Accounts and Passwords

Members of the university community are responsible for all use of their account and are expected to take reasonable steps to ensure the security of the account.

Central Authentication Services (CAS) is both an authentication service as well as a Single Sign-On (SSO) service for web applications to allow users to authenticate using their NSIDs.

CAS increases information security as users only enter their NSID and passwords into a single, secure web page.

- How long is PAWS CAS session active for?
- How to identify a legitimate USask authentication page

Information on using the Identity and Access Management (IAM) system.

- How do I manage groups in IAM?
- How do I manage SharePoint permissions in IAM (Identity and Access Management)
- How to create an account for a person in IAM

Multi-factor authentication is a process where a user is prompted for an additional form of identification during the sign-in process for a system or application.

- How Do I Add or Modify Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) Options?
- How Do I Set-Up Multi-Factor Authentication on My USask Account?
- Microsoft Authenticator no longer working after phone replaced or reset
- Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) FAQs
- What are the Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) options and how do they work?
- What to do if you cannot use your main MFA method
- Why can I not access my email or calendar on my mobile device or email application after enabling MFA?

My Profile is a web application that enables you to personalize your account information such as your password, USask email alias and contact information.

- How do I change my password using My Profile?
- How do I change the department shown for my University email address?
- How do I modify my personal data in MyProfile?
- How do I set a mobile number as my password recovery option using My Profile?
- How do I set an email address as my password recovery option using My Profile?
- How do I set my study location in My Profile?
- How do I set out-of-office email replies in My Profile?
- How do I set Security Questions as my password recovery option using My Profile?
- Why is Google Authenticator no longer working when I try to log into MyProfile?

The USask Network Services ID (NSID), or user name, is a unique identifier that is three letters followed by three numbers (e.g. abc123).

It is used as a username to access university computer and network services such as PAWS, email, computer labs and password protected webpages. The services that you are eligible for depend on your role at the university (student, instructor, researcher, employee alumnus, etc.)

- Functional Network Service ID (NSID)
- How do I link my ORCID iD to my NSID?
- Network Services ID (NSID) - Services Eligibility

A computer account consists of a username and password. At USask, the most common form of a username is the Network Services Identifier (NSID). The NSID consists of three letters followed by three numbers (e.g. abc123). Members of the university community are provided with a randomly generated password that can be changed in PAWS.

- How do I change my password using My Profile?
- How do I reset my password for my NSID using my Password Recovery Options?
- How do I sync my NSID’s (Network Services ID) password?

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