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Hello CNRE,

Based on the events earlier this week, I'm going to highly recommend everyone turn on Google's 2-Step Verification to help insure your VT Google Apps account is not compromised and used to send SPAM or worse! This is a Google specific system that is different from DUO which VT's uses for 2-Factor Authentication but the concept is the same and it even supports the "Remember this computer for 30 days" option. It's relatively easy to setup assuming you have a cell phone that can receive text messages and if you have a smartphone it will support prompting you for permission instead of having to enter in a code. I've had this setup on both my VT Google Apps account and my personal Gmail account since June and it hasn't hindered me in the slightest.

If you're an Exchange user like myself and don't use your VT Google Apps for email I still recommend turning on Google's 2-Step Verification! If someone manages to hack that account it is perfectly capable of sending out email posing as you!

For instructions on enabling Google's 2-Step Verification please see our "Enabling Google's 2-Step Verification" FAQ located in the Library on our IT website. Note that I just wrote this assuming it's for your VT Google Apps account but the same steps can be used on your personal Gmail account as well. As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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