**Multi-Factor Authentication** [1]

**Key Actions**

- Set up Duke’s multi-factor authentication ([http://oit.duke.edu/mfa](http://oit.duke.edu/mfa)) service to secure your NetID and access to various web applications at Duke.
- Find out which other sites use multi-factor authentication at [https://twofactorauth.org/](https://twofactorauth.org/).

What is multi-factor authentication, and how to set it up via OIT

Passwords are one of the most important and yet one of the least secure security protections we use. Hackers can crack a 6-character password in less than two minutes. To provide an additional protection for your accounts, use two-step or multi-factor authentication. Multi-factor authentication is based on something you know (your password) and something you have (such as your phone or a hardware token like a Yubikey). If an attacker gets your password, they would still need access to that second “factor” to access your account. Duke offers multi-factor authentication ([http://oit.duke.edu/mfa](http://oit.duke.edu/mfa)) that can be used to secure your NetID and access to various web applications at Duke.

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**Links**

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