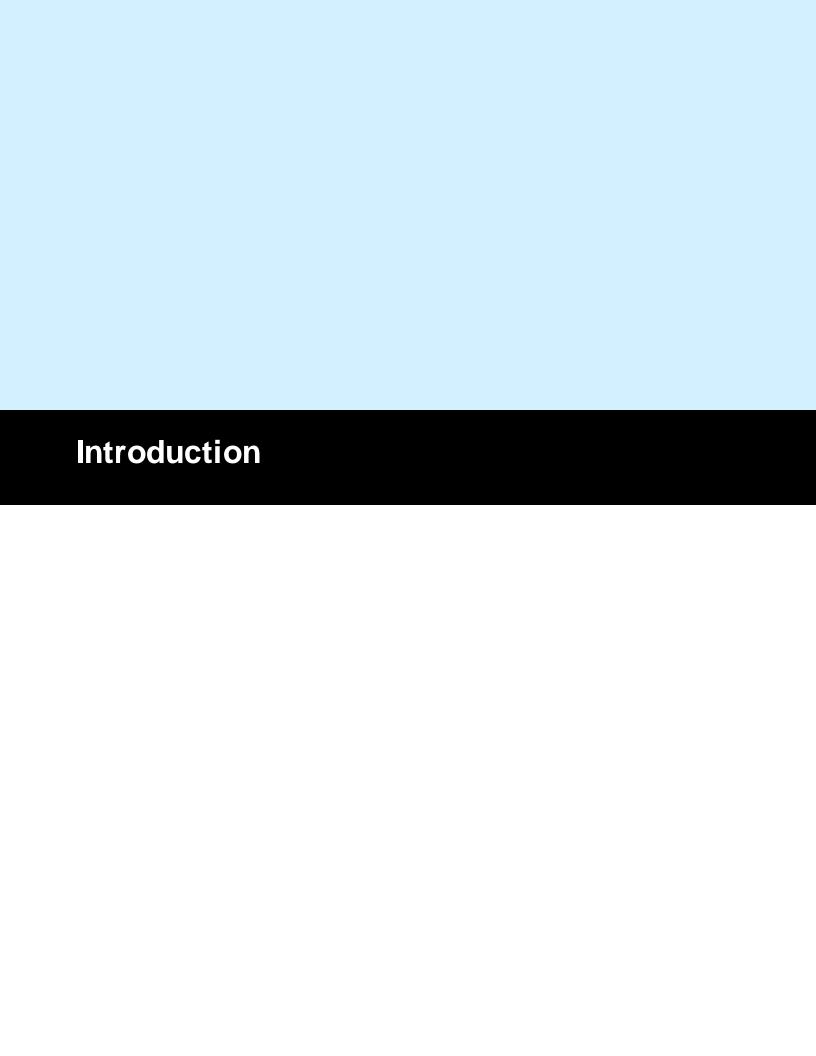
Opera Password Recovery USER MANUAL

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1 Introduction

1.1 About the program

Opera is a fast, flexible and easy-to-use web browser. It has a lot of security features. The Wand Password Manager is one of them. The Wand is very secure and it's encryption is very strong. If you have the Master Password enabled, then it is impossible for someone to recover your passwords without know the original (Master Password) one.

Opera Password Recovery is a program to recover Opera stored passwords. The current version of the program can successfully recover Opera Wand and M2 (built-in e-mail client) passwords.

1.2 Features and benefits

With this program you can:

- · Recover all Opera autocomplete passwords as well as e-mail account passwords
- Choose between two (automatic and manual) recovery modes
- Export passwords to text, html or excel files
- Prevent an unauthorized program execution
- Decrypt passwords protected with the Master Password
- Recover lost Master Password
- View and organize Opera cookies, favorites, disk cache, file and URL history, typed URLs.

1.3 System Requirements

Requirements

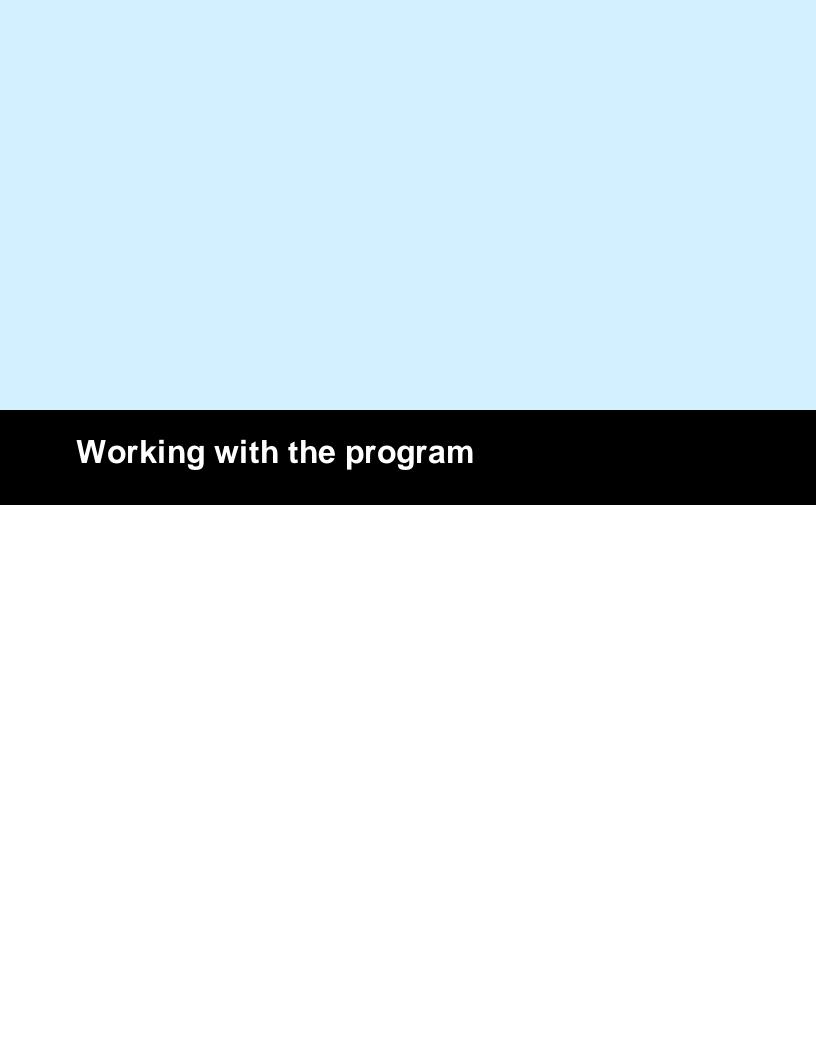
Windows NT+, less than 5Mb on your hard drive.

Compatibility

Opera 7.x - 9.x

Known issues or bugs

The program although contains no harmful code, may be detected by some anti-virus/anti-spyware software as potentially dangerous or "potentially unwanted program". This is also known as "False Alert", and it's quite a common problem for all password recovery software.



