the search is on
to find vulnerabilities
and rein them in!

The Information Security Office (ISO) is on the hunt to find and eliminate vulnerabilities within computers and websites. We will identify system owners, schedule tests, and share reports which will enable the campus to reduce vulnerabilities. This campus-wide initiative will be led by Chaney Edwards, Vulnerability Manager.

Just a reminder that the ISO’s Vendor Survey must be used prior to contracting service providers that handle UT Dallas information.

disk encryption you won’t even notice!
ISO is promoting Windows BitLocker encryption instead of SecureDoc. BitLocker is built into Windows, making it faster and more reliable. We also developed ISCRYPT for Mac, which leverages the existing FileVault functionality.

the training you NEED,
at the time and place you WANT!
Representatives of the ISO are available to meet in person with your team in order to provide customized training! Email infosecurity@utdallas.edu for more information.

You should never use your UT Dallas password on other websites. If your password is compromised on one website, having used the same password for other websites increases the risk of a security compromise. The longer your password, the less likely it can be cracked by an attacker so consider a “passphrase” instead of a single word. If you need to write down your passwords to remember them, be sure that your notes remain under your personal control!
world class data center protection, now available at UT Dallas!

UT Dallas has contracted with ViaWest in Richardson, TX. The data center facility offers robust cooling, fire protection, physical security, and high uptime. The available capacity will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Come join the departments who have already made the switch to the most robust data center around!

forecast: it’s getting cloudy!

More than 6,000 users now use CometSpace powered by Box.com. ISO has upgraded each user to 1TB of cloud storage, a 10x increase. Do you have a NetID? Then you’re already signed up! Visit utdallas.edu/cometspace to get started.

logging in just got safer

The ISO is offering several tools to make the login process safer and easier. NetIDplus ensures that stolen passwords cannot be used because a mobile phone is added as the ‘second factor’ of the login process—much like the PIN code required when using an ATM card. Additionally, Shibboleth allows a user to conveniently log in to a website with existing NetID and password, eliminating the need to remember more passwords!

security tip

Install those updates! Outdated software is a big source of vulnerabilities, yet easily resolved. Take a moment to update any outdated software on your computers, phones, and tablets to prevent malicious viruses.

Call the Help Desk for assistance at 972-883-2911 or send an email to assist@utdallas.edu

microsoft anti-malware: efficient with your computer, efficient with our budget

ISO is helping departments convert from McAfee anti-malware to Microsoft’s SCEP. Not only does this result in a cost savings, but users report less system slowness. Windows and Mac are both supported.

ask YODA

For any questions you may have, check out the ISO Frequently Asked Questions page, askYODA, or email infosecurity@utdallas.edu