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Security changes

Effective July 27, 2021, new security changes will take effect. For a change, these changes will simplify your computer security tasks. While the minimum length of your password will increase to 12 characters, the requirement to periodically change your password will be removed. You will have to change your password one more time after July 27 but then you will not have to change it again unless your account is suspected of compromise or in certain high security situations. Also on that date, anyone not set up for Multifactor Authentication (MFA) and Self-Service Password Reset (SSPR) will be enrolled. To the best of my knowledge, all CNAS faculty and staff were enrolled last year. If not, then you will receive an email soon advising you that your account will be enrolled on July 27. For more information see the [Information Services Blog](#).

Windows updates

This week Microsoft released the monthly Windows updates. They include a rather important security update. These updates will be pushed to most computers automatically. Computer Services has set the deadline for these updates as 5 AM, July 19th. If you have not rebooted your computer by then, it will be forced to reboot to install the updates. You should make sure any work has been saved and restart your computer before then.

Reboot reminder

Speaking of rebooting your computer, here is a reminder about how often rebooting your computer can solve problems. In the past month, I have assisted a few users by rebooting their computers. If you are experiencing some kind of computer problem, the first step you should take is to save all your work, close all programs, and reboot your computer. If you are still having computer problems the contact your support person, search the [Knowledge Base](#) or open a ticket at the [IT Service Portal](#).