

Security :: Single Sign-on Security

Your HSU User Name and Password together provide an efficient, secure way to access computer-based resources on campus. Using this unique combination of identifiers enables students, staff, and faculty to log in to any campus system using the same credentials without lowering the level of security applied to the information stored on those systems.

Your [HSU User Name](#) [1] is the part of your humboldt.edu email address before the @ symbol. While you may not change this element of your campus identity, you can apply a different "public name" or [alias](#) [2] to your email address - or change your password - in the [Account Center](#) [3].

Your HSU User Name and Password are required to access the following campus computing resources:

- [myHumboldt](#) [4] and applications accessed through myHumboldt, including
 - [Google Apps](#) [5] (including email)
 - PeopleSoft applications (including Faculty Center and Student Center)
 - Library
 - [Moodle](#) [6]
- [Labs and Smart Classrooms](#) [7]
- [Network Folders](#) [8]
- [Web servers](#) [9]
- [Wireless network](#) [10]

For more information on making the most of your HSU User Name and Password, check out the following links:

- [Activate Accounts](#) [11] - How to activate, change, and verify your HSU User Name and Password.
- [Secure Passwords](#) [12] - How to create a secure password that you'll remember.
- [Secure Authentication](#) [13] - Under the hood: technical information about how secure authentication works

Secure Single Sign-on and myHumboldt

When you log into myHumboldt, you are authenticated to access those applications you're authorized to use from within the portal. However, this convenience comes at a price, and it is imperative that everyone making use of this facility follow the best practices outlined below for the sake of everyone's information security:

- Users with access to [Level 1](#) [14] **data** and with **administrative privileges** must take special care to properly exit from myHumboldt. In fact, to be doubly-secure, after you're done, log off, close your browser, and restart the computer.
- Keeping your password secret and secure is more important than ever
- Never share your password
- Use [strong](#) [15] passwords
- In a public location, take care to shield your device when entering your password
- **Never** leave your workstation unattended - log out, close your browser, and set a screen saver lock if you have one (this is particularly important for portable devices and shared machines in [smart classrooms](#) [16] and labs)

- Depending on your browser, applications in myHumboldt will sometimes open in new tabs or windows - make sure to close **ALL** your browser sessions to fully exit myHumboldt
- Logging out of myHumboldt is **NOT** enough - close, exit or quit the browser session.
- If you use an Android device, use the Google App connector rather than a web browser in myHumboldt
- Use **extreme** caution when you log in from somewhere other than your work computer and always log out when you're done.

[Check out the myHumboldt Frequently Asked Questions](#) [17]

Related Topics

[Passwords & Digital Identities](#) [18], [Security](#) [19]

Source URL: <http://www2.humboldt.edu/its/accounts>

Links:

- [1] <http://www2.humboldt.edu/its/glossary/5#term99>
- [2] <http://www2.humboldt.edu/its/glossary/5#term297>
- [3] <https://accountcenter.humboldt.edu>
- [4] <http://humboldt.edu/myhumboldt>
- [5] <http://www2.humboldt.edu/its/glossary/5#term40>
- [6] <http://www2.humboldt.edu/its/glossary/5#term206>
- [7] <http://www2.humboldt.edu/its/services/smart-classrooms>
- [8] <http://www2.humboldt.edu/its/services/network-folders>
- [9] <http://www2.humboldt.edu/its/services/web-publishing-official-sites>
- [10] <http://www2.humboldt.edu/its/services/wireless>
- [11] <http://www2.humboldt.edu/its/accounts-activation>
- [12] <http://www2.humboldt.edu/its/security-accountprotection>
- [13] <http://www2.humboldt.edu/its/security-secureauthentication>
- [14] <http://www2.humboldt.edu/its/glossary/5#term224>
- [15] <https://www.humboldt.edu/its/security-passwordsecurity>
- [16] <https://www.humboldt.edu/its/smartclassrooms-roomlist>
- [17] <http://www.humboldt.edu/its/faq/myhumboldt>
- [18] <http://www2.humboldt.edu/its/category/quicklinks/passwords-digital-identities>
- [19] <http://www2.humboldt.edu/its/category/quicklinks/security>