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GatorLink Password Management Policy Coming Soon

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With the implementation of new integrated, real-time computer systems and single sign-on accessibility via the myUFL portal, the need for a strong GatorLink password policy is greater than ever. The Information Security Management (ISM) subcommittee of the university's Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) is currently developing a Password Management policy that will address several issues, including how and when a password may be set or reset for different levels of security. Users who have limited access to UF systems such as student applicants or vendors may be required to update their password with a self-service feature in myUFL just once a year, whereas those with control of institutional information may need to change theirs every three months and have stricter requirements for password changes and resets.

A cornerstone of the Password Management policy is strengthening our current GatorLink password requirements. GatorLink passwords will remain a minimum of eight characters for most employees but must include three of the following four elements: upper-case letters, lower-case letters, digits and punctuation, and not include actual words. Guidance and tools for selecting a strong password will be provided later this month.

The policy will be announced via a Deans, Directors, and Department Chairs Memorandum and an article in the UF Bridges pagelet in the myUFL portal (http://my.ufl.edu). To always get the latest project news, simply log on to myUFL, click on Personalize Content, then check the box for UF Bridges under the Special Interest category.

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