

## Securing Your Passwords

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Hi \_ Happy New Year to all.

i am looking for an app to use to secure all my passwords with a master pw. I have an android phone which i switched to another android phone. so now i have to manually enter all my pws into a new place and erase it off my old phone. So i never wan to be in that position again. i am looking to see how i can store it on my phone and my desktop and then maybe have it synced across the two devices. Of course this should all be secure and safe. Any suggestions?

is keepass the same as keepassx?

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I use, and am happy with, LastPass -- <https://lastpass.com/> -- meets all your criteria.

Daniel Alan Turner, Florida

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As a reminder, for estate planning purposes, you may want to provide password info to POAs, Personal Reps, etc., or at least provide info as to how to obtain the passwords. Many states are working on fall back positions for fiduciaries to access digital assets, as the Uniform Law Commission, but it is always safer to specifically include provisions permitting access in estate docs.

Vicki Levy Eskin, Florida

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I've used KeePass for years (both on my computer, and on my Android phone), and recommend it. (KeepassX is a variant providing extremely high levels of encryption.) I favor KeePass because in general I am in favor of open source software, versus software maintained by a private vendor (like Lastpass).

Here's a comparison of KeePass and Lastpass:

<http://gizmodo.com/lastpass-vs-keepass-whats-the-best-online-password-m-1452918307>

Michael A. Koenecke, Texas

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I use KeePass on all my devices, and highly recommend it. I am also in favor of open source software. I use the KeePassDroid app on my phone. It is particularly convenient, because I have my KeePass master password file in a Dropbox folder, so anytime I add a new account/password, it is synced with my other devices (including phone).

T. Ryan Phillips, South Carolina

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I have used Roboform for many years, and I'm very happy with it. When I install it on a new computer, or phone, it automatically syncs all of my passwords. It also allows me to store different "identities" - I have 1 for personal and 1 for business that streamlines form filling when ordering something on line

<http://www.roboform.com/>

Patrick W. Begos, Connecticut

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1Password gets the highest marks, and I have been pretty happy with it. You just can't forget your primary password as there is no way to recover if you lose or forget it. Ask me how I know.

Roger Traversa, Pennsylvania

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I also use and recommend LastPass. I pay (\$12 per year?) for the premium service, which syncs to other devices. I have not used others, so I can't compare them.

Steven Finell, California

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The passive voice anonymous strikes again. WHO gives 1Password "the highest marks"? When I looked for a password manager about a year ago, 1Password was not among top products based on knowledgeable reviews.

Steven Finell

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Too many conflicting opinions on this issue. Just carry them all handwritten on slips of paper stored in your wallet, Constanza-style.

<http://scansnapcommunity.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/George-Costanza-Wallet.jpeg>

Ryan Phillips

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KeePass.

Jeff Taylor, Oklahoma

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Tape them to the bottom of your keyboard.

Oh yeah... what's a keyboard....

Not-an-atty,

Andrea Cannavina

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I don't like the idea of writing passwords ANYWHERE. Ez to create a personal system that makes it ez to know password for any site by using name of site FOR EXAMPLE, [first letter of site name] [numeral 1] [second and third letters of site name] [numerals 2, 3] [fourth numeral of site name] [numeral 4] that would create 8 character

if you were creating PAYPAL pass word would be; "p1ay23p4" That will work for all sites but a vew that require at least one Cap letter. For those decide which letter to cap. If log in fails try the cap version.

All you have to remember is the the system--the character/number pattern--could be ccnnccnnn or ccnnccnn or anything; and which numbers maybe just two or three for ease--lets say 4, 5.. If so and pattern is ccnnccnn, the PayPal pass would be pay4pa55. Especially for longer passwords, use fewer characters so there will be enough when site name is short. For 10 character pass with pattern cncnncnncnn and your numbers 4, 5, 6--the pass would be p4a55y66p7. You can make more complex by using different system to select characters--maybe last to first--but I doubt is necessary

You can test with password strength checker but that almost always just means longer is better.

Point is if you know the site name, your pattern, and your numbers; you do not have to memorize or record password anywhere and you never use the same password on different sites.

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John Page, Florida

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I keep all my passwords in my head. Always have.

I have a system <-of course!

Not-an-atty,

Andrea Cannavina

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Andrea, you and John Page are awesome! I currently have over 230 logins saved in 1Password. Between the usernames and the distinct password requirements for many of those websites, I would not even want to try to remember all of that.

Besides passwords, I keep a whole lot more in 1Password. For example, my software license keys, rewards accounts information, credit cards numbers and the telephone number that I would use in case my credit card was lost or stolen, library card numbers, and other secure notes that don't easily fit into any particular category. It is more like a digital wallet for me.

Mike Wright

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I'm a big fan of 1Password too.

David Shulman, Florida

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Last pass. Syncs easily to all computers.

Roni Jillions, Washington, D.C.

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