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Answers to Even-numbered Exercises

2. Give three examples of poor password choices. What is wrong with each? Include one that is too short.

   Examples of poor password choices follow:

finger	word in the dictionary
tom	login name
aqbfgya	does not contain a number
5q	too short

4. What would you do if you could not log in?

   Make sure your username and password are valid. Usernames and passwords are case sensitive. Check with the person who maintains the system. Assign yourself a new password if that person is you. Make sure you are logging in on the right system.

6. The example on page 29 shows that man pages for write appear in sections 1 and 2 of the system manual. Explain how you can use man to determine which sections of the system manual contain a manual page with a given name.

   Use man with the –f option (equivalent to whatis) to list man entries for the argument that follows this option. Or use man with the –a option to display all of the entries for the argument that follows this option.