Other Options for the Windows Signon Password

How to create a PIN in Windows 10

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A PIN can log you into your computer faster than a password. Here's how to create one in Windows 10

Creating a strong password that you'll remember can be a pain, especially when you're using a dozen different passwords for everything from your bank to your Instagram account. Here's how to set up a personal identification number that can make logging into your computer a little faster:

To set up your PIN, go to settings and click Accounts. Then select Sign-in Options. The PIN option will be there.
You'll be asked for your password first. Then enter your new PIN.
The default option for a PIN is four digits, but you can use a longer one. Remember not to use anything someone might easily guess, like your birthday.

Once you've created a PIN, you can always switch back to using a password by clicking the Sign-On options button on the screen where you enter your credentials.

How to create a picture password

You can use a picture password in Windows 8 and Windows 10, so that even signing in to your PC is more personal. Because you choose the picture and the shapes you draw on it, the combinations are infinite—a picture password is actually more secure from hackers than a traditional password. You can draw a picture password directly on a touchscreen with your finger, or you can use a mouse to draw your shapes.

Here's how to set it up in Windows 10:
- C;ick on Start, then Settings, then **Accounts** and then **Sign-in Options**
- Under **Sign-in options**, tap or click **Create a picture password** and then follow the on-screen instructions.

Here's how to set it up in Windows 8.1:
- From the Settings charm, tap or click **Change PC settings** and then tap or click **Users**.
- Under **Sign-in options**, tap or click **Create a picture password** and then follow the on-screen instructions.