

## Re: [opensuse] passwords

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On Wednesday 20 December 2006 07:19, James Knott wrote:

Doug McGarrett wrote:

To all the folks who write code for Linux:

I live in a house by myself. Nobody else ever uses my computer. I really hate it when some program tells me I need an 8-character password. I would be just as happy to bypass the password stuff altogether, but I have a simple password that I want to use on everything. It has 5 characters, and I can remember it. Please keep people like me in mind. Thank you.

Now, please explain how they'll be able to tell the difference between you and someone who needs better security.

As I recall, SUSE only warns you about weak passwords. It doesn't stop you from using one. In fact, you can even configure it for automatic login.

I tried to install some kind of video program the other day and when it told me to issue a password, I tried my usual one, and it said I had to have eight characters. It didn't offer me a choice. I don't remember what the program was, at this point. I aborted the install. I have no quarrel with anyone who wants or needs a more complex password, but I don't want to be forced to select one which I will immediately forget unless I do write it on a note by the computer. That's what I have had to do with PayPal, for instance.

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