

Passphrase Requirements

What is a Passphrase

A **passphrase** is another word for a password however it encourages *a sequence of words* or other text rather than a single word to control access to a computer system, program or data. A passphrase is similar to a password in usage, but is generally longer for added security. The passphrase at Royal Roads can also contain spaces, numbers and special characters.

What are the Passphrase requirements

- Minimum 12 characters, no more than 16.
- any combination of letters, numbers, space, symbols and/or caps
- Can only be changed once every 24 hours
- Cannot be the same as a passphrase you've used the past 5 times you've changed
- We recommend phrases like "I love Poutine!" or "RRUcomputerservicesisawesome"
- Your account will be locked out after 10 unsuccessful attempts. You must contact Computer Services to have the account unlocked.

Your passphrase should be unique for each account. Using the same passphrase at multiple places, especially that use the same username, can turn a stolen passphrase from an unnerving inconvenience to a full fledged nightmare.



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