How do I change the password, shell, or other account information on the SoIC unified Linux systems?

Changing Passwords

The SoIC Linux systems are configured to authenticate against the IU ADS servers using your normal IU username and password. Therefore, if you want to change the passphrase you are using on the SoIC Linux systems you will need to use the standard IU Passphrase Management Web Interface. There are a few limited cases where accounts on our systems are local and not part of IU ADS so if you find yourself needing to change the password for a local account, you may be able to use the Local LDAP Account Management Page. However, please note that there are very few cases where you will want to use the local LDAP page so the IU Passphrase Management Web Interface is much more likely to be what you are looking for.

Changing Shell and GECOS/Finger Information

You can change your account login shell (ie. from the default bash to zsh, tcsh, etc) and your GECOS/Finger information using the SoIC Linux Account Management Web Interface. You will need to authenticate using your standard IU username and passphrase. If the account you are trying to change is a local SoIC account and not tied to a corresponding IU account, then you might need to use the Local LDAP Account Management Page. However, please note that there are very few cases where you will want to use the local LDAP page so the standard SoIC Linux Account Management Web Interface is much more likely to be what you are looking for.

Standalone System Notes

There are some Standalone SoIC Linux systems that are not part of our Unified Linux environment. These standalone systems will still use the IU ADS servers for authentication so the above section on changing your password still applies. However, on those systems you will be able to use the standard Linux `chsh` and `chfn` commands to change your shell and GECOS/Finger information, respectively.