Tech Talks: 2-Factor Authentication (Apple/Android)

Explore your options for extra account security

2-Factor (Multi-Factor Authentication) - Security measure requiring a combination of two or more different forms of identifying evidence. Ideally, this means one thing you **know** and one thing you **have** (e.g. username/password and security key). 2-Factor is typically optional and enabled from your account settings. 2-Factor authentication options include:

- **SMS** (Short Messaging Service) Standard protocol for sharing alphabetic and numeric messages across different platforms and devices.
- Push Notification Automated message sent from an application service that is delivered even when the user is not actively using the application
- **Security Key** (e.g. Thetis) Small physical device that looks like a USB thumb drive and works in addition to your password on sites that support it.
- **Authenticator App** (e.g. Authy) Free app that links to your account and generates temporary codes that are required for logging into that linked account.
- **Biometrics** (e.g. face scan) Body measurements and calculations related to human characteristics that are used as a form of identification and access control.

Password Management

iCloud Keychain Settings > Apple ID > iCloud > Keychain > On/Off iCloud Keychain iCloud Keychain keeps the passwords and credit card information you save up to date on the devices you approve. Your information is encrypted and cannot be read by Apple. Settings > Passwords

Android

Google Password Manager

Google App > Manage your Google Account > Security > Signing in to other sites > Password Manager > Gear Icon > Offer to save passwords (Turn on) > Auto Sign-in (Turn on)

Settings > Privacy > Autofill service from Google > Use Autofill with Google (turn on)

