

## Implementation of Password Policy Project - Suggestions

Πίνακας κατά ομάδες χρηστών και τρόπους επαφής με το Τμήμα.

Users group	Windows Login	Unix Login	Webmail access	Thundbird /outlook/pine	Moodle access	Helpdesk webpage	VPN Access	Printing access
Students (active)	√	√	√ (not all)	√ (not all)	√	√	√	√
Students (inactive-graduated)			√ (not all)	√ (not all)			√	
Research (active)	Login on AD or Locally on their machines	√ (not all)	√	√	√ (as teaching assistant)	√	√	√ (all)
Research (inactive, or away from department)			√	√ (not always)		√ (not always)	√ (not always)	
Faculty (active)	Login on AD or Locally on their machines	√ (not all)	√	√ (not always)	√	√	√	√ (all)
Faculty (on sabbatical leave, or ex-visiting )		√ (not all)	√	√		√	√	
Secretaries staff	√			√		√		√
Support staff	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Sponsoring accounts (i.e courses,proj ect)			√ (not all)	√ (not all)	√			

## Συμπεράσματα:

- Από τον πιο πάνω πίνακα, μπορούμε να συμπεράνουμε ότι ο πιο κοινός τρόπος επαφής των χρηστών με το Τμήμα είναι μέσω email (είτε μέσω Webmail, είτε μέσω Thunderbird /outlook/pine)
- Για τους ενεργούς φοιτητές θα πρέπει να εξευρεθεί και άλλος τρόπος ενημέρωσης τους π.χ στο login στα Linux και στα Windows να ενημερώνεται ο χρήστης ότι θα λήξει ο κωδικός του.
- Επίσης πρέπει να λάβουμε υπόψη και τους λογαριασμούς οι οποίοι είναι συνήθως μόνο για web uploading i.e courses, projects ή χρησιμοποιούνται περιστασιακά. (Ίσως η προσθήκη πεδίου στον LDAP, για email address του κατόχου να βοηθούσε, οπωσδήποτε να ενημερώνεται ο κάτοχος του λογαριασμού)

## 1. Password policy we adopt

password minimum length: 8 characters  
minimum required special chars (non-alphabetic, non-digit): 2  
Keep password history and remember 2 password  
notification period at least one week before  
password expired every 365 calendar days

## 2. How can users change their passwords ?

- Through **Self Service Password page, SSP** (needs to be developed by OTY)  
See this <http://testing.cs.ucy.ac.cy/andrim/ltb-project-self-service-password-0.7/>  
If the above is enough there is no need to proceed to the list below
- Through Webmail (needs to investigate further)
- Through Linux login (Already implemented and tested, but does not cover all users)
- Through Windows login

## 3. When passwords will expire?

Every 6 months. (What about summer? Excluding summer period?)

#### 4. How the users know that their password is about to expired/has been expired/Allow login even after expired?

- **Through email** . An email will be sent 8 weeks before password expires, once per week. When password expired, users are allowed to login for 2 weeks before accounts denied login. (If openldap does not support we can change it to # of logins i.e 8 logins )

**Check this** <http://ltb-project.org/wiki/documentation/ldap-scripts/checkldappwexpiration>

##### **This is the email that you will get your account is about to expire**

Subject: Your password will expire soon

TO: <<your email address>>

From: Computer Science HelpDesk - (helpdesk)

Dear <<your name>>,

Your password is due to expire on <<expire date>>. Please take a moment now to change it. TYPE the following into your browser:

its.cs.ucy.ac.cy/SSP/

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URLs in any legitimate ITS password message will always point to cs.ucy.ac.cy and will never be clickable. (This protects you from phishing.)

Access to Self Service Password through its.cs.ucy.ac.cy

##### **This is the email that you will get your account has expired**

Subject: Your password has expired

TO: <<your email address>>

From: Computer Science HelpDesk - (helpdesk)

Dear <<your name>>,

Your password expired on <<expire date>>.

To change it, TYPE the following into your browser:

its.cs.ucy.ac.cy/SSP/

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- **Through Windows/Linux Login**

When users login into windows/linux machine, a message will be displayed, informed him about password expiration

### ➤ **Through Webmail**

- It seems that Horde supports password change but needs further investigation
- We can display message when user logins, informed him that password is about to expired

### ➤ **Through Moodle**

- Moodle seems to supports password expiration and notification (but needs further investigation. LDAP support done through Ms-AD)

### ➤ **Through User Account Portal (wish list !!)**

- What if we develop a page to display summary information for user.
  - i.e Password expiration days
  - Quota usage for home directories
  - Quota usage for windows profiles
  - Printing quotas
  - and allow users to change/reset their password

## 5. **Self Service Password page**

<http://testing.cs.ucy.ac.cy/andrim/ltb-project-self-service-password-0.7/>

### **Who will use it?**

- All (Students , research, faculty,staff, (active, inactive))

### **Functions of the page (Initially)**

- Reset expired password
- Allow users to change their password, before expired
- Sent email to users when change/reset their password
- Reset a forgotten password (add more options than the default, add more secret questions)