2 Working with the program

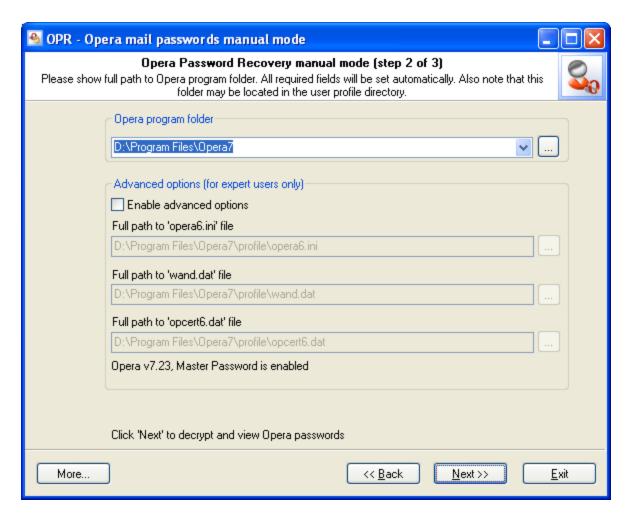
2.1 Main window

The main window of the program allows you to choose a recovery mode:

- AUTOMATIC WAND select this mode to recover all found Opera autocomplete passwords
- AUTOMATIC MAIL automatically recover Opera e-mail account passwords
- MANUAL WAND decrypt Opera autocomplete passwords manually
- MANUAL MAIL recover e-mail account passwords manually
- Opera Cookie Explorer cookie viewer
- Opera Disk Cache Explorer view and organize IE cache
- Opera File History Explorer cached files viewer
- Opera URL History Explorer view the history of visited Web sites
- Opera Favorites Explorer view Opera favorites entries (bookmarks)
- Opera Typed URLs a list of all previously typed URLs
- WAND Master Password Recovery recover lost Master Password

2.2 Manual recovery mode

The **OPR** manual mode allows you to set various recovery options manually. First the program will try to scan your computer for Opera program folders. Select one from the drop-down list shown below, all other options will be set automatically.



It is possible to recover passwords even if you don't know the Opera program folder or even if Opera is not installed on your computer.

To recover WAND autocomplete passwords *without* the Master Password enabled (the Opera program folder is unknown as well):

- 1) Set 'Enable advanced options'
- 2) Soecify the full path to your Opera wand.dat file
- 3) Delete everything in other fields

To recover WAND autocomplete passwords *with* the Master Password enabled (the Opera program folder is unknown):

- 1) Set 'Enable advanced options'
- 2) Specify the full path to your Opera wand.dat file
- 3) Specify the full path to the opcert6.dat file. It is usually located in the same directory.
- 4) Click the 'Next' button and enter your Master Password



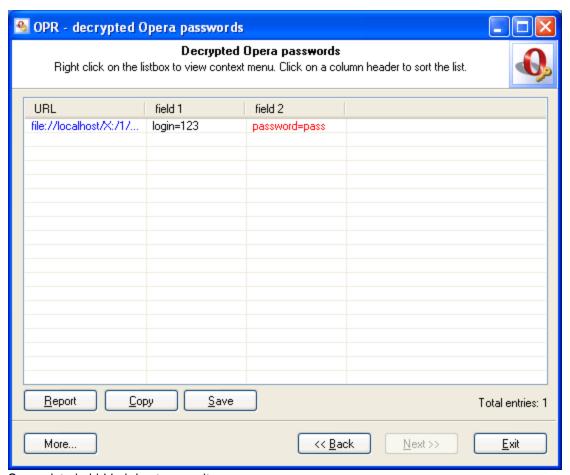
If you don't know whether the Master Password is enabled or not, please specify the full path to the opera6.ini file. Opera6.ini is an initialization file for Opera, the file that contains most user preferences.

Tip! Sometimes it is possible to recover wand passwords even if the wand.dat is corrupted (**OPR** 'smart force' method). All you need to do is to hold down the Shift+Ctrl keys when clicking the 'Next' button. In that case all the decrypted data will be shown the way it is actually stored in the database (string by string). However, some data will not be decrypted if the user Master Password is unknown or invalid.

Important! Using the program provided that you are the legal owner of all files or data you are going to recover through the use of our software or have permission from the legitimate owner to perform these acts.

2.3 Passwords window

The password window contains found and decrypted passwords.



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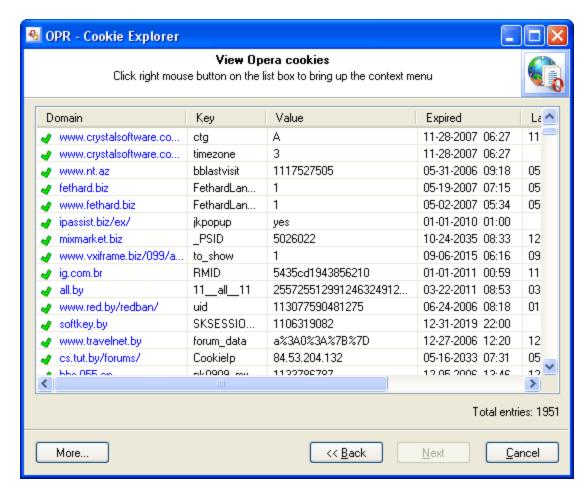
Right click on the password list to view the context menu.

All Wand autocomplete fields consist of two parts: ID=DATA. Where ID is the name of an autocomplete field on a web page and DATA is textual data. Such a structure allows the Wand manager to fill out the entire web page form with a single click.

2.4 Cookie Explorer

A cookie is a text file stored on your computer by a web server. Cookies were developed to help users to navigate visited sites. But often cookies criticized for weak security and inaccurate user identification. You can read more infromation about cookies from here or here.

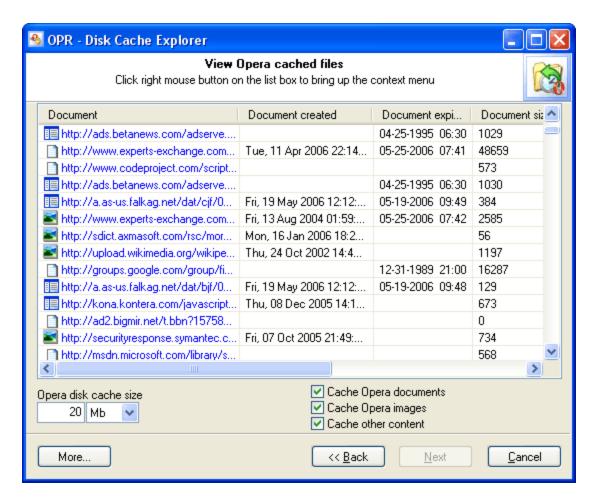
Opera Cookie Explorer is a new feature that was added to **OPR** v2.0 to help you to navigate through the Opera stored cookies. Also you may remove all the cookies from your local computer.



Tip. Click the listbox header to sort the cookies list.

2.5 Disk Cache Explorer

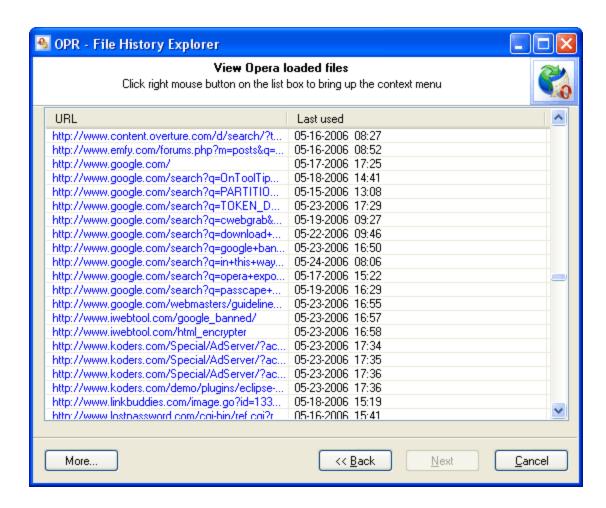
Opera's Disk cache is made up of temporary Internet files which Opera stores individually in the cache folder, and helps to boost your internet speed drastically. The Disk Cache Explorer dialog allows to view the cached entries and to run the cached Web pages from the Opera local cache folder. Each line in the list specifies the URL address of the cached document, the document creation/expiration dates, the size of the document, the cache create/last access dates, and the local name (as it is actually stored in the Opera cache folder).



Also you can limit or increase the amount of disk space Opera will fill with cached files, and select what files will be cached to disk.

