
You and Your Passwords

Why Passwords?

Millions of LinkedIn passwords reportedly leaked online

A hacker says he's posted 6.5 m
-- hot on the heels of security res
issues with LinkedIn's iOS app.

Dropbox sends password change notification to some users

by Michael Rose

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Zappos Passwords Hacked: What You Need To Do Right Now

BY THORIN KLOSOWSKI JAN 16, 2012 8:30 AM

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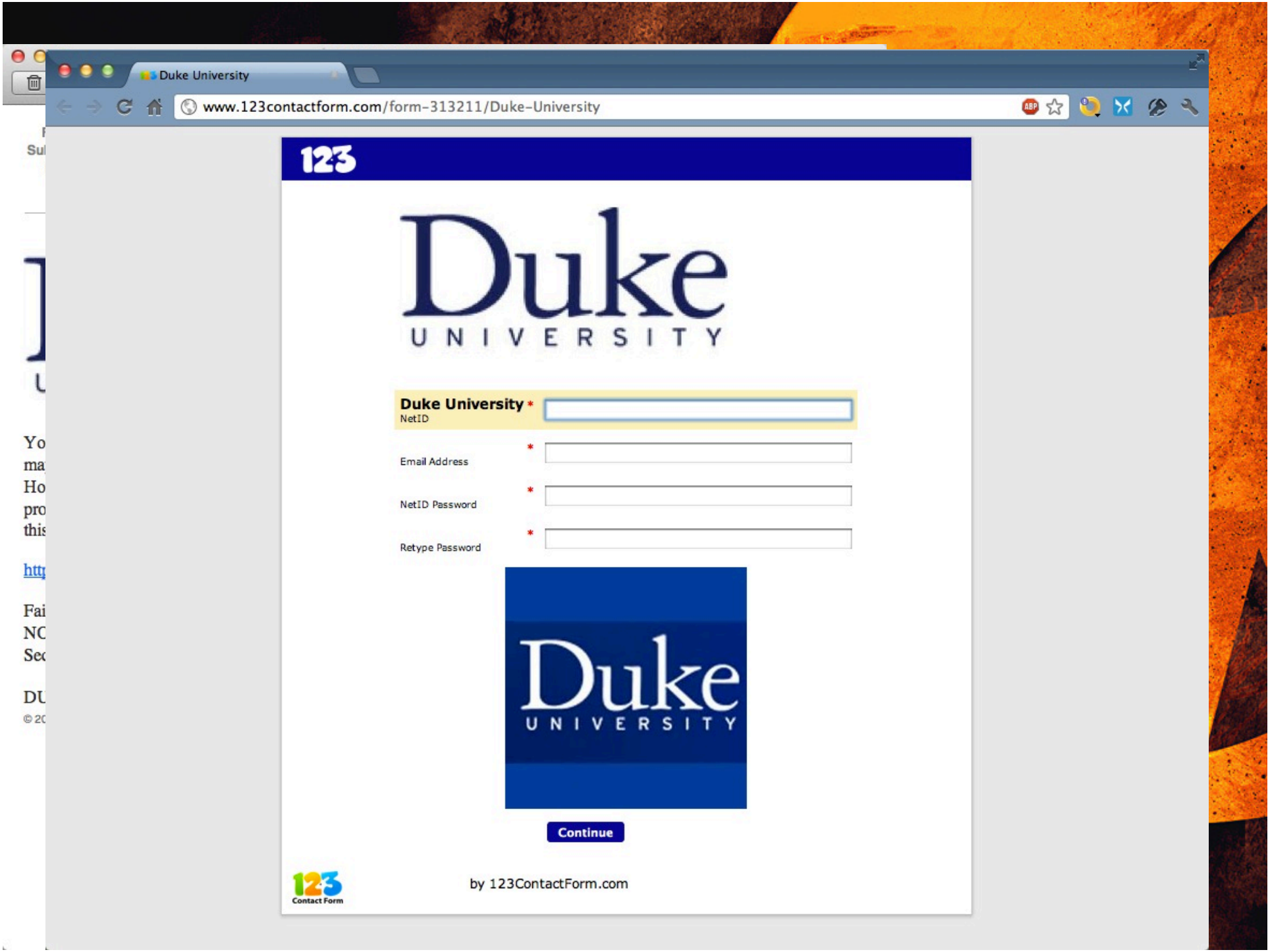
In an email sent out last night, online shoe and clothing store Zappos let customers know that its database of passwords and usernames was hacked. Your credit card information is safe and all Zappos passwords have been reset, but if you use the same password and email elsewhere, a password audit is in order.

