

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR COMPUTER VIA A PICTURE PASSWORD

If you are one of those who cannot remember tricky passwords, Windows 10 has a **Picture Password** feature that will not compromise your security and permit you to log in to your system safely. It's an alternative to accurately typing in your username and password (or four-digit code).

Picture Password enables you to bypass the lock screen and login automatically to your computer. If you prefer booting your PC faster without a login screen, then you'll find the following guide useful. Besides, enabling the Picture Password login means getting rid of the password prompt that you have to enter each time you open your computer.

What is the Windows 10 Picture password?

Picture Password is one of the many ways to set a security check before login into Windows. You have to choose an image (a photo of your choice) and the gestures (3) to set it up. The best part is that even though it is touch-friendly, you are not limited to gestures on the touch screen; you can use a mouse to draw the gestures.

The picture password is not the extra layer of protection. It is just a more comfortable and quicker alternative to regular sign-in methods.

You can choose your favorite image or any picture you like, and then you will be given an option to create three gestures. The gestures can be any combination of circles, straight lines, and taps.

How to setup Picture Password?

Here are the steps to create a Picture Password on the Windows 10 system.

1. The first step is to connect to your **Microsoft account**.
2. Open **Settings (Windows + I)** and click on **Accounts**.
3. Now select the **Sign-in options**.
4. Under Sign-in options choose **Picture Password**.
5. Under **Picture Password** option click on **Add** button.
6. Enter your **Microsoft** account password when prompted.
7. From left use **Select picture** to browse and pick an image to use for your password.

8. Once you have selected the image, draw three different gestures on the image and repeat them at the exact same spot on the image to save your gesture pattern.
9. Now when you reboot your computer, you will sign in via your Picture Password.

Tips for Creating Strong Picture Password

A Picture Password is undoubtedly a lot more secure than the traditional alphanumeric password or the PIN. No hacker can apply the brute force to crack the picture password.

However, it does not mean that it cannot be cracked at all. If you are using the Picture Password on the touch screen, then because of the oily fingers, the gestures can be easily traced. To protect your screen from unwanted finger imprints, clean your screen regularly with a microfiber cloth.

Follow these tips to create a strong Picture Password so that cybercriminals cannot crack it easily.

- Choose a unique image where gestures can be made and remembered easily.
- Use different gestures instead of just tapping. Like circle, cross, and others.
- Don't keep the same gesture pattern or picture for long. Keep changing it frequently for more security.