

Google adds extra security step to e-mail, apps

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(AP) -- Google is making it tougher for computer hackers and other imposters to break into e-mail accounts and other password-protected services.

An additional <u>security</u> measure introduced Monday will require typing a six-digit code after an accountholder's <u>Google</u> password is entered. The codes will be sent to people's mobile phones.

The two-step login means it will take more than a password to get into an account.

The extra protection initially will be offered to companies and government agencies subscribing to a Google service that provides email and other office applications. Google Inc. also is offering the added



security to schools that rely on Google to run their e-mail.

People using Google's free Gmail service will be able to make the security codes part of their login process within the next few months.

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