Gator Link Management at the University of Florida

In 2004, the University of Florida implemented the gatorlink password management system with a strong and innovative mode for password management. As a follow up to this the Gatorlink extends this innovative security approach to the management of gatorlink accounts. This will directly impact directory coordinators.

University of Florida – Updating identification access to computers.

1) UFID #s – 8 digits – assigned to everyone associated with UF “identifies people” 1.5 million assigned

2) Gatorlink – user name and password, AKA gatorlink ID. Used to sign onto computer systems. 200,000 people have these.

Currently the gatorlink is used by faculty, staff, students and is available to affiliates and is used for website access, workstation signon, myufl, ISIS, Webct and legacy systems.

Need improvement for the computer accounts.
- UF IT wants to make computer accounts go away when people are no longer affiliated with the university.
- Eliminates the shared guest password – which exists on campus – this is a no-no.
- Gatorlink user name will increase from 8 to 16 characters

What changes will we happen November 10, 2006?
1) gator link accounts will automatically expire based on directory affiliation (this is controlled at dept level). This means a person will not be able to sign on if the departments terminate the relationship with the individual. 50,000 accounts are scheduled to terminate.
2) So, if a person does not have an appropriate affiliation they will not have an account
3) Accounts will be automatically expired when affiliation change
4) An account will delete after 13 months. 13 months after your account is deleted you gatorlink account can be reassigned.
5) A UFID# is never reassigned – it is permanent.

How it works for students
-registrar established UFID & student affiliation in directory, student creates gatorlink
- when student finishes, registrar's office updates directory and student affiliation goes away in 6 months.

How it works for employees
Person hired – dept establishes UFID in directory, HR adds employee affiliation, not dept.
Employee creates gator link at www.gatorlink.ufl.edu
When employee leaves, directory is updated with title "recent employee" by HR
Recent employee lasts for 30 days and then is removed. Account is expired when “recent employee" designation is removed.

How it works for department associates
Dept establishes UFID & Assigns departmental assoc affiliation. Dept makes judgment – I know this person and I want them to have a computer account.
-department associate creates account at www.gatorlink.ufl.edu
-account remains in place as long as person is an associate in the directory
-for new faculty coming on board we can assign them as a department associate and they can have a gatorlink access before they become official.

What do you get with a computer account?
- depends on your affiliation with the University. Faculty, staff and students each get access to different resources.
- Guest and department affiliates only get basic service – no local services without department approving and assigning it through the department security administrator or IT contact.

Guest account charges
-authorized people will be able to create guest account
-last for 14 days
-guest account comes with limited default services = wireless and portal access.