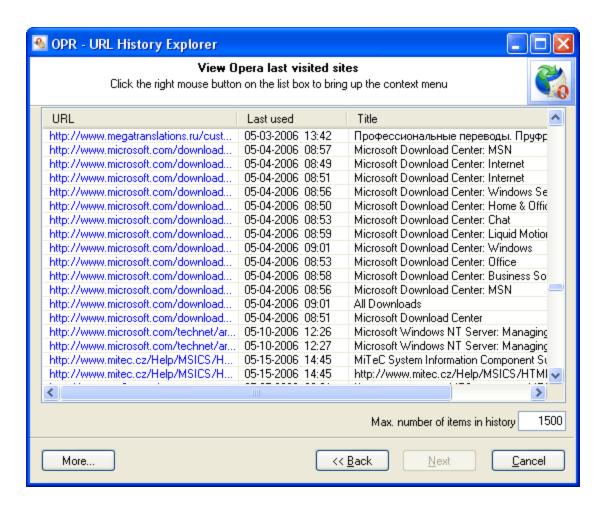
2.6 File History Explorer

Opera store all visited sites and linked files in a single database file. The File History Explorer dialog shows the linked files and sites, sorts them in various orders, and allows to remove them completely from your local computer.



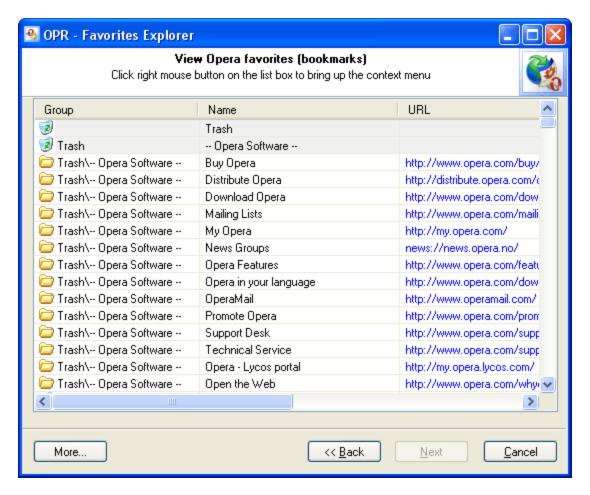
2.7 URL History Explorer

Opera global history contains all sites and Web pages (but not files) you have ever visited. You can view the global history or remove it if needed.



2.8 Favorites Explorer

View/remove Opera favorites (a list of web pages you've added to your bookmarks) in a single page. Each line in the list specifies the group name, the actual name of the item, the URL address, the item description, and the created/last visited dates of the bookmark item.

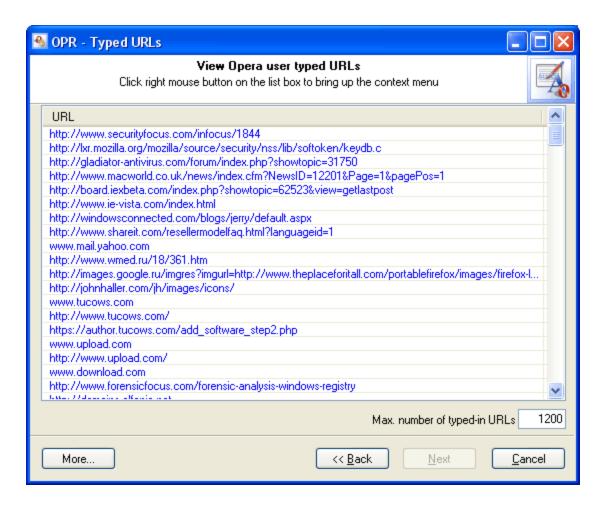


The container items (groups) are highlighted in light grey.

2.9 Typed URLs

Each time you type a URL in the address bar, the URL is automatically added to the Opera database file. However, Opera doesn't allow you to view the URLs stored inside the database file. Opera Typed URLs dialog allows you to view all previously typed URLs (it is also known as AutoComplete) or to remove them if required.

You can also set the max. number of item in the AutoComplete history.



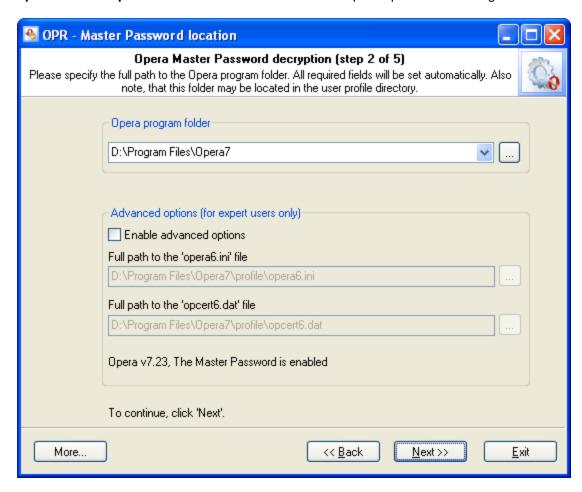
2.10 WAND Master Password Recovery

The entire process of recovery of Master Password in Opera comprises of several steps of the Wizard. These steps are described below.

- 1) Selecting Master Password location
- 2) Choosing decryption method
- 3) Setting recovery options
 - Preliminary attack
 - Artificial Intelligence attack
 - Dictionary attack options
 - Brute-force attack options
 - Mask attack options
 - Base-word attack options
 - Combined dictionary attack options
 - Phrase attack options
- 4) Launching the selected attack

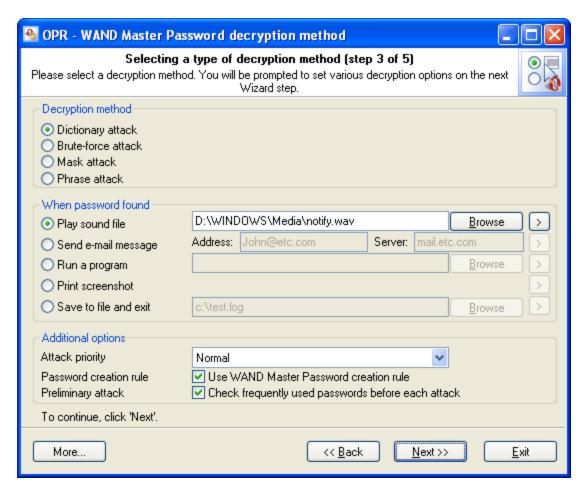
2.10.1 Selecting Master Password location

Select the folder where Opera stores its Master Password. Normally, the program does that automatically and allows you to select the folder manually if you have two or more versions of this popular browser installed on your computer. You can also do that by hand by entering path to two files: **opera6.ini** and **opcert6.dat**. Both of them are stored in Opera's profile. See the figure with the example.



2.10.2 Choosing decryption method

During this step, the program's wizard will ask you to choose the decryption method, set the event (notification) to be performed when the password is found, and set a number of additional decryption options.



