

# “J-Script Plug-in” (Android Pattern Lock Simulator)

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**Abstract:** Pattern lock has been widely used in smartphones as a simple and effective authentication mechanism, which however is shown to be vulnerable to various attacks. In this paper, we design a novel authentication system for more secure pattern unlocking on smartphones. This project is written in J-script and clicks are automatically recognized by the code and no external configurations are required. Android pattern lock is still popularly used for mobile user authentication. Unfortunately, however, many concerns have been raised regarding its security and usability. User-created patterns tend to be simply structured or reduced to a small set. Complex patterns are hard to memorize. Input patterns are susceptible to various attacks, such as guessing attacks, smudge attacks, and shoulder surfing attacks. Our basic idea starts from turning the lock pattern into public knowledge rather than a secret and leveraging touch dynamics. Users do not need to create their own lock patterns or memorize them. Instead, our system shows a public pattern along with guidance on how to draw it. All the user needs to do for authentication is to draw the pattern as shown. For adversaries, the above-mentioned attacks are rendered useless by this new mechanism. Specifically, we study how to generate the public patterns and how to perform authentication. You have probably seen this on a touchscreen smartphone you have 9 dots and you have to draw a pattern. It works great: drawing a shape on a small touch screen is far easier than typing on those small keyboards AND far easier to remember too. Once you've got used to it, typing passwords in general gets pretty annoying. A proof of concept project illustrating the use of the Android Pattern Lock Screen inside a HTML

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Graphical passwords, like the Android Pattern Lock, are a popular security mechanism for mobile devices. The mechanism was proposed as an alternative to text-based passwords, since psychology studies have recognized that the human brain has a superior memory for remembering and recalling visual information. This thesis aims to explore the hypothesis that human characteristics influence users' choice of graphical passwords. A collection of 3393 user-created patterns were analysed in order to examine the correlation between people's choice of pattern and their characteristics, like hand size, age, gender and handedness. This thesis first gives a detailed summary of related research on graphical passwords. Then it shows how an online survey was used for collecting user-selected passwords and information about the respondents. Lastly, the thesis explains how the data was analysed in terms of length and visual complexity in order to gain further insight in users' choice of passwords. Although the data could not provide significant evidence to accept the hypothesis, the results show that password strength significantly varies between gender, age and IT experience. Additionally, analysis of all the collected patterns shows a significant bias towards the selection of pattern starting position.

Patterns created in the training mode can be as valid as the other pattern types collected later in the survey. The patterns created in training mode might be the first patterns that pop into the respondent's mind, hence avoiding respondents to trying to overcompensate as a cause of being under pressure. As far as this research knows, there are not found any research on how people think when asked to create a password or being asked to give away a password. It is believed that asking people to "give away" a password or pattern will introduce the effect of people overcompensating by creating longer passwords than typically created. As you might be aware that it's a pretty popular feature on Android devices to have a pattern lock. You can set a pattern lock for your device which gets unlocked only by matching it again. We've tried to replicate the same for the web, so that we can have fun for some time. This can as well be used to authenticate your



website. The pattern is now impossible to crack, even the FBI couldn't crack it. That is why we have introduced it in place of passwords in the web sites. Touch and click are automatically recognized by the code and no external configurations are required. Creates lock patterns for use with Android's built-in pattern lock.

## **II. CONCLUSION**

The main objective of the project is to replace the password field in the web page with pattern lock just like the android pattern lock. I had taken a wide range of literature review in order to achieve all the tasks, where I came to know about some of the products that are existing in the market. The portability of the application has been achieved by using some of the latest JSSE technologies. I will implement these functionalities using Canvas api's in future.

As a result, the product has been successfully developed in terms of extendability, portability, and maintainability and tested.

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