Internet services. This is a
word on multiple services, which

ou can create a new one here.

We haven't detected any suspicious activity in your Dropbox, but we're proactively taking steps to keep users safe.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Threat - Cracking Passwords

Password Type	Using the CPU	Using the GPU
6 char (no spec chars)	1 hour 30 sec	4 seconds
7 char (no spec chars)	4 days	17 minutes 30 seconds
7 char (spec chars)	75 days	7 hours
9 char (spec chars)	43 years	48 days

Methods to Compromise Accounts/Passwords

Password Attack	Defense						
	Longer passwords (passphrases)	Regular Password changes	Account lockouts	Multi-factor	Education	Network encryption	Host-based security
Password Cracking • Dictionary Attack • • Brute Force • Rainbow Tables • GPU Cracking	✔	✔	✔	✔			
Password Sharing				✔	✔		
Phishing/Social Engineering				✔	✔		
Man-in-the-Middle Attack				✔	✔	✔	
Network Sniffing	✔	✔	✔	✔		✔	
Keylogger				✔*			✔

*(unless digital cert)


Look, a Demo!

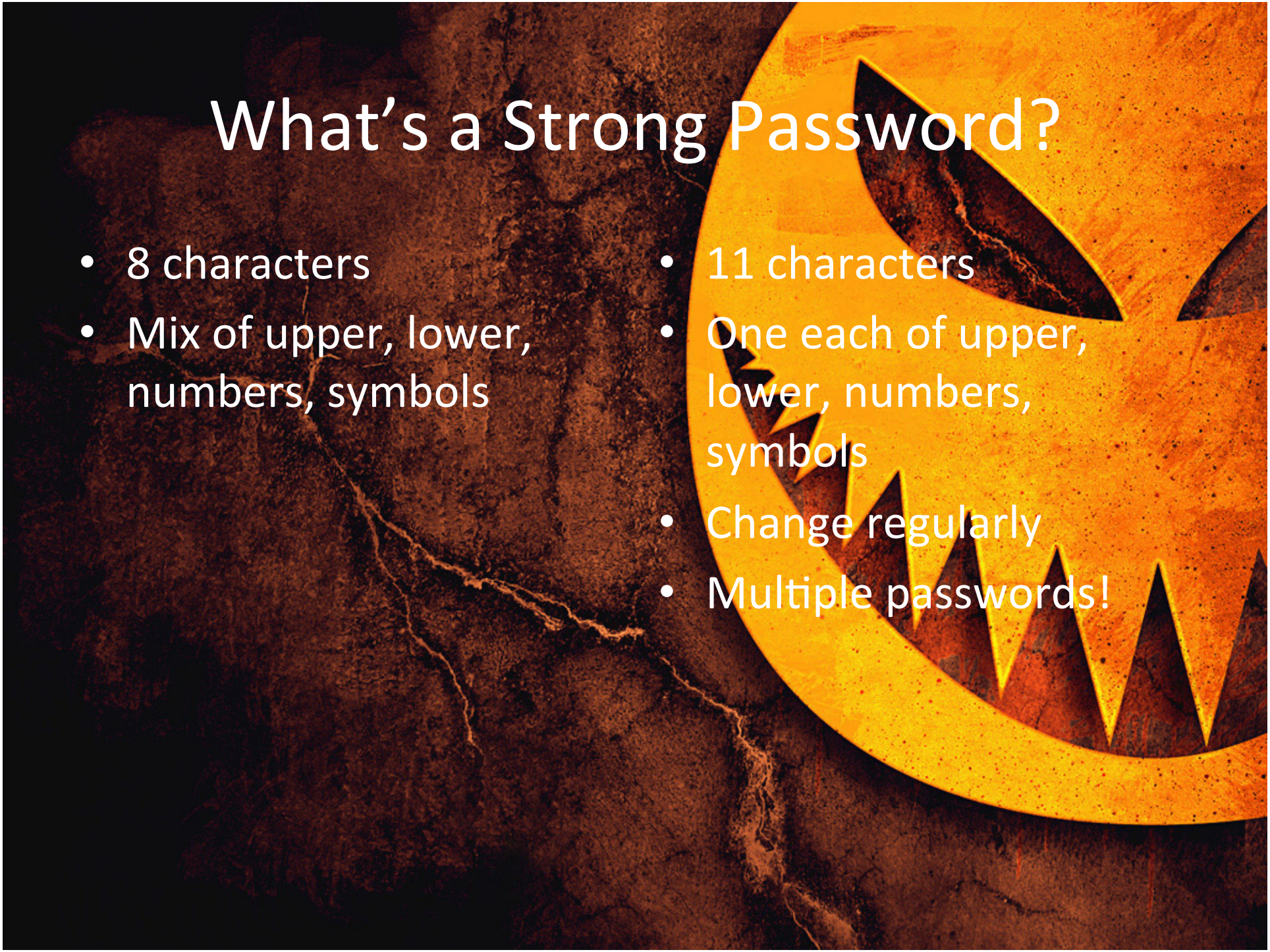
Recommendations

- Not just one strong passwords, but multiple strong passwords
- Password Escrow
- Multifactor

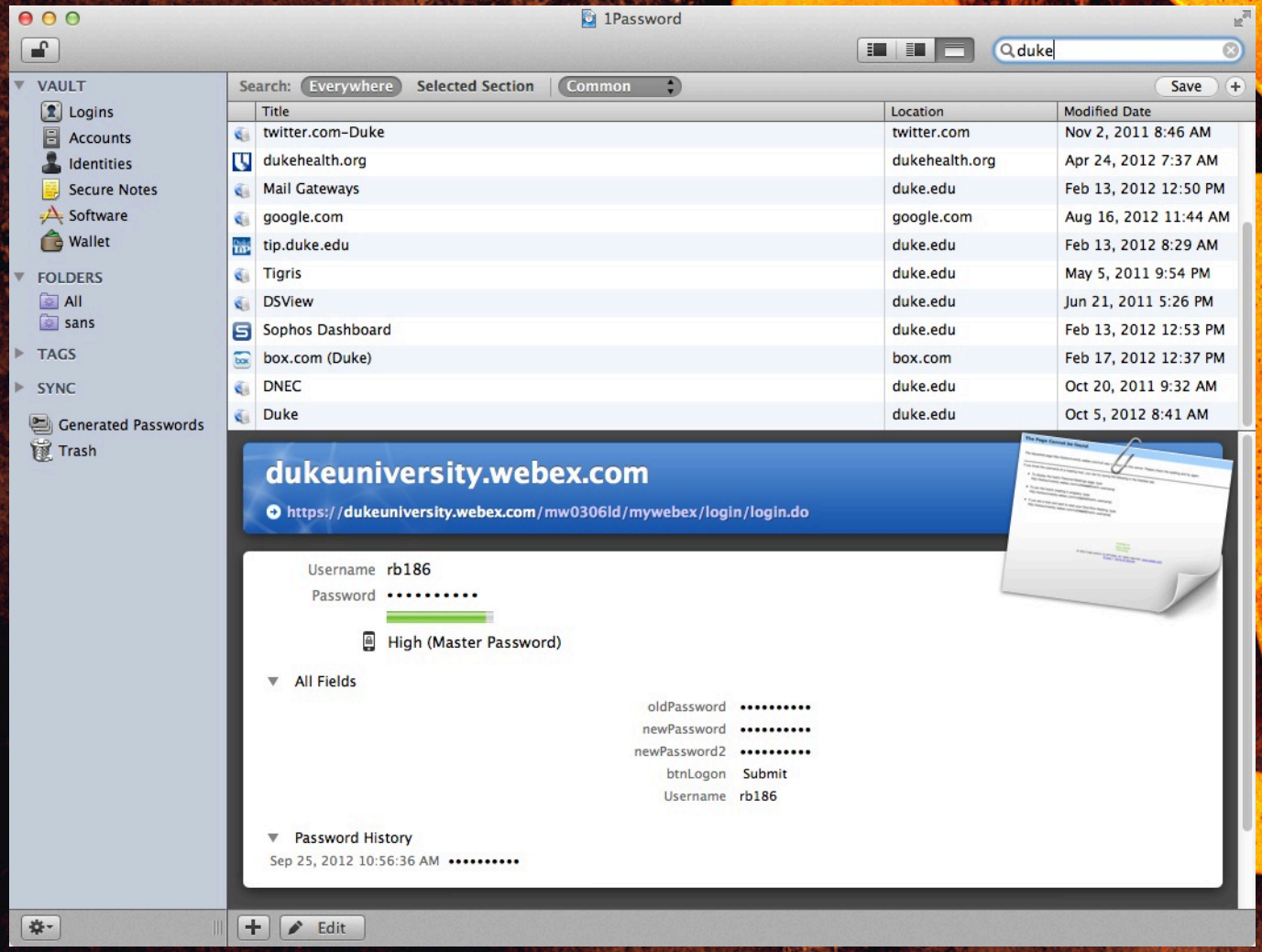
What's a Strong Password?