Decryption method

Opera does not store its Master Password in the plaintext format. Moreover, Opera doesn't even store its hash. The developers have chosen a different route: the password along with the salt participates in the encryption of a portion of data and then, to check the validity of the password, it uses the decrypted data hash and the original salt value. This makes it clear, why the calculated tables attack here will be, to put it mildly, not very efficient. Currently the software can guess the password by launching several types of attacks:

- Artificial Intelligence Attack is a new type of attack developed in our company. It is based upon a social engineering method and allows, without resort to time-consuming and costly computations, to almost instantly recover certain passwords.
- **Dictionary attack** is the most efficient recovery method, when the program tries each word from the dictionary (or dictionaries if there are several dictionaries) you specify until it finds the original password or until the wordlist is out of words. This method is efficient since many people use regular words or phrases for password. Other than that, this type of recovery is performed quite fast compared to brute-force attack, for instance. Additional dictionaries can be fond on our website.
- **Brute-force attack**. If the dictionary attack has failed, you may need to take a closer look to brute-force attack, when the program uses all possible combinations from the specified range of characters. For example, for a three-character range of lower-case Latin characters, it will check all possible combinations, starting with 'aaa', 'aab', 'aac', and all the way through 'zzz'. This is the slowest attack, so it is really great for short passwords.
- Mask attack. This type of attacks is useful if you have at least some information about the password.
 For example, you may know that the first four characters in the passwords are Latin letters; they are followed by a three-digit number. The mask attack is a variation of the brute-force attack, except that some characters for finding the password remain unchanged, and only a portion of the password may

- change. The special syntax is used for setting a mask or rule for finding a password. It will be described in detail in the corresponding chapter below.
- Base-word attack. At the first glance, this type of attack reminds the one we just described. It is just as efficient if a portion of the password to be recovered is known to us. However, unlike in the previous attack, here you do not have to set a mask just provide a basic word (or phrase). The program will take care of the rest. The phrase attack is based upon the experience of the social engineering and uses over 140 rules for possible modifications of the original phrase to generate a great number of possible password combinations.
- **Combined dictionary attack** uses primary to guess compound passwords. It is very similar to the dictionary attack, except that instead of using a single word for password verification it uses a combination of words created from several dictionaries.
- The idea of the **phrase attack** is to find the right password by searching through predefined and frequently used expressions, sayings, phrases and word combinations.

When password found

This group allows setting an action to be performed automatically when the password is found. This option is convenient, for instance, to system administrators when passwords are being recovered on several computers at once. The program offers five possible notifications: play sound, send e-mail, run application, print screen or store results to file and close the program.

Important! If you choose the send e-mail notification type, make sure you have checked your firewall settings and have allowed the program to send e-mail to the Internet.

Additional options

In the Additional options group you can specify:

Attack priority. If you are planning on using your computer actively during attack, you are recommended to set the priority value to 'Below normal' or even 'Low'.

<u>Password creation rules.</u> You should know that for the creation of its Master Password Opera follows this rule: Master Password must be at least 6 characters long and must consist of numbers and combination of letters. When this option is selected (it is selected by default), the program will ignore passwords that do not comply with this rule.

<u>Preliminary attack.</u> The program will check the most frequently used passwords before each attack. Literally, by selecting this option, you activate the fifth type of attack, the preliminary attack. It may take up to 1 minute on slower computers. Preliminary attack consists of three parts and allows to 'catch' short and frequently used passwords like 'qwert1'. The program creates passwords for this attack by following the Master Password Creation Rule. The creation must be performed just once.

2.10.3 Setting recovery options

Currently, as it was mentioned above, there are several decryption methods available:

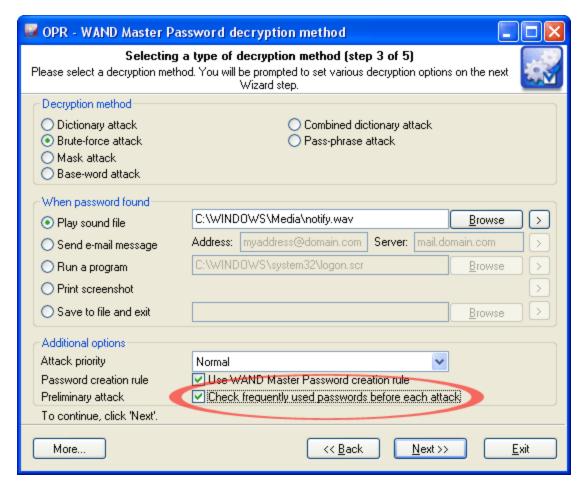
- 1. Preliminary attack usually runs before each attack.
- 2. Dictionary attack. Try every word from a dictionary until the password is found. This attack is the most effective.
- 3. Brute-force attack guesses the password trying all possible password variants by given character set.
- 4. Mask attack is very helpful if there's any information about the password.
- 5. Base-word attack. Useful if a part (or source word) of the password is known.
- 6. Combined dictionary attack uses to guess complex/compound passwords.
- 7. Phrase attack uses primary to search complex password by looking through a dictionary with frequently used phrases.

Once selected a recovery type, you will be prompted for different options on the next Wizard page.

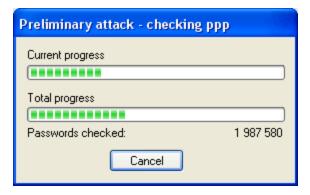
- Preliminary attack
- Artificial Intelligence attack
- Dictionary attack options
- Brute-force attack options
- Mask attack options
- Base-word attack options
- Combined dictionary attack options
- Phrase attack options

2.10.3.1 Preliminary attack

Preliminary attack is a time-limited simple set of several mini sub-attacks. It is often run when a password cannot be recovered instantly, but there's no need to launch a full (eg. brute-force or dictionary) attack. The preliminary attack activated by setting 'Check frequently used password before each attack' check box on in common options dialog (see the screenshot below.)



Usually a preliminary attack executes in less than a minute. When it is running the following dialog is displayed:



Preliminary attack consists of at least the following sub-attacks:

- Common brute-force attack. Performs several simple brute-force attacks based on predefined character sets.
- **Simple dictionary attack**. Fast check the password by verifying all words from a given dictionary.
- Extended dictionary attack. It's almost the same as above but with some smart mutation options set on.
- Attack on repeatables. Checking passwords as a repeatable sequence of a character. Eg. '1111111' or 'xxxxxxxx'.
- Attack on simple patterns, like '123456' or 'qwerty'.
- Attack on complex patterns. The same as above, for compound patterns.
- **Keyboard attack** checks for keyboard passwords and all possible combinations. Eg. 'qwer', 'qazwsx', 'asdzxc', etc.
- National keyboard attack. The same as above, but checks passwords typed in national keyboard layout.
- Complex keyboard attack is the same as previous 2 attacks, for compound keyboard patterns.
- Passcape Password Prediction attack is the most complicated and state-of-art password prediction tool.

2.10.3.2 Artificial Intelligence attack

Artificial Intelligence Attack is a new type of attack developed in our company. It is based upon a social engineering method and has never been implemented in password recovery applications.

This attack allows, without resort to time-consuming and costly computations, to almost instantly recover certain passwords encrypted with hash functions. The basic idea behind the AI attack is that an average user very often chooses similar words and word combinations or follows the same password generation rule when creating one's passwords. With that in mind, we could attempt to figure that rule out and pick the original password.

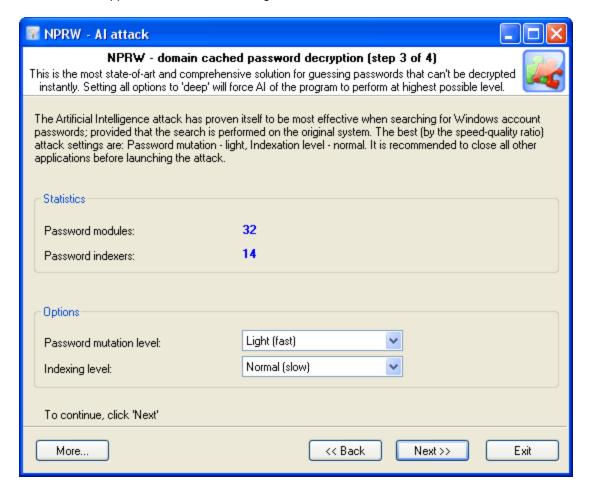
Although this sounds somewhat abstractive, in the reality the attack clearly splits into four successive steps.

