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Subject: Computer Tip of the Week -- What are “Credentials”?

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SITUATION/QUESTION:

This may be a silly question but I hear computer people talk about “Credentials”.
But what exactly does that mean? Is that just another word for my password?

SOLUTION/ANSWER:

Credentials is just a short-hand way of saying “what is needed to login”

In most contexts, it means:

- your **username** (sometimes called your **ID**)
- plus your **password**

For example:

- Your DOPM *Credentials* are your DOPM username and the password associated with that
- Your Blazer *Credentials* are your Blazer ID and the password associated with that

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