

Computer Lock Screen Changes

On October 1st, 2020, Information Technology Services (ITS) will configure ETSU-owned computers to automatically lock after 15 minutes of inactivity. ITS recommends that users manually lock their computers every time they leave their work area by pressing the Windows Logo/Flag and L keys at the same time. For Apple computers, go to the Apple menu and choose Lock Screen or press Command+Control+Q.

On June 11, 2018, the University Council approved the ITS security policy based on the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-53 Security and Privacy Controls. This publication states that the user's information system be configured to prevent further access to the system by initiating a session lock after inactivity and retain the session lock until the user reestablishes access using established identification and authentication procedures.

This configuration change will align ETSU with industry best practices, assist with compliance efforts, and better protect ETSU operations and data.

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