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Power-On Password Requests

For Power-on Password Requests by Library Faculty and Staff, please use:

| Problem Category | A. Accounts |
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| Sub-Category | A. Security |
| Staff Referral | SANS |
| Problem Description | Please install a User and Administrator |
| | Power-on password on the PC below. |

Remind the Requester that any system in which a user power-on password is set, SANS will also establish an administrator power-on password. This will ensure access to the system in the event that an employee is absent or leaves.

This type of password is called "power-on", because you are prompted for a password almost as soon as the PC is turned on, and without the correct password, the system will not operate. While not foolproof, the use of these passwords has been effective in areas where unauthorized/unknown people were using systems after hours.