

Do You Need a Password Manager?

The high-profile hack attacks of the past few years have driven the point home: You *need* strong passwords, and you need a different password for each site you visit. Rather than juggling dozens of alphanumeric codes in your noggin, download a password manager.

There are several options available, but one of the favorites is [LastPass](#) (hyperlink), a cloud-based password manager that generates strong, random passwords and keeps track of your credentials across all your devices for free. If you'd rather keep tighter control over your vault, the open-source [KeePass](#) (hyperlink) lets you manage your password vault locally (though you can stash your database in your personal cloud storage to access it on other devices).