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# A Shoulder Surfing Resistant Graphical Authentication System

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**ABSTRACT:** Conventional password-based authentication suffers from human vulnerabilities like weak password choices and susceptibility to shoulder surfing attacks. This paper proposes PassMatrix, a novel graphical password system designed to address these limitations. PassMatrix offers increased resistance to shoulder surfing by employing a one-time valid login indicator and dynamic, circulative bars that obscure user selections across the entire screen. This approach prevents attackers from inferring the password even through repeated observations. To evaluate usability and memorability, a PassMatrix prototype for Android was developed and tested with real users. The results demonstrate that PassMatrix achieves its security goals while maintaining user-friendliness. This makes it a promising alternative to traditional password-based authentication in scenarios where shoulder surfing is a significant threat.

**KEYWORDS:** Graphical Authentication, Shoulder Surfing Attacks, Password Security, PassMatrix, Usability, Memorability

## I. INTRODUCTION

For many years, passwords made up of letters and numbers have been the go-to method for verifying a user's identity. While these passwords can be strong enough to resist brute force attacks where hackers try every possible combination, they come with a major drawback - memorability. Complex passwords are difficult to remember, leading users to choose weaker options like short phrases or dictionary words. This weakness is compounded by the unfortunate habit of reusing the same login information across multiple accounts. Studies have shown that a significant portion of user passwords can be cracked within a short timeframe, highlighting the insecurity of this method.

Recognizing these limitations, researchers have developed various graphical password schemes as an alternative. These schemes leverage human memory's superior ability to store images compared to text. Users find image-based passwords easier to remember, even after long periods without use. However, a major vulnerability of these graphical password systems is their susceptibility to shoulder surfing attacks. These attacks involve directly observing or recording a user entering their password, compromising the security of the system.

This paper proposes PassMatrix, a novel graphical authentication system designed to address the shortcomings of traditional password methods. PassMatrix aims to eliminate the vulnerability to shoulder surfing attacks by employing a dynamic login indicator system. This system generates a unique indicator for each login attempt, rendering any stolen information useless after a single session. By utilizing a dynamic pointer instead of directly clicking on the password image, PassMatrix offers a more secure and user-friendly authentication experience.

## II. RELATED WORK

### A. Existing System

Keeping in mind the end goal to be more secure than the current Android design secret key with entropy 18:57 bits against savage power assaults, clients need to set two pass-pictures and utilize the graphical strategy to get the one-time login pointers. Like the greater part of other graphical secret key verification frameworks, PassMatrix is defenseless against irregular figure assaults in light of problem area the most generally utilized confirmation technique for a considerable length of time. Involved numbers and upper-and lower-case letters, literary passwords are viewed as sufficiently solid to oppose against animal power assaults. As indicated by an article in Computer world, a security group at an expansive organization ran a system secret word wafer and shockingly broke around 80% of the representatives' passwords inside 30 seconds. Printed passwords are regularly shaky because of the trouble of keeping up solid ones.

### B. Proposed System

This development brings incredible accommodation yet additionally builds the likelihood of presenting passwords to bear surfing assaults. Assailants can watch straightforwardly or utilize outside chronicle gadgets to gather clients' accreditations. To conquer this issue, we proposed a novel validation framework PassMatrix, in light of graphical passwords to oppose bear surfing assaults. With a one-time substantial login pointer and circulative level and vertical bars covering the whole extent of passpictures, PassMatrix offers no indication for assailants to make sense of or limit the secret word even they lead various camerabased assaults. a considerable measure of research on secret word validation has been done in the writing. Among these proposed plans, this paper centers mostly around the graphical-based confirmation frameworks. To keep this paper compact, we will give a concise survey of the most related plans that were said in the past segment. The precision point of view centers around the fruitful login rates in the two sessions, including the training logins. The ease of use viewpoint is estimated by the measure of time clients spent in each PassMatrix stage.

## III. IMPLEMENTATION

### A. MODULE: IMAGE DESCRITIZATION

This module separates each picture into squares, from which clients would as the pass-square. A picture is isolated into a 7x11 network. The littler the picture is descritized, the bigger the secret word pick one space is. Consequently, in our execution, a division was set at 60 pixel interims in both level and vertical headings, since 60 pixel-square is the best size to precisely choose particular questions on touch screens.

