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Thread: [Need to bypass iPhone 6s passcode screen](#)

easton - June 22, 2025, 9:30 pm

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DramaKing - June 22, 2025, 10:48 pm

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Are you sure that Passfab iPhone Unlocker requires DFU/factory reset? Their website claims no data loss. Even though the 6s is very old, Apple has a long support life cycle, so the phone could be updated as high as iOS 15. The filesystem will be fully encrypted with the encryption key stored in the secure enclave. It can be exploited, but I couldn't do it. Elcomsoft iOS Forensic Toolkit can't even unlock any iPhone after the 5c.

easton - June 23, 2025, 8:23 am

(Jun 22, 2025 09:56 PM)vrs Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Years together and she doesn't know the phone passcode eh?

Yeah...I wondered that myself but didn't want to press her on it (probably worth giving her a quizzical look while asking).

Still, can you suggest any of the forensic apps that can actually do it? I'm looking at Dr.Fone for IOS but haven't tried it yet and not really sure it can do what we need.

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Oh, Magnet Axiom can do it, but you'd have a better chance of going to an Apple Store to get it unlocked.

Jimmie - June 23, 2025, 8:28 am

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DramaKing - June 23, 2025, 8:33 am

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Oh, here's one. "How To Factory Reset Screen Locked iPhone 4/5/6/7/8/X/Xr/11/12/13 Without Pc & iTunes ! Erase iPhone" OP wants to retrieve the data. Factory reset is out of the question.

Some videos are just about bypassing iCloud activation locks. Others use DFU. "Fix Unavailable iPhone With Secret Pin Code | How to Unlock iPhone Without Passcode or Apple-ID" might seem like a legit hack, but there's a noticeable edit in the video when the device is unlocked.

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This is a good one, except it's clearly for lolz.

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/yRBCDQu2NRs?feature=share>

Let's see ... Passfab? Covered. There's another factory reset guide. AppGeeker? All it can do without doing a full wipe is recover the "ScreenTime Passcode."

Lockscreen exploits are NOT found all the time, but this [USB Restricted Mode](#) exploit should work on that old phone. Not enough to unlock the storage and extract data, however.

Maybe this: <https://www.engadget.com/2018-06-23-iphone-brute-force.html>

easton - June 23, 2025, 11:18 am

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Thanks, and I've spent hours going through YT videos and the suggestions there. However, (ignoring all the videos where you tap in a long string of characters (like *#xxxxx#*xxxxx and magically unlock the phone, none of which have worked), all the programs I've seen in the YT videos that claim to bypass the 4-6 digit lock screen state clearly that it will wipe all data from the device... which is what I'm trying to avoid.

So, still looking for now.

Brain Davis - November 25, 2025, 1:02 am

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koko010101 - April 11, 2026, 10:09 am

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DramaKing - April 11, 2026, 10:35 am

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Bypass an iPhone to do what? Two things I hate: hijacking threads and vague questions.