one complex password for your password vault that isn't saved or stored anywhere to prevent it from being compromised. We aren't saying this is a silver bullet solution, but it is one of many ways that people can supplement their password memory.

