Let Your Browser Remember Passwords? Forget It!

Ever click "Yes" when your browser offers to remember your password for you? That's not a good idea.

Why Not?
That information is stored, albeit encrypted, in a specific location on your computer. (Where depends upon the browser you’re using.) With some easily accessible tools almost anyone can locate and view saved passwords.

What Should You Do?
Remember your password! Write it down (if you must) and keep it in a safe place.

What Are the Benefits?
If you (rather than your browser) remember your password, you benefit because...

- You can use any computer!
  *If you have your browser remember your password, it’s only saved on that one computer. You still have to remember the password when using another PC.*
- Anyone using your computer will not have access to your passwords.

How to Remove “Remembered” Passwords
So what does one do if they have already saved passwords on their computer? How does one get their browser to “forget” those passwords?

Depending on the browser, you can remove the saved passwords by selecting the following from the menu bar:

- **Internet Explorer** – Tools > Internet Options > General tab > Delete... button (under Browsing History) > Delete Passwords... (or Delete All...) button
- **Firefox** – Tools > Options > Security tab > Saved Passwords... button > select password and click Remove
- **Safari** – Safari > Preferences > AutoFill tab > Edit button (under “User Names and Passwords”) > select username/password and click Remove

Want to Know More?
Check out the following links:

• Another online column discussing how easy it is to retrieve “remembered” passwords –
• How to turn off the “remember password” prompt –
  http://kb.mit.edu/confluence/display/ist/Disable+Password+Saving+in+Web+Browsers
• Tips for creating good passwords –

Remember to remember your password!