Choosing a Secure Password You Can Remember

After your username has been accepted by the system, you will be asked to provide a password. There are rules governing password selection. It is important to construct a password that is easy to remember and adheres to the following rules.

- Your password must be at least 6 but no more than 8 characters.
- Your password must contain a minimum of 3 character classes. The characters on the keyboard are grouped into categories known as classes. They are as follows:
  
  - Lowercase letters (a-z)
  - Uppercase letters (A-Z)
  - Numerals (0-9)
  - Special characters (e.g. $ * )

- The password should NOT contain any 4 consecutive characters from your name or username (i.e. your initials).

Creating a password that contains a minimum of 3 character classes means that you must include one character from at least 3 of the different categories. For example, XYZ+1399 would be valid because it includes characters from the uppercase, special character, and numeral character classes. Another example is Xyz1399 which has upper and lower case letters and numbers.

Note: For your own security, do not use either of the above passwords.

http://www.nbcs.rutgers.edu/newdocs/gen00301/gen00301.php3#password