- 8 characters
- Mix of upper, lower, numbers, symbols

- 11 characters
- One each of upper, lower, numbers, symbols
- Change regularly
- Multiple passwords!



Password Escrow – 1Password



1Password

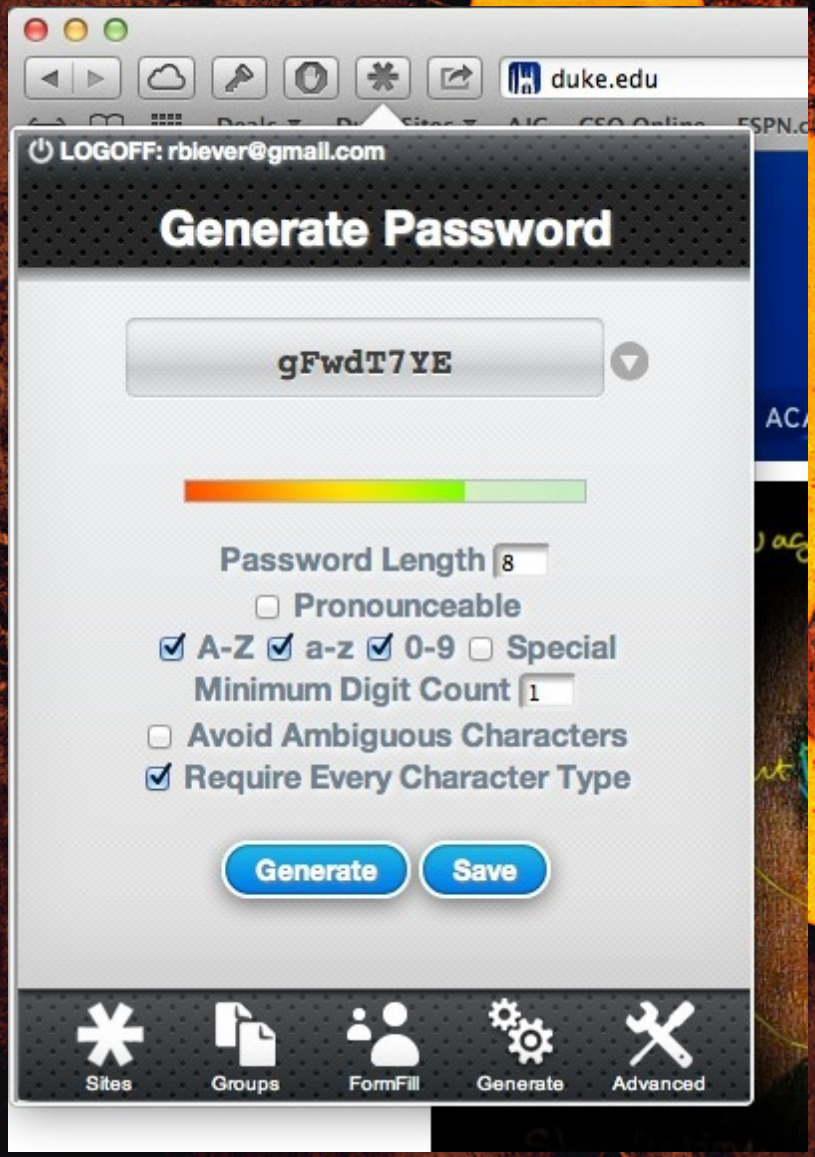
Pros

- Multiplatform and multibrowser
- Password generator
- Password history
- Sync with mobile devices

Cons

- Cost

Password Escrow – LastPass



LastPass

Pros

- Free and Pay versions
- Multiplatform and multibrowser
- Password generator
- Sync with mobile devices

Cons

- Stores in the cloud (encrypted)

Password Escrow – Keepass

KeePass

Pros

- Free
- Multiplatform and multibrowser
- Password generator
- Sync with mobile devices

Cons

- May require different installations for different OS's
- May require some advanced work to sync with mobile devices

Multifactor