**PASSWORD REQUIREMENTS**

11-1-20

UPCOMING CHANGE -- CHECKING PASSWORDS AT LOGIN

We've decided to roll out this change on Nov 1 to give time to send a heads-up to admins and users if you would like.

**WHAT WILL CHANGE**

* We already impose restrictions when you change passwords, to make sure they are strong enough.
* From Nov 1 we will check your existing password when you log in, and make you change it if it isn't strong enough.
* If your password isn't strong enough you'll be offered the option to change it immediately, or else you can put that off until your next login.

**STRONGER PASSWORDS**

What do we mean by "strong enough"?  Your password must:

* be 8 characters or longer
* not have been reported breached elsewhere on the internet (we check securely to be sure)
* not contain your first name, last name, or username
* not be the same password as anyone else in the conference

That's it!  We don't require special characters (upper/lower, symbols, digits) but you're welcome to use these if you like.

A pass-phrase might be a helpful way to get something long but easy to remember.  Spaces are fine, so the following pass-phrase would work: "drunk green llamas sing jazz furiously".