- Step 1. Initiating the collection of private data. Here comes into action the password retrieval and indexation module, which looks for all available and hidden in the system passwords entered by user at any moment of time. Those include network access passwords, ICQ, email, FTP, Windows account passwords, server passwords, etc.
- Step 2. Launches the data collection and indexation module. During the execution of this step, we analyze the activity of the user (or all users, if the indexation module selected is different than Light) in the system. Next, basing upon that, we generate the list of words potential passwords selected from the text files, archives, internet browsers' history, email correspondence, etc.

- Step 3. Includes the semantic analysis module for the database of found passwords and the list of potential passwords.
- Step 4. On the final stage, the data analysis module will perform the mutation of the words and attempt to pick the passwords.

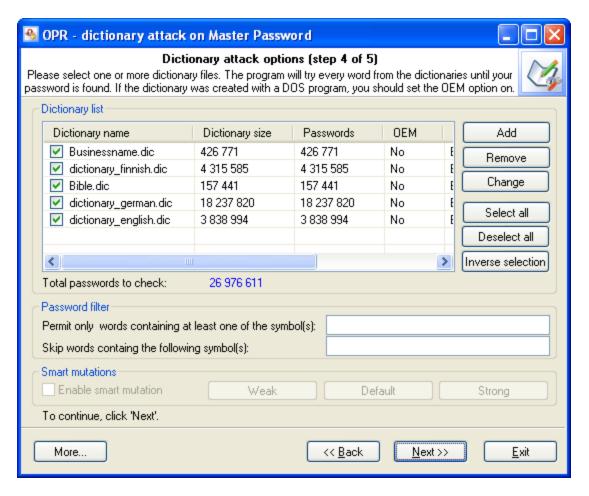
In the beginning of the attack, the program will search the system for all passwords it knows of. For that purpose, there are currently 32 mini modules for decrypting system, mail, browser, messenger, archive and other passwords. Then there goes the file and data indexation, along the course of which the program generates a potential attack dictionary. The third module breaks the passwords and words into pieces, out of which in the last module it will assemble new combinations for picking and guessing the original password.

The Artificial Intelligence attack has proven itself to be most effective when searching for Windows account passwords; provided that the search is performed on the original system. The best (by the speed-quality ratio) attack settings are: Mutation – light, Indexation – normal. It is recommended to shut down all other applications before launching the AI attack.



2.10.3.3 Dictionary attack options

All options are conditionally split into three groups: **dictionary list**, **password filter**, and **password mutations**.



Dictionary list

In the first group of options, you must set at least one dictionary for the attack. If the dictionary was created with a DOS program, the option 'Dictionary file in DOS encoding' must be selected when adding this dictionary to the list. After that, the new file will be added to the active dictionaries list. Please note: although a dictionary can appear on the list, it may remain inactive, i.e. not participate in the attack. To activate a dictionary, select the checkbox by its name. The program comes with a short English wordlist.

Password filter

To crop unnecessary passwords, you can use two simple filters. If you have set at least one character in the first '*Include*' filter, all passwords that do not contain that character will be ignored (skipped) by the program. The second '*Exclude*' filter is totally opposite. If you have set one or several characters in that filter, the program will skip passwords that contain at least one character specified in the filter.

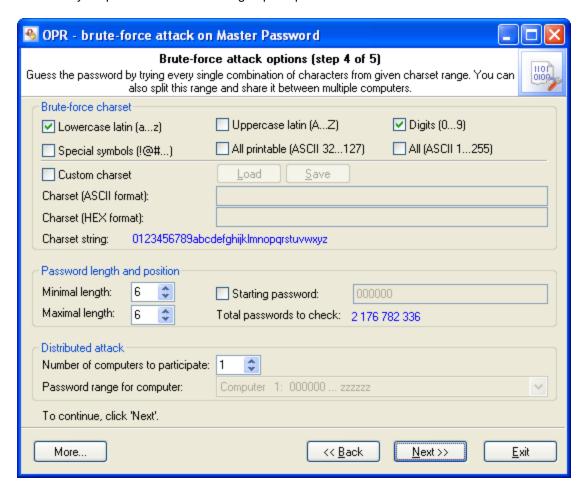
Password mutations

The last group of options manages mutations for each password to be verified. You can set up to three mutation rules: *Weak* - less number of mutations and, in its turn, greater verification speed; *Strong* - for greater number of mutations, to the prejudice of the speed, and the happy medium, *Default* option.

Note! Mutation of dictionary passwords may be automatically unavailable due to low operation speed of the password verification algorithm.

2.10.3.4 Brute-force attack options

As it was said above, this type of attack is the slowest. It must be used only if other attacks have failed to recover your password. There are 3 group of options here.



Brute-force charset

Brute-force attack assumes using all possible variations from the specified character range, which is set in the first group of options. You can select and combine predefined character sets (e.g., Latin characters, numbers or special characters) or define your own ones. To define your own character set, select the option '*Custom charset*'. This will enable two fields for defining a custom character set: the first one - for entering ASCII or OEM characters, second one - for entering non-printable characters. You can save your custom character set on disk. The program comes with several examples of user-defined character sets.

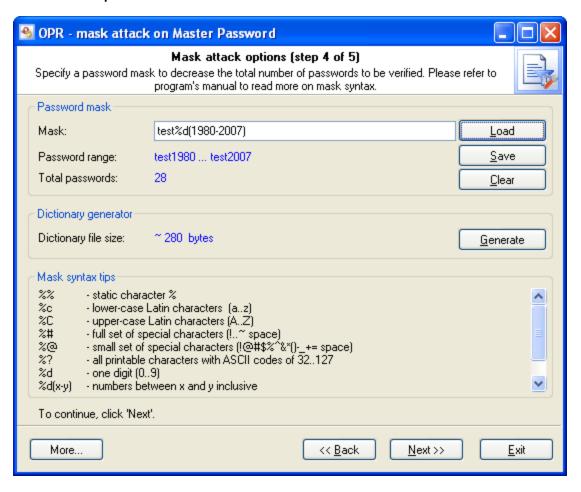
Password length and position

The second group of options allows setting the minimum and maximum lengths of the password to be generated. If the last brute-force attack was interrupted or stopped, you can resume it from the last position saved by the program (see 'Starting password option.)

Distributed attack

This group of options can be useful when you have access to several computers. In this case, the entire set of characters to be verified, if it is too large, can be split into portions and attack the password by portions on several computers at the same time. To implement that, you will need to select the number of computers participating in the distributed attack (option '*Number of computers to participate'*), select the same settings on all computers, and assign each computer its serial number (in the combo box '*Password range for computer'*.) When all that is done, you can launch the attack(s).

2.10.3.5 Mask attack options



The entry field is used for setting the mask (rule), by which the program will try to recover the password. If the mask is set correctly, below you will see the range of characters generated by the mask. User-defined masks can be saved on disk. The program also allows generating dictionary by mask; however, this option is only available in the registered version of the program.

The password mask consists of static (not changing) characters and special sets - dynamically changing letters, numbers or symbols.

For example, in the mask 'secret%d(1-100)', the characters 's' 'e' 'c' 'r' 'e' 't' are static, and '%d(1-100)' is the dynamical set. A dynamical set is marked (start) with % character.

The program supports the following dynamical sets:

- **%c** lower-case Latin characters (a..z), total 26 symbols
- **%C** upper-case Latin characters (A..Z), total 26 symbols
- %# full set of special characters (!..~ space), total 33 symbols

"- small set of special characters (!@#\$\%^\&*()- += space), total 15 symbols

"- all printable characters with ASCII codes of 32..127

%d - one digit (0..9)

%d(x-y) - numbers between x and y inclusive

%r(x-y) - user-defined characters with serial ASCII codes between x and y

%r(x1-y1,x2-y2...xn-yn) - set of several non-overlapping sequences of ASCII characters. Useful for defining custom character sets; e.g., of OEM characters.

Important! When setting %r, keep in mind that the range of defined OEM characters (with character code greater than 127) is generated using the DOS encoding.

