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Instead, the company wants to offer a '*strong*' solution but does not cause inconvenience to its service users.

Currently, Outlook.com does not provide two-step verification security such as Google's Gmail service; The method requires the user to enter the correct password of the account and the verification code sent by Google to the user's phone in order to log in to his account on the public computer.



When asked by the press about the security of the new webmail service, a Microsoft spokesman said Outlook would be much more secure by providing the '*single-use code*' feature (a password that uses one only times).

"*Single-use code*" is a *single-use code* sent to a user's phone via a text message (provided that the phone number is linked to the account); and users can use this code to log in to their e-mail account without the need for a password. In this way, service users can log in to an account on a public computer without having to worry about the keylogger being able to steal their password because it is never '*reused*'. !

The spokesman also said Microsoft has poured a lot of money and human resources into researching and developing security since the Outlook.com service is only new to 'the infancy'; With the goal of finding a

convenient form of user account protection than two-step verification, requires the use of both a verification code and a password.

## 2-step verification — Setup complete

Using 2-step verification will help prevent strangers from accessing your account with just a stolen password. When you sign in to your identity using **both** a password and a code that you receive on your phone. [Learn more](#)



2-step verification is **ON** for [redacted]

You're currently signing in to this account with a password and a verification code.

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### How to receive codes

#### Mobile application

✓ [redacted] [Edit](#) - [Remove](#)

#### Backup phone number

✓ [redacted] [Edit](#) - [Remove](#)

#### Printable backup codes

**Warning:** If your phones are unavailable, these codes will be the only way to sign in to your account.

⊕ [Show codes](#) - [Print codes](#)

### Application-specific passwords

Some applications that access your Google Account from your phone, desktop, or other devices (like mobile Gmail, desktop Picasa, or AdWords Editor) cannot ask for verification codes.

[Manage application-specific passwords](#)

To use these applications, you'll need to enter an application-specific password in the password field instead of your account password. [Learn more](#)

### Advanced

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The representative added that the company has *"taken a look"* at two-step verification like Gmail, but later decided to give up when it saw that only a small number of Gmail users actually used the form. this.

When Mashable asked the question about the number of people using this security measure to Google, a company spokesman answered quite generally, ' *We have millions of people using two-step verification, and thousands of registered users. use new every day* '.

Recently, Gmail's two-step security verification has received a lot of attention from Internet users after the technology journalist Mat Honan of Wired was attacked on August 3 by hackers.

Hackers took advantage of the security holes of Amazon and Apple to control Honan's iCloud account. Later, hackers took over the Gmail account, manipulated it remotely to erase all data from the MacBook Air, iPhone and iPad computers, control his Twitter account and the Twitter account of his former company, Gizmodo. One of the reasons hackers can take control of Honan's accounts and devices is because he didn't enable two-step verification on Gmail.

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