Cyber Security Month: Week 3

Online Security

In an increasingly interconnected world, online security has never been more crucial. Don’t leave your digital life vulnerable to threats like hackers, viruses, and data breaches. Take control of your online security and ensure your personal information, financial data, and cherished memories stay safe.

From strong passwords to multi-factor authentication, discover the essential steps to fortify your online defenses. Empower yourself with the knowledge and tools to navigate the digital landscape with confidence. Your digital security is in your hands – start protecting it now!

Watch our security video to learn about online security.

Beware of Malware in Search Engine Ads

Hackers are increasingly using search engine ads to distribute malware. It is important to be aware of the following:

The Scam:
Cybercriminals mimic genuine websites like Grammarly and Slack and pay for them to be promoted in search results. Clicking these ads might lead to downloading harmful software or other scams.

How to Stay Safe:
- Exercise caution with sponsored search results, usually labeled as “Ad”.
- Before clicking any links, verify the authenticity of website addresses. If in doubt, opt for non-sponsored links from reputable sources.
- Take the time to evaluate links before clicking. A moment of vigilance can save you from potential threats.
Always prioritize safety and think before you click when engaging in online activities.

The Future of Passwords

Managing multiple strong passwords can be challenging. Passwordless authentication is gaining traction as a potential solution in the tech world.

What is Passwordless Authentication?
It utilizes identification methods such as fingerprint scans or codes from hardware tokens, eliminating the need for traditional passwords. This approach incorporates a combination of public and private cryptographic keys for access, similar to how certain cryptocurrency wallets operate.

Current Progress:
In 2022, Apple introduced "passkey," a passwordless feature. Meanwhile, companies like Google, Microsoft, Best Buy, Kayak, and eBay are actively exploring or implementing similar solutions.

The Future:
While traditional passwords may not vanish immediately, expect passwordless options to become increasingly common. Like all innovations, security measures will require continuous updates to outpace potential hacking attempts. This underscores the significance of effective identity management to ensure that only authorized individuals have access.

In summary, while passwords remain essential for now, the digital realm is gradually moving towards more advanced and potentially secure alternatives. Always prioritize robust security measures in any online activity.

Remember, prioritize safety and think before you click!

MyNKU – SAP Upgrade

NKU will be migrating from the myNKU portal to a newer tile-based layout (SAP Fiori Launchpad) during the year-end SAP upgrade. This transition to Fiori represents a significant shift in the user interface and user experience for its enterprise software applications. Fiori is a modern, user-friendly design language and framework whose purpose is to simplify and enhance the way users interact with SAP systems. As a part of this transition, there are notable changes to the tile structure, which plays a crucial role in how users access and navigate through SAP applications.

On December 2, the tabs within the myNKU portal (bulleted below), will be
consolidated into a single group entitled 'Student Admin.' The tile structure will be organized by roles and will be visible only to users with authorization for specific job roles.

- Student Administration
- Academic Advising
- Admissions Processing
- Admissions Support
- Non-Attend
- Gender Identity
- Title IX

The dashboard of tiles represents different applications or tasks. It is designed with responsiveness in mind, ensuring that users can access SAP applications across
various devices and screen sizes. Tiles automatically adapt to the available screen real estate, providing a consistent user experience whether on a desktop, tablet, or smartphone. The tile structure will be organized around topics for ease of use.

Fiori promotes a streamlined and intuitive workflow. Users can often complete tasks with fewer clicks, reducing the time and effort required to perform actions within SAP applications. This can lead to increased productivity and user satisfaction.

In summary, NKU's SAP transition to Fiori represents a user-centric approach to enterprise software design. The tile structure simplifies navigation and provides a more intuitive and efficient way for users to interact with SAP applications. This transition not only modernizes the user interface but also contributes to improved user productivity.

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