

# [Usability] Use circles in password field

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Hi,

What do you think about using a black circle as the "invisible" character in password fields instead of an asterisk [1]? OS X and XP both do this.

Besides that I think it has some advantages.

- \* It is cleaner (no edges)
- \* It is easier to see (for a11y and on LCD screens in sunlight)
- \* It isn't a character that is commonplace on most keyboards

I'd like to make this change for gnome-screensaver but I'd like your opinion before asking the release-team for approval.

Does the HIG address this?

Thanks,  
Jon

[1] [http://bugzilla.gnome.org/show\\_bug.cgi?id=332053](http://bugzilla.gnome.org/show_bug.cgi?id=332053)

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