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- 24.09.2022: Lessons from a Professional Password Cracker [link]
 - "The most important feature of a strong password these days, he said, was uniqueness —having a different password for each account."
 - "Typically, the passwords that we can crack aren't the ones that are generated by machines."
 - "Most passwords are stolen in plain text, not from these hashed databases that people like me try to crack."

- 29.09.2022: A message about Stadia and our long term streaming strategy [link]
 - Google Stadia: streaming games, 3D rendered in the cloud, image sent via network
 - Can be played on low cost devices, needs fast Internet
 - Critique [link]
 - "no one trusted them to keep it alive longer than a year or two"
 - "it hasn't gained the traction with users that we expected"
 - "A huge, huge proportion of gamers who want to play the latest hit, say Deathloop, will already have either a console, a gaming PC, or both." [link]
 - E-waste [link]: bluetooth not enabled



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- 27.09.2022: Bankrupt crypto lender Voyager to sell assets to Sam Bankman-Fried's FTX for \$1.4 billion [link]
 - Crypto lender Voyager went bankrupt as its biggest customer Three Arrows went bankrupt (Terra/Luna) [link focus on investments in cryptocurrencies – Aave, Avalanche and Luna, BlockFi, Ethereum, Polkadot, Solana
 - \$1.3b for fair market value + 0.1 extra
 - Sam Bankman-Fried on a shopping spree
- 27.09.2022: Report: Korean authorities order freeze of \$67M of Bitcoin tied to Do Kwon [link]
 - 3,313 BTC was then transferred to KuCoin and OKX
 - Kwon said he used all funds to defend UST

- 27.09.2022: A deep dive into Bitcoin's environmental impact [link]
 - 48.35 MtCO₂e represents approximately 0.10% of global greenhouse gas emissions
 - Gold mining (100.4 MtCO2e)





