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Summary

- Passwords are now covered in a separate 3-session OLLI course: [P@s\\$w0rdz](#)

- [Passwords:Intro](#) (from earlier in this course) now summarizes highlights from [P@s\\$w0rdz](#).

- This section originally provided more details about other password issues, e.g., secret answers, biometrics, 2FA, etc.

- This section now provides only Reference articles (below) [for [P@s\\$w0rdz](#)] -- it will continue to be updated.

Non-expert Online Practices

1. Use Antivirus Software
2. Use Strong Passwords
3. Change Passwords Frequently
4. Only Visit Websites They Know
5. Don't Share Personal Info

Expert Online Practices

1. Install Software Updates
2. Use Unique Passwords
3. Use Multifactor-Factor Authentication
4. Use Strong Passwords
5. Use a Password Manager

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- USER: cabbage
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- [USER:...](#) *boiled cabbage*
- [SYSTEM:...](#) *Sorry, the password must contain 1 numerical character.*
- [USER:...](#) *1 boiled cabbage*
- [SYSTEM:...](#) *Sorry, the password cannot have blank spaces.*
- [USER:...](#) *50bloodyboiledcabbages*
- [SYSTEM:...](#) *Sorry, the password must contain at least one upper case character.*
- [USER:...](#) *50BLOODYboiledcabbages*
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