GVSU Information Technology Password Rule Set

Effective July 15, 2017

Due to increased cybercrime, phishing and malware, IT is increasing the security on GVSU network passwords by increasing the minimum characters from eight to 12. Best practices and security audits also support this decision which will help increase strong passwords to protect GVSU data.

The new rule set will take place beginning July 15, 2017. Upon receiving notice that your network account is going to expire, you will be required to have a minimum of 12 characters and follow the below rules.

Passwords for your GVSU network account expire every 180 days and will **require at least 12 characters, and must contain characters from <u>three</u> of the following categories:**

1. Uppercase characters of European languages (A-Z)
2. Lowercase characters of European languages (a-z)
3. Base 10 digit(s) (0-9)
4. Nonalphanumeric characters: **~ % ^ * _ - | { } [ ] : ' .**

Additional rules:

- Passwords may not contain the user name or network account name
- The system will remember the last 13 passwords and not allow re-use of those passwords
- You may change your password multiple times without restrictions within the 180 days

DO NOT use spaces as some subsystems do not currently allow for spaces in the password

NOTE: If you have a mobile device that accesses email and/or WIFI (iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, Android smartphone, non-GVSU personal computer, etc.), please be aware that the password must be changed on that device as well (possibly in 2 places: email and WIFI).

If you do not change the password on the mobile device, it may lock you out of your account.

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