

Online IDs

Look at the following user IDs. What can you guess about each person from their user ID? On a sheet of paper, brainstorm what you now know about the person. Then rank the user IDs based on how informative they are.

1. Jessica4dance
2. Smithstealshome
3. Bayareababe
4. dancinfun
5. Fred14

Think about your own screen name. What does it say about you? When you choose a screen name you want something that allows you to remain anonymous, or unknown. Don't include personal information. Why do you think you shouldn't include personal information?

What are some of the dangers?

Password Protections

Look at the information about each person below. What are some common and obvious guesses as to what their passwords might be? Brainstorm a list for each one.

1. John – John lives in the Tampa Bay area where the Bucs play. He is a really big fan. He loves football.
2. Jessica – Jessica loves all the popular music groups. She is head over heels in love with Justin Timberlake.
3. Ali – Ali is afraid to forget her password. She wanted something simple she could always remember.

Think about your own password. Is it something obvious? Could someone easily guess it? Does anyone else know it? When someone knows or can guess your password, you could be in trouble. This allows them access to you. They could pretend to be you. What sort of dangers are involved with others knowing or guessing your password?