EECS - Reset your EECS Password

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COVID-19 Notice
Please be aware that COVID-19 has impacted many of the University's policies and procedures, and documentation may not all be up-to-date. Please use your best judgment when following directions in this KB article. As always, if you get stuck at any point during this KB article, please contact the VCEA IT Helpdesk for assistance.

The Basics

Do you know your EECS password?

Yes
Great! You should be able to reset your EECS password on your own.
You can change your password using a variety of methods:

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Some normal password reset options are not available due to Coronavirus restrictions

- Using EECS SIG servers
- Using an EECS computer lab
- Using your office desktop (for EECS faculty, staff, and grad students)
- In-Person at the VCEA IT Helpdesk located in Sloan 358

See the "Changing your password" section below for instructions on resetting your password.

No
You'll need to contact the VCEA IT Service Desk for assistance. There is no way to reset a forgotten EECS password without assistance from the VCEA IT Service Desk

Changing your password

From EECS domain-joined Windows system

1. Log into any Windows computer in the EECS Network using your EECS Account.
2. Press CTRL + ALT + DELETE then choose Change a password.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.

Congrats! You've successfully changed your password from an EECS domain-joined Windows system

Using EECS Linux servers (SIG servers)

Use a terminal of choice for your Operating System.
Terminals:
- Windows 10 - cmd.exe or powershell.exe
- MacOs - Terminal (search with the spotlight)
- Unix/Linux - Terminal needs no introduction
Sig Servers:
- sig1.eecs.wsu.edu
- sig2.eecs.wsu.edu
- sig3.eecs.wsu.edu
- sig4.eecs.wsu.edu

Once a console is open proceed with the following:

1. SSH into one of the available EECS sig servers.

   ![SSH Connection]

   Note: The password field will not echo output to the terminal. It is recommended to manually input your password and NOT copy/paste it in.

2. Once logged in if you are not prompted to change your password, use the `passwd` command to change your password.

   ![Password Change]

   a. Use your password for the (current) Unix password.
   b. The new password must meet 3 of the 4 following criteria:
      i. Uppercase Letters
      ii. Lowercase Letters
      iii. numbers
      iv. special characters: i.e.: !@#$%^&*()-_=+
   c. The system remembers your most recent 6 passwords, you must pick a password you have never used before.
   d. Linux can be pretty picky about dictionary words, previous passwords, or using your username in your password.

3. When successful you'll see the following output: `passwd: all authentication tokens updated successfully`. You're done!
4. Exit out of the sig server, by and reconnect.

Congrats! You've successfully changed your password from an EECS Linux system