

Password Managers

listmates:

I'm looking for a password manager that is NOT on a monthly lease.

It should also be able to store existing passwords, create new passwords, and sync across platforms. I would prefer one that does not reside in the cloud but

Your thoughts and recommendations please.

Most of the password managers that will sync across devices will do so in the cloud. I use Dashlane; LastPass is also popular. Here's an article breaking down various password managers by features and price:

<https://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2407168,00.asp>

Kevin W. Grierson, Virginia

Happy so far with LastPass. Especially love the chrome addon / extension. Also free.

Laura S. Mann, New Jersey

I've used KeePass for more years than I can remember. It's free and resides on your own device(s). To sync across devices, I keep my KeePass file inside Dropbox. Since the KeePass file encrypted, there's little risk of anyone at Dropbox getting my passwords. And if Dropbox went out of business, I still have the local copy on all my devices.

<https://keepass.info/>

Works great for me on Windows 10 and my Android phone.

The one thing I wish it could do is to have group access - so I could somehow give specific people in my firm access to designated passwords.

Instead, you have to create a separate KeePass file and copy over the passwords that you want someone to have. But that system works fine.

Andrew Flusche, Virginia

<http://keepass.info>

Freeware and open source. And it does **not** keep your database in the "cloud" somewhere, which is why I use and recommend it. Versions for all operating systems and platforms. Me, I sync my database between my desktop, laptop, and Android phone using SyncThing.

Michael Koenecke, Texas

I run my practice out of Dropbox, so your experience might be different than mine, but...

I use KeePass (free) portable edition, and have it installed in Dropbox.

Since my computer and laptop both have Dropbox folder syncing enabled, this means that I have a copy in the cloud as well as a copy on both machines.

Obviously the downside to this setup is that if my Dropbox gets hit by something, more than likely, I will lose the file. I probably should be backing that file up somewhere, but I'm lazy.

For what you are looking for, you could just sync the password file itself, I think it's dangerous to not have **some *kind* of backup of the password file.

John Strong

I use LastPass "family" version so my spouse also manages her passwords using it. Her unames and PWs are in her own separate "vault" and vice-versa. Happy so far with Lastpass (2+ years)

Michael L. Boli, California

Another vote for KeePass. Used it for years. I keep it in Dropbox just like Andrew.

Gene Lee, California

I've been using LastPass for several years on both my MacBook and my iPhone. You have to pay extra to use it on the iPhone. Can't compare because it is the only one I've used, but I'm happy with it.

Steve Terrell, Indiana

I vote for Dashlane. Cost is \$20 per year to share across platforms and multiple devices. Passwords are not in the cloud, and no one but me (including Dashlane) has the password needed to get into the app to use it, or change other passwords.

Henry R. Reckler, Colorado

I use LastPass on my iPhone without paying anything additional.

Laura S. Mann

I am very happy with Dashlane Pro. Syncs across all my devices.

Robert "Robby" W. Hughes, Jr., Georgia

I use SplashID Pro, for which I have a lifetime subscription. You can use it in the cloud, but I don't. I sync it with the desktop app on my computer. You can develop your own passwords and it also has the ability to generate passwords of the length you want with various options (capital and small letters, containing numbers, containing special characters).

Caroline A. Edwards, Pennsylvania