%I(n) - link to another set from mask (1 based)

%% - standalone static character %

% allows setting character sets for national languages. For instance, the mask % (160-175,241-241,224-239) will generate the password row of Russian characters, total 33*33=1089 passwords.

Examples:

- will generate password range test 0..test 9, 10 passwords total

test%d(1980-2007) - test 1980..test2007, 28 passwords test%r(48-57,97-122) - test0..testz, 36 passwords %#test%# - test ..~test~, 1089 passwords

%d(1-12)%r(45-47)%d(1-31)%l(2)%d(1980-2010) - 1-1-1980..12/31/2010, 34596 passwords

%c%r(32-63)%c%l(2)%c - a_a_a_a..z?z?z - 14623232 passwords

2.10.3.6 Base-word attack options

Base-word attack is an irreplaceable recovery tool when you know a portion of the password or its basic component.



Normally, such cases dispose to using mask attack; however, it does not always allow coping with the task set forth. Suppose our password was 'S10w Dr1v3r'.

Trying to recover such a complicated password using brute-force attack would be an ungrateful job, even if you are quite sure that it is based upon the '**slowdriver**' phrase. These are the cases when the baseword attack will rescue you.

With this tool, the program will attempt to recover the original password, trying all possible combinations founded upon 15 groups of rules (total over 150 rules.)

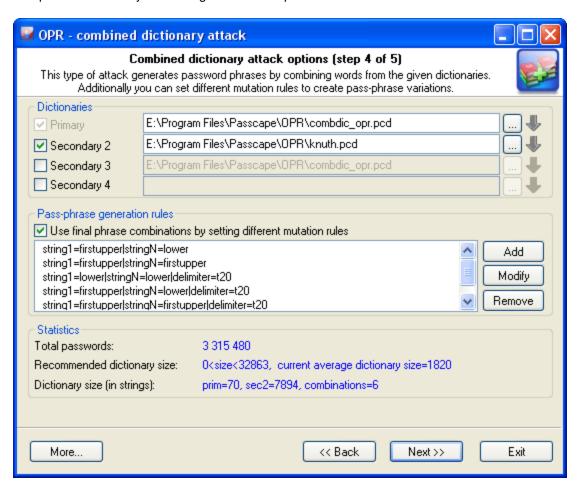
If you enter '**slowdriver**' in the field, you will see that the program has generated several thousands of different combinations upon this phrase, and one of those combinations will match our password. Note! Later, during the attack, some of the passwords will be filtered out, if the option '*Use WAND Master Password creation rule*' is selected.

Enter the word or pass-phrase prototypal to your password.

Important! If the length of the phrase exceeds 8-10 characters, the mutation may take significant time. If you remember the original password precisely and simply have forgotten the sequence of the uppercase and lower-case characters in it, you can select the option '*Use only case mutations*'. With this option selected, the program will generate passwords with all possible combinations of upper-case and lower-case characters, total 2'n passwords, where n - is password length. For example, for the password 'slowdriver' the program will generate 2'10=1024 different combinations.

2.10.3.7 Combined dictionary attack options

This type of attack on difficult and compound passwords is very similar to the simple dictionary attack, except that instead of using a single word for password verification here we use a combination of words or a phrase created by combining words from specified dictionaries.



The purpose of the first group of option is to set and choose the source material for our attack. For a start, we are to specify at least 2 dictionaries. To understand how the combined attack works, let's take a look at a couple of password generation examples that involve, in the first case, the same dictionary and in the second case – two different ones.

1. Suppose we've got a single dictionary with three words: aaa, bbb, and ccc. We will set this dictionary as two original sources: primary dictionary & secondary dictionary2 (see the figure). After these dictionaries have been processed, at the output we have the following phrases (they will be used when checking the password sought):

'aaa aaa', 'aaa bbb', 'aaa ccc' 'bbb aaa', 'bbb bbb', 'bbb ccc' 'ccc aaa', 'ccc bbb', 'ccc ccc'. 9 phrases total.

2. In the second case, we have got two different dictionaries. For example, the first dictionary consists of three words: aaa, bbb, and ccc. The second one also has three words: ddd, eee, fff. In this case, we are going to have the following phrases:

'aaa ddd', 'aaa eee', 'aaa fff'

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'bbb ddd', 'bbb eee', 'bbb fff' 'ccc ddd', 'ccc eee', 'ccc fff'.
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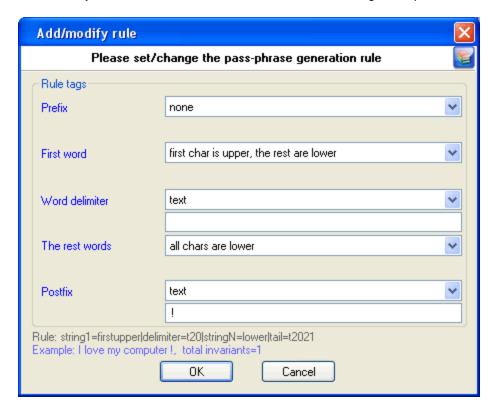
The example is plain but demonstrative. The idea is that for multiple sources you can successfully use both a single dictionary and multiple ones. It all depends on your imagination. The last example shows that a special attention should be paid to the order of the dictionaries if they are different. The order of the words in the phrases to be created depends directly on the order of the source dictionaries. In our second example, if we swap the primary and the secondary dictionaries, at the output we will obtain a completely different set of phrases:

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'ddd aaa, 'ddd bbb', 'ddd ccc', 'eee aaa, 'eee bbb', 'eee ccc', 'fff aaa, 'fff bbb', 'fff ccc'.
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Combined attack sets a certain limit to the number of dictionaries that can be used; that's not more than 4. Thus, the general limitation of this attack is that only password phrases of not more than 4 words can be recovered using this attack.

Another essential drawback is the wide range of phrases generated. And, as the consequence, the proportional increase of the time spent on the validation of a password. Therefore, you should be careful when selecting the size of source dictionaries, especially for 3 and 4-word combinations.

The next group of options is in charge of creating all possible combinations of phrases. By default, if no password generation parameter based upon mutation rules is set, the program will create passwords by simply concatenating words from the source dictionaries, WITHOUT separating them with spaces. However, you can set your rules as well. For example, have it create phrases with spaces, begin words with caps, append numbers, etc. There are special rules available for this purpose; you don't have to know the syntax of them, for the mutation rule creation dialog is simple and intuitive.



Each mutation rule consists of five elements:

- 1. **Prefix** text that will appear before each phrase. This element can be a character, plain text string, one digit between 0 and 9 or a number. For instance, if you set a one-digit prefix, the phrases created with this rules will look as follows: '0 aaa bbb', '1 aaa bbb' ... '9 aaa bbb'.
- 2. **First word** the action to be performed over the first word of each phrase. There are only four options. Namely: leave intact as is in dictionary, convert all characters to lowercase, convert all characters to uppercase or capitalize only the first letter of the word.
- 3. **Word separator**. It may be absent. Then all the words will be concatenated. Example: 'aaabbb', 'aaaccc','aaaddd', etc. You can otherwise set a custom separator; e.g. the '-' character: 'aaa-bbb', 'aaa-ccc','aaa-ddd'.
- 4. Other words. With this attribute, similarly to 2., you can set rules for the other words of a phrase.
- 5. **Postfix** text that will finalize each phrase. For example, if you set Postfix to the '?' or '?', all phrases created with this rule will have the question mark at the end.

Naturally, the more mutation rules you set, the wider is the range of phrases you generate, and the more chances you get for the successful recovery of the original password. On the other hand, if the range is large enough, when searching through the entire range may take half an hour or more, the program will highlight the statistics text with red color. There's no reason to be afraid of that. Simply select one of the source dictionaries of a smaller size or decline from some mutation rules or, leave everything the way it is.

