



T2024_08 Preventing Weak Passwords from Keyboard Walk Patterns (19th August 2024)

When setting up password policies for your organization, it's crucial to address the common yet often overlooked risk of keyboard walk patterns. These are passwords created by moving sequentially across the keyboard, like qwerty or asdfgh, which are easy to remember but equally easy for attackers to guess. Hackers use automated tools to crack these predictable patterns, making them just as weak as obvious passwords like password or 123456. To strengthen your security, educate users on creating strong passphrases and implement tools that block weak passwords, including these keyboard walks, to prevent potential breaches.

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