

Password Managers

Learn about how to begin using a password manager to help you keep track of your passwords

1. What Are Password Managers? What Are Their Benefits?

Password managers can store your passwords securely. You can use a password manager to help you login to sites so you don't have to remember all your passwords.

You must use a strong, master password to log in to your password manager and access your stored passwords for other sites.

Password managers use encryption and can help you safely store all your passwords so that you no longer have to remember them or store them in unsecured ways.

2. What to Look for When Selecting a Password Manager

Keep an eye out for these features to help you make an informed decision.

Look for strong features and settings:

- Is multi-factor authentication available?
- Does the password manager encrypt your data?
- How is your data stored? Is it stored securely?
- Does the password manager automatically create strong passwords for sites you use?

Make sure it works for you:

- Does it sync across multiple devices? For instance, you might want to be able to use a password manager for your computer and your phone
- Is it compatible with your chosen operating system and web browser?
- Does it fit within your budget? Remember, there are free and paid versions available

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- Is the interface easy for you to use?

3. Selecting a Password Manager

Do your research and determine which password manager is best for you.

As of Fall 2022, some of the most popular password managers include the following:

- LastPass: <https://www.lastpass.com/>
- KeePass: <https://keepass.info/>
- 1Password: <https://1password.com/>
- Bitwarden: <https://bitwarden.com/>
- NordPass: <https://nordpass.com/>
- Dashlane: <https://www.dashlane.com/>

Take notes about which look most appealing to you and why: