**Setting up MDS (or SDA) and MyPage accounts.**

**1. Link for MDSS**: [Setting up a Massive Data Storage Service (MDSS) account:](http://kb.iu.edu/data/alja.html)

1. MDSS accounts are now named Scholarly Data Archive (SDA) accounts, but sometimes still go by the acronym MDSS.
2. Select “Manage my IU computing accounts” at <https://itaccounts.iu.edu/> and log in to the Central Authentication Service.
3. Select “Create More Accounts”
4. Select “Scholarly Data Archive” (or “Mass Data Storage Service”) and click “create account.” If the SDA is not an option in the list, select the “View Your Accounts” link from the menu on the right and make sure you do not already have a SDA account set up.
   * Note: You will not be able to create an account on your own if you are paid as an hourly employee. If this is the case and you are not able to select SDA, email [valid@indiana.edu](mailto:valid@indiana.edu) to request an account. Be sure to indicate that you are a graduate student and not solely an hourly employee of the university. You do **not** need a faculty sponsor.
5. On the next page, you will be asked to give your name, department, and email, as well as an estimate of the amount of space you will need, the length of time you will need the SDA, and a description of how you intend to use the SDA.
6. UITS recommends that the passphrase for the SDA account be made the same as the passphrase used with your network ID.
7. Once you have access to the SDA account, visit <http://pti.iu.edu/kb/auxm> for instructions on mapping or mounting the SDA account to your computer.

**2. Link for MyPage**: [Setting up a MyPage account:](http://kb.iu.edu/data/alcr.html)

1. Select “Manage my IU computing accounts” at <https://itaccounts.iu.edu/> and log in to the Central Authentication Service.
2. Select “Create More Accounts”
3. Select “MyPage/Mercury” and click “create account.” If this is not an option in the list, select the “View Your Accounts” link from the menu on the right and make sure you do not already have a SDA account set up.
4. You should see a message telling you that the account has been successfully created.