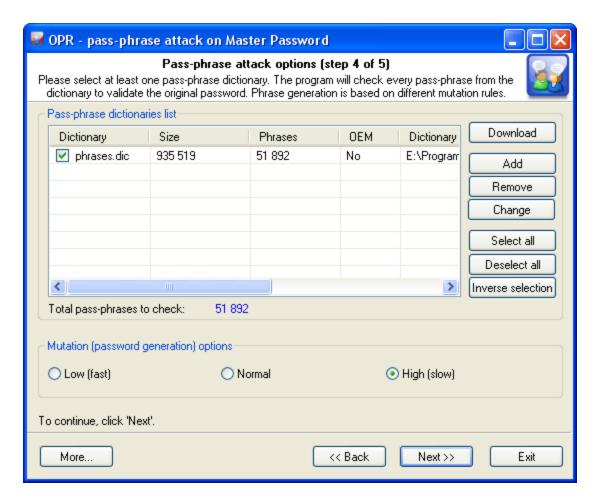
The 'Statistics' group shows the average and recommended average size of a dictionary, number of words in source dictionaries, total number of passwords being generated and other helpful information.

Let's take a look at a specific task. Suppose, we are to find a password of three words, the first one of which is 'nothing' with some punctuation mark at the end. Here is our plan:

You can also download additional dictionary modules from the Passcape Software Web site.

2.10.3.8 Phrase attack options

Pass-phrase attack is an essential password recovery tool, which can hardly be overestimated. The idea of the attack is to guess the right password by searching through predefined frequently used expressions, phrases and word combinations. Similar to the simple dictionary attack, from the source dictionary we sequentially take a phrase and attempt to match with the original password.



More and more users choose to make up their pass phrases of entire phrases, passages from poems, movie aphorisms, Latin aphorisms, etc. Attempting to recover such passwords using the traditional techniques is unthinkable, even with the reference to the advancement of the computing power of modern computers. Therefore, the recovery help comes with the predefined and known phrase attack.

It wouldn't be an overestimation to say that 99 percent of the success in the recovery of a password with a dictionary attack depends on the quality of the dictionaries. Most likely, that is the reason why this type of attacks doesn't appear in just about any password cracker. Passcape Software allows utilizing a whole set of online and offline dictionaries (totally over 500 MB) compiled specially for this type of attack.

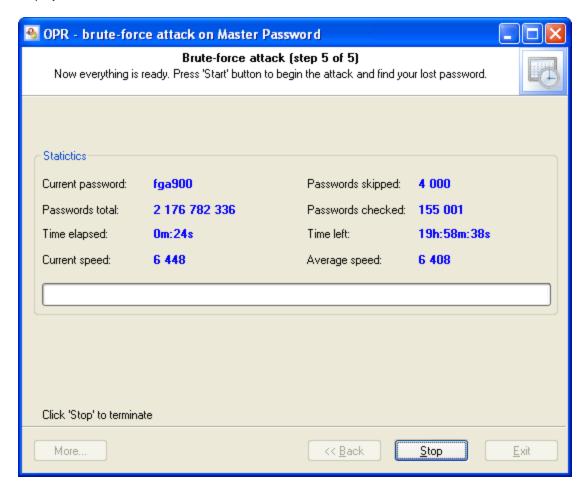
The password-phrase attack options almost completely repeat the simple dictionary attack options: here, you also are to select one or several dictionaries for the phrase source, it also allows loading additional dictionaries from the Passcape website, and it has the same way for setting phrase mutation rules (creating alternative options).

Mutation is worth saying more, since as you should have known strong mutation significantly raises chances for the successful recovery. Weak mutation is normally justified in only one case: for increasing the attack speed or when using dictionaries of large sizes. Medium mutation is a normal balance between the operating speed and the number of generated password phrases. Strong mutation allows finding more difficult passwords by generating the widest range of all possible combinations, to the prejudice of the search speed. For instance, English phrases typed using the national keyboard layout, abbreviations, etc.

The program comes with a short dictionary of phrases and aphorisms.

2.10.4 Launching the selected attack

The last step of the password recovery wizard launches the attack you have selected and gathers and displays its statistics. Click 'Start' to launch the attack.



Please keep in mind that if you have selected a pretty long phrase (in the phrase attack), the preparation to the attack may take some time. Other than that, if the option 'Check frequently used passwords before each attack' is selected, the program will attempt to find the password among the most frequently used words and phrases. That normally takes less than a minute. This check is to be performed only once.

Later, if the password you were looking for is found, the program will notify you of that with the alert you have specified and copy the password to clipboard.

At this moment, the Opera's Master Password search speed is really insignificant - just about 5000 passwords/sec on a modern computer. Such low speed is related mostly to the specifics of the implementation of encryption algorithms used in this browser. Our programmers work hard on optimizing them, and that will let us improve the decryption speed in the nearest future.

2.11 Recovering WAND Master Password

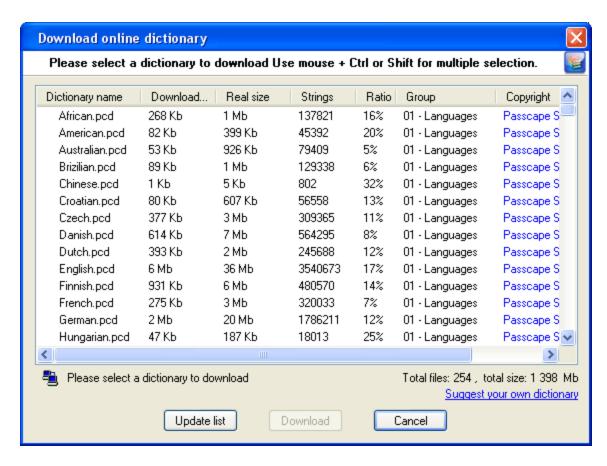
When recovering certain types of passwords - for instance, Opera Master Password - the major question is: How to organize the recovery process - which attack should I start with to raise the probability of its successful completion?

For choosing the type and the sequence of the attacks, we advise to follow this algorithm, which is applicable in the majority of cases to all types of passwords to be recovered:

- First, enable the preliminary attack option, if it is available. It will help to recover simple and frequently used combinations.
- Second, if you are aware of any specifics of the password you are looking for, it's better to try mask
 attack or base-word attack first. Specifically, if you know a part of the password using mask attack
 would be more effective. If you know the basic component of the password or, for example, know the
 password but don't remember the sequence of caps and lowercase characters in it, base-word attack
 would do the job better.
- Third, if you have no information on the password you are looking for, which occurs most frequently, be guided by the following sequence of steps:
 - 1. Run Al attack with mutation and indexing options set to light.
 - 2. If it fails to find the password, just try again and set mutation option to 'normal' and indexing to 'deep' levels.
 - 3. Launch dictionary attack with the mutation option disabled.
 - 4. Launch dictionary attack with the mutation option enabled; the depth of mutation depends on the amount of available time and the attack speed. When searching for passwords typed in the national keyboard layout, the depth of mutation should be set to strong.
 - 5. Select and download online dictionaries and repeat steps 3 4.
 - 6. Launch pass-phrase attack with the mutation option disabled.
 - 7. Launch pass-phrase attack with the mutation option enabled and set to the maximum productivity. This will allow finding passwords typed in the national keyboard layout.
 - 8. Select and download online pass-phrase dictionaries and repeat steps 6 7.
 - 9. Launch combined dictionary attack with defined phrase generation rules.
 - 10. Select and download online dictionaries for combined attack and repeat step 9.
 - 11. Select a charset for brute-force attack, launch the attack.
 - 12. If necessary, select a new or complete the old character set and repeat the brute-force attack; i.e. step 11.

