



Password Standards

Purpose

To define the requirements for user passwords used to access University of North Texas System information resources

Scope

This procedure defines the requirements for user passwords used to access University of North Texas System enterprise information resources. All passwords created for such use must conform to these requirements.

Procedure

1. Construction

- Use a combination of letters, numbers and special characters (\$, *, !, etc.)
- Use the first letter of each word in a phrase.
- Use upper and lower case characters.
- Choose passwords that are a minimum of eight characters in length.

2. Re-use

Use a different password for each system.

3. Prohibited or Discouraged Passwords

The following should be avoided when creating new passwords.

- Using common words, a friend's name, a pet's name, the name of your favorite team, etc.
- Using your EUID (Enterprise User ID)
- Using your birthdate, social security number, phone number, etc

References

UNT System Information Security Regulation

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