



Digital Literacy I: Fundamentals

Unit 6 Computer Maintenance and Security

LAB 2 User Account Security

Objectives

- Adjust your User Account Control security level
- Devise a strong password
- Create, manage, and delete user accounts

Equipment Required

- Notebook computer
- Internet connection

Introduction

User-account security helps to protect your computer against malicious software and accidental changes to system settings that can disable your computer. In addition to using a strong password, it's important to adjust your security settings and manage user accounts to avoid malware or inadvertent system changes.

In this lab, you will demonstrate your understanding of user-account security by devising a strong password, creating, modifying, and deleting user accounts as well as adjusting your UAC security-level.

In order to perform the lab Procedure, you should know how to:

- Create a strong password
- Access the User Account Control window
- Create modify, and delete user accounts
- Switch between user accounts

Procedure

1. Write a strong password on a sheet of paper
2. Test the password at <https://www.microsoft.com/security/pc-security/password-checker.aspx>
3. Configure your account to notify you if an **app** attempts to make changes to the system, but to skip notification when **you** make changes to the system
4. Create a local administrator account for a user named Watson
5. Switch accounts and login as Watson
6. Change Watson's account type to a standard user
7. Log out of Watson and login to your account
8. Delete the account for Watson





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