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Starting May 5, 2004, the rules that apply to GatorLink passwords will be changing. The University of Florida (UF) is committed to a secure information technology environment in support of its missions. With the implementation of new integrated, real-time computer systems and single sign-on accessibility via the myUFL portal, the need for a strong password policy is greater than ever.

The GatorLink username and password is the university standard username and password for authentication for all new information systems. The university uses a role-based approach for providing access to these systems. Each person affiliated with UF has one or more security roles. Each security role has an associated password policy. If an individual has several roles, with conflicting password policies, the "strongest" policy applies.

This policy is guided by the following principles:

• Five levels of password policy are necessary, each with a different set of requirements for password creation and reset. (See Attachment A available from the link below).

• The assignment of a password policy is based on an individual's security role(s) and is not an automatic result of an affiliation or staff position.

• Passwords must include three of the following four elements-upper-case letters, lower-case letters, digits and punctuation. Passwords may not contain words found in a dictionary.

• Passwords will expire during UF Help Desk business hours.

GatorLink passwords and security roles-and the resulting association of password policy to a user—are held in the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal system (myUFL) and managed by UF Bridges.

For more information about the new GatorLink password policy, please see:
http://www.it.ufl.edu/policies/passwords.html.

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