2.12 Loading online dictionaries

The online dictionary selection dialog is extremely simple. When it opens up, the program attempts to establish a connection with the Passcape Software server and then retrieves and displays the list of dictionaries available for downloading.



For more convenience, you can order the list by name, size of source or compressed file, group it belongs to, etc.

Select the dictionary you need and then click on the 'Download' button to retrieve it and use in the program.

Some of the dictionaries are large. For instance, the size of 'music_songs.pcd' is more than 59 MB in the compressed format. Naturally, retrieving such a large amount of data may take some time, which depends upon file size, bandwidth of your Internet connection and net load.

All online (and some additional) dictionaries can be ordered on CD. The total size of all the dictionaries is over 1GB. You can also share your own dictionary with us by e-mailing us the dictionary or the link where it can be downloaded.

2.13 Setting a Program Access Password

Setting an access password can help to avoid the program execution by unauthorized persons. To open the "Set Access Password" dialog box, click 'more...' (the OPR main window) and select the 'Set/change access password' from the popup menu.



To set an access password, you have to enter a new password and confirm it by retyping it in the confirmation field.

Remember! The access password is case-sensitive.

To remove the current password, leave the password fields blank.

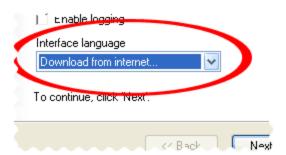
Next time you run the program, you will be asked for the password as shown below.



Type in your current password and click **OK** to run the program.

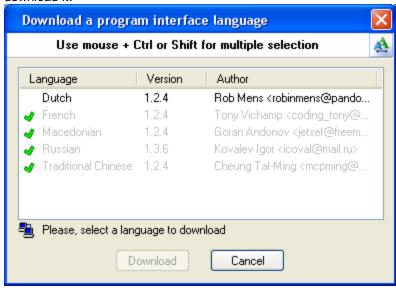
2.14 Program interface language

You can change the program interface language and download your native language from our web server. Just select **Download from Internet...** from the **Interface Language** drop-down list as shown below.



After that the program will try to establish a connection to the Passcape server and download the list of language files available for the program. We guarantee that nothing will be sent to Passcape (or to anybody else) from your computer.

So you'll see the language selection dialog box where you can select an interface language and download it.



If you can translate the interface of the program into some other language, your help will be really appreciated. Translate the program into your native language and get the program registration for free! Contact us for more information.



3 License and registration

3.1 License Agreement

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3.2 Registration

Detailed instructions for all kinds of orders are available online at <u>Passcape ordering page</u>. Online orders are fulfilled in just a few minutes 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

On payment approval (for online orders, usually within a few minutes), we'll send you the registration code which will remove all limitations of the unregistered version. Your registration will be valid for all future versions of **OPR**.

The ordering pages are on a secure server, ensuring that your confidential information remains confidential. As soon as your order is processed (usually in one business day for on-line payments), you will be provided with the registration code for your copy of the program. If you've made a payment, but haven't received a confirmation letter with your registration code within a reasonable amount of time (two business days for credit card payments or two weeks for other payments), please notify us!

Important: when completing the order form, please double-check that your e-mail address is correct. If it will not, we'll be unable to send you the registration code.

To complete the registration process

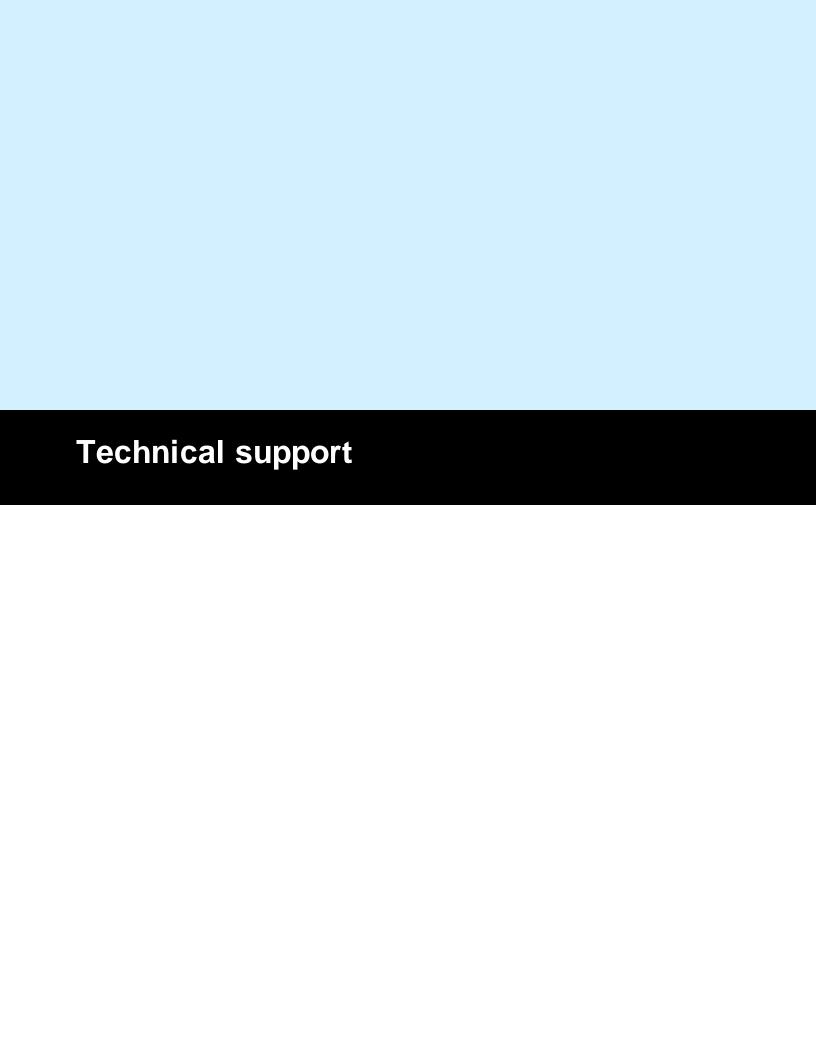
- Run the program
- Click more... button
- Select **Registration** from the popup menu
- Enter your registration code and name (optional) into the related fields and press **Register** button.



It is recommended to use the Copy and Paste commands instead of typing the code by hand. To do that, select the license key text in the registration message you have received with the mouse or using the text selection keyboard shortcuts (**Shift + arrow keys**). Then press the **Ctrl + Ins** shortcut on the keyboard to copy the selected block to Windows' Clipboard. Then open the registration window in the program, place the cursor in the registration key field and then press the **Shift + Ins** shortcut on the keyboard to paste the text from clipboard to that field. Next, place the cursor in the user name field, enter your name and then click on the **Register** button. If you have done everything right, the program will display the confirmation message.

3.3 Limitation of unregistered version

An unregistered version of **Opera Password Recovery** shows only first 3 characters of the decrypted passwords and has some functional limitations.



4 Technical support

4.1 Reporting problems

If you have a problem, please contact us at support@passcape.com. Please inform us about the following:

- Windows version including service packs and other fixes installed
- Program full version (see About dialog)
- Program registration information if any
- Detailed description of your problem (as much information as possible)

If you're reporting about program error, please attach **Crash.log** and **Opr.log** files located in the **Opera Password Recovery** installation directory.

4.2 Suggesting features

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about the program or would like more information, email us at: info@passcape.com. Please don't forget to mention the program name and version. Also make sure you have the latest program version installed. Your feedback helps us to improve our products and work more effective.

4.3 Contacts

Please don't hesitate to send your questions regarding our products to e-mail support@passcape.com. You will get reply during one or two days. Note, that registered users have priority in technical support.

If you experience any problems during registration process, please send a letter to sales@passcape.com

We will be happy to assist you with the registration.

Please write in English!

You can find other password recovery utilities at https://www.passcape.com.