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The Minion's Master Moves: Pick A Password



The S.W.A.T. Minions remind you...

Creating strong, but memorable, passwords can be a challenge. Try one of these ideas the next time you need to create or change your password:

1. **Make a compound word.** Combine three small words of significance to you to make a single password. For example, you might use "mydogspot" or "jimswifejane."

- It adds more security to capitalize the first letters of the different words: "ballzonecart" becomes "BallZoneCart".
 Also, sheer length is superior to a shorter but random mix of numbers, letters and symbols.
- 2. Connect the first letters of a sentence. Develop a password using the first letters of a sentence or phrase that means something to you like your national anthem or a slogan you have seen somewhere. "Don't shop for it, Argos it" would become "DsfiAi."
- 3. **Come up with a pass phrase.** Length can be a huge advantage to memorization. If your typing is fairly accurate, consider large phrases from a book, speech or movie, such as:
 - "It was a dark and stormy night!"
 - "My fellow Americans!"
 - "Houston, we have a problem."
 - The length can provide security even if special symbols are not used. This can help with sites that prevent the use of symbols.
 - Make good use of punctuation and capitalization to make a secure pass phrase that complies with common password rules.



- 4. Find your phone number or zip code on the keyboard. Look at the letters directly beneath it. Let's say you chose 1. The numbers directly beneath the 1 key are **Q**, **A**, and **Z**. Now, when you create your password, press the first number that you chose, then press all of the letter keys that are directly beneath it. Do this with all of your numbers. Now all you have to remember are the numbers. So for 39503, your password is 3edc9ol5tgb0p3edc.
 - If you want a more difficult password, try capitalizing the first letter of the row, making one of the numbers a symbol, or something else along those lines.
- 5. **Take a word or phrase and remove the vowels from it.** For example, "eat the cheeseburger" becomes "tthchsbrgr."

Cranial Candy: Word Of The Week



Mata Hari

PRONUNCIATION:

(MA-tuh HAR-ee, MAT-uh HAR-ee)

MEANING:

noun: A seductive woman who works as a spy.

ETYMOLOGY:

After exotic dancer Mata Hari, a stage name of Margaretha Geertruida Zelle (1876-1917). She was a Dutch woman, who took a Malay name, allegedly spied for the Germans, and was executed by the French. Her stage name Mata Hari means sun, literally "eye of the day", from Malay mata (eye) + hari (day, dawn). Earliest documented use: 1936.

USAGE:

"In London, Sophia joins the war effort ... and embarks upon improbable espionage escapades, hoping to come off as a Mata Hari in furs and printed chiffon."

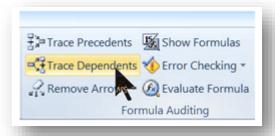
Liesl Schillinger; The Persistence of Levity; Newsweek (New York); Sep 20, 2013.

Computer Tip: Excel...Formula Auditing

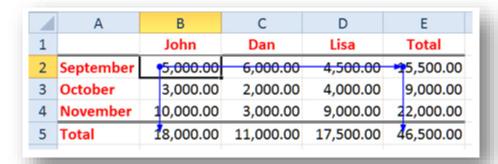
As worksheets get bigger and more complicated, it is often difficult to remember which cells are being used in which calculations. The **Formula Auditing** group can help you to trace precedent and dependent cells.

- 1. Select the cell containing the formula you want to audit.
- 2. On the **Formulas** tab in the **Formula Auditing** group, click either the **Trace**

Precedents or the **Trace Dependents** button, depending on what you are trying to audit.



In this case, cell **B2** was selected and the **Trace Dependents** button was clicked twice. The first click shows that the formulas in cells **B5** and **E2** were both dependent on **B2**. The second click shows a secondary dependency as cell **E5** is dependent on **E2**.



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Too many have dispensed with generosity in order to practice charity. -Albert Camus, writer and philosopher (1913-1960)