### B. FLAT AND VERTICAL AXIS CONTROL MODULE:

There are two parchment bars: a flat bar with a grouping of letters and a vertical bar with a succession of numbers. This control module gives drag and excursion capacities to clients to control the two bars. Clients can throw either bar utilizing their finger to move one alphanumeric at once. They can likewise move a few checks at any given moment by dragging the bar for a separation. The bars are utilized to verifiably point the area of the clients pass-square.

### C. LOGIN INDICATOR GENERATOR MODULE:

This module produces a login marker comprising of a few recognizable characters, for example, letter sets and numbers or visual materials, for example, hues and symbols for clients amid verification stage. In our usage, we utilized characters A to G and 1 to 11 for a 7 x 11 framework. The two letters and numbers are produced arbitrarily and in this manner an alternate login pointer is given each time the module is called.

### D. PASSWORD VERIFICATION MODULE:

This module confirms the client secret key amid the validation stage. A pass-square acts like a secret key digit in the content based watchword framework. The client is confirmed just if the each pass-square in each pass-picture is effectively lined up with the login pointer.

### E. COMMUNICATION MODULE:

This module is responsible for all the data transmitted between the customer gadgets and the verification server. Any correspondence is secured by SSL(Secure Socket Layer) convention and subsequently, is protected from being listened stealthily and caught.

IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

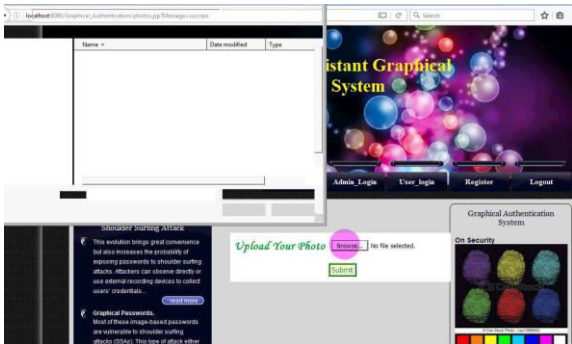


FIG 1. CHOOSE FILE TO UPLOAD



FIG 2. VIEW FILES PAGE



FIG 3. GRID PASSWORD



FIG 4. EDIT PROFILE

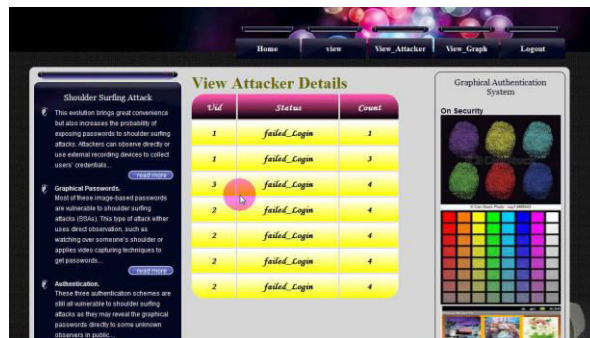


Fig 5. View attacker details

V. CONCLUSION

With the expanding pattern of web administrations and applications, clients can get to these applications whenever and anyplace with different gadgets. Keeping in mind the end goal to ensure clients' computerized property, validation is required each time they attempt to get to their own record and information. Utilizing conventional printed passwords or PIN strategy, clients need to type their passwords to validate themselves and hence these passwords can be uncovered effortlessly on the off chance that somebody looks over shoulder or uses video record To defeat this issue, we proposed a shoulder surfing safe verification framework in view of graphical passwords, named Pass Matrix. Utilizing a one-time login marker per picture, clients can bring up the area of their pass-square without specifically clicking or touching it, which is an activity defenceless against bear surfing assaults. In view of the outline of the flat and vertical bars that cover the whole pass-picture, it offers no hint for aggressors to limit the secret word space regardless of whether they have more than one login records of that record. Moreover, we actualized a Pass Matrix model on Android and completed client tests to assess the memorability and ease of use. The test result demonstrated that clients can sign into

the framework with a normal of 1:64 tries (Median=1), and the Total Accuracy of all login trials is 93:33% even two weeks after enrolment. The aggregate time devoured to sign into Pass Matrix with a normal of 3:2 pass-pictures is in the vicinity of 31:31 and 37:11 seconds and is viewed as worthy by 83:33% of members in our client think about. The review information in the client think about likewise demonstrated that Pass Matrix is down to earth in reality. Misapplications is one of the valuable application in the present circumstance. This is the easy method to speak with the administrator. Worker cost assert work process turned into an early possibility for enablement as it could take out treatment of supporting cost bills and rather utilize the camera of Smartphone to catch the bill..

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