



Fact or Fiction Article

The facts about device security

You're doing all you can to keep your devices secure—fact or fiction? Unless you're willing to sift through hundreds of tech tweets a day that reference obscure acronyms and debate which Japanese Nintendo character is the best, it may be hard to say. Constant changes in the technology world can make it difficult to keep track of what's fact and fiction when it comes to securing your devices.

Fast facts

There are plenty of simple things you can do to reduce the chance of getting hacked or losing valuable data. Find out how to protect everything from your credit card information to that Instagram picture of your latte artwork that got 83 likes, by acting on these simple facts:

The simplest and fastest way to become more secure is to put a passcode on your device. Take the time to choose a password that isn't easily associated with you, contains at least one capital letter, and includes both numbers and symbols. [Learn the dos and don'ts of password creation](#), put in a little effort, and be more creative than "password1234."

Backing up your data just got a lot easier. Switching to the cloud makes backing up your data regularly nearly painless. And on top of securing your valuable information, switching to the

cloud can make it accessible across all of your devices. So next time you get pushed into the pool, your data will survive, even if your phone doesn't.

Free security software is free for a reason. Many free security applications are about as reliable as the free pens at your bank. Investing in software that is built by security professionals can give your device the security it needs and save you from losing your data, your device, and the "I've been hacked" social media confessional. [Protect all of your devices with the McAfee security software.](#)

Phishing schemes used to be as obvious as a fake tan in February. Things have changed. Phishing e-mails are becoming more sophisticated and believable, and can con you into divulging valuable information if you're not careful. [Learn how to protect yourself by watching this short video.](#)

There's a better way to find your lost phone than calling it repeatedly. Security apps have revolutionized device security and can help you protect your phone by locating your device via GPS tracking, remotely locking your data, and much more. Be sure to install one before you need it. [Intel® Anti-Theft Service.](#)

Today's fiction could be tomorrow's fact

These tips are just a few quick ways you can stay more secure today; but with technology changing almost daily, staying current can be difficult. Visit Intel's [Mobile Security Page](#) frequently for new updates on how to keep your device as safe and secure as possible.