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Sending Passwords By Email

By Bryce Whitty

It amazes me how many sites allow you to register, and then send you an e-mail to your registered address containing your password in plain-text. There is never a warning stating that the site will email the password you use, for all to see.

Sending passwords by e-mail works when you forget a password. The site changes it and e-mails you the new one, which you then use to log in and change it to something else. The e-mailed password is not active for very long, and it isn't something you chose.

Sending you your own password, either in a welcome e-mail once you register, or as a response to a "forgot password" request is bad security. Really bad security.

Compounding this is the fact that e-mail providers such as Google Gmail state in their privacy policy that "deleted" e-mail may be kept indefinitely on their backup servers. As soon as someone e-mails you your password in plain-text, to a Gmail account, Google are likely to have that archived forever.

You can't tell whether a site is going to do to this, so it isn't possible to use a "less sensitive" password for sites which will e-mail your password back to you. If you have groups of passwords; one for sites you use to pay for things, one for forums, one for other less important sites, for instance, then you may enter your "usual" password without realising it may be compromised by being sent in an e-mail, visible to anyone along the way that wants to read it.

Sites should seriously consider the security implications of sending passwords by e-mail, especially if there is no prior warning that this will happen!

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Keeping Passwords Secure

By Sharon Housley

As the web has evolved, so have the methods of collecting personal information. A large number of websites require visitors to register to gain access or participate. While the need for registration is understandable, tracking user names and passwords can be burdensome. Consider using software to store your passwords, in a safe accessible manner.

Most websites have privacy policies, but the value of privacy statements are only as honorable as the people behind the websites. Here are suggestions for keeping passwords and your information secure:

change your password frequently

never share your password with anyone

try to choose a password so it doesn't need to be written down, but not so obvious others would easily guess the password

be sure your password is at least 6 characters

don't use a password containing all the same characters

don't send your password via email or provide it over the phone

don't use pet, family or friend names

don't use your telephone number, zip code or address

use a different password for each account

don't use user name

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deactivate accounts for terminated employees

don't allow shared accounts

password contains upper, lowercase letters, non-letter characters and numbers

Resources

Password Software –

<http://www.password-software.com>

Passwords are not foolproof. Do not rely on a password alone to protect sensitive information. Monitor

accounts closely to ensure that security is not breached.

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