**Duo Multi-Factor Authentication**

**Enroll and Authenticate using a Hardware Token**

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**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.

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**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.

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**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**
4. Next drop down: **Accounts, NetID, Passwords, Duo, Sponsored Groups**
5. Next drop down: **Duo Multi-Factor Authentication**
6. Request Detail: **Request a Hardware Token because “use a scenario above”**
Enroll your Token

1. From your favorite browser, navigate to 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).

![Register Duo Hardware](image2)

Figure 2

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

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.*

![Image of Duo hardware token](https://example.com/image1)

**Figure 4**

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.

![Image of Duo login screen](https://example.com/image2)

**Figure 5**

**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.

![Incorrect passcode message](https://example.com/image3)

**Figure 6**

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