Introduction

In limited circumstances, TU faculty and staff may request a hardware token for Duo Multi-Factor Authentication. A hardware token is a small electronic security device that may be attached to a keychain. These tokens are assigned to users and are used to generate an authentication code (random key code).

Steps to enroll/authenticate a token:

1. Use Case Scenarios - Read through the use case scenarios below to make sure you are eligible for a token.
2. Request and Pick up a Hardware Token - Call the Help Center (410-704-5151) or create a TechHelp request (preferred method), to request and pick up a hardware token. The Help Center will let you know if you have been approved for the token and will arrange a time for you to pick up the token.
3. Enroll your token using the steps below.
4. Authenticate using your token.

Use Case Scenarios:

In order to receive a token, one or more of the following scenarios must be true.

- You do not have a mobile device (phone, tablet) that you regularly carry with you, and want a method of authenticating in conference rooms, classrooms, or anywhere else where you don't have a permanent landline phone.
- Your only mobile device is a flip-phone, and you teach in classrooms (or attend meetings in conference rooms) with poor cell reception so phone calls and text messages aren't a reliable option.
- You teach in classrooms with poor cell and Wi-Fi reception, and have had difficulties with mobile devices functioning previously.

Request and Pick Up a Hardware Token

To request a hardware token, you must either call the Help Desk (410-704-5151) or submit a TechHelp request (preferred method). The Help Center will ensure that the client meets the requirements for receiving a token and either approve, deny or escalate the request. If approved, the client will go to the Help Center at a preapproved time to pick up the hardware token.

Use the steps below to fill out a request.

1. From your favorite browser type techhelp.towson.edu in the address bar and press ENTER.
2. Enter your User Name (NetID) and Password.
3. Request type: Employee Role
5. Next drop down: Duo Multi-Factor Authentication
6. Request Detail: Request a Hardware Token because “use a scenario above”
Duo Multi-Factor Authentication: Enroll and Authenticate using a Hardware Token

**Enroll your Token**

1. From your favorite browser, navigate to [http://www.towson.edu/netid](http://www.towson.edu/netid) and click on the **Register Duo Hardware Token** link under the **Faculty/Staff NetID Tools** heading and the **Manage your Duo Multi-Factor Authentication devices and passcodes** subheading.

2. The **Register Duo Hardware Token** screen will appear. Enter your **NetID (Username)** and **Password** and click **Login**.

![Register Duo Hardware Token](image1)

**Figure 1**

**Note**: If you have previously registered devices, you will have to authenticate to add the hardware token.

3. The **Register Duo Hardware** screen will appear. Beside **Token Serial #**, enter the number listed on the back side of your hardware token and then enter it again beside **Token Serial # (repeat)**.

**Note**: You cannot copy and paste this number, you must reenter the number.

![Register a hardware token to your NetID in Duo](image2)

**Figure 2**

4. Click the **Register this Hardware Token in Duo** button.

5. A green message will appear at the bottom of the screen confirming successful registration.
Authenticate Using a Hardware Token

1. When the Duo Multi-Factor Authentication window appears, make sure Token is chosen beside device.

2. Press the green button on your hardware token to generate a new passcode. **Please do not continue to press the green button. It takes a couple seconds for the number to display.**

3. Type the code on the screen in the space provided and press the Log in button. You may also select the **Remember me for 30 days** box if available.

How to Resync your Duo Hardware Token

Tokens can get out of sync if the button is pressed too many times in a row and the generated passcodes aren’t used to authenticate with Duo. If this happens, please try authenticating with your hardware token **three** times in a row. The first **two** attempts you will receive the message **Incorrect passcode. Please try again.** On the **third** attempt, you should be granted access.

*If this process does not work, contact the OTS Faculty/Staff Help Center by submitting a [TechHelp](#) request.