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# The Best 5 Password Managers for Mac 2025

## BEST OVERALL PASSWORD MANAGER FOR MAC

### Dashlane



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|              |                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Free version | Available                      |
| Pricing      | Free to \$8 per seat per month |
| Family plan  | Six members in family plan     |

#### Editor's Take

Dashlane offers a variety of plans for individuals, families and businesses. The free version is fairly limited, but it can work well as a basic password manager. You can only use up to 50 passwords on one device. Dashlane allows you to share your login info with up to five people. Go with a premium plan and you'll get unlimited password storage, devices and password sharing.

Other features on paid plans include an automatic password changer, file storage for up to 1 GB, a VPN and dark web monitoring, which lets you know if your personal info has been exposed on any dark web sites. As is standard for any Mac password manager, Dashlane offers 256-bit encryption and end-to-end encryption, so your passwords are super secure.

A unique feature from Dashlane is a Mac Catalyst app, which speeds up the autofill function, making it an even better choice as a password manager for Mac users. Dashlane is more expensive than many of its similarly feature-heavy competitors, but it provides some added features not found elsewhere (like the dark web monitoring feature).

#### Who should use it:

Dashlane's free version is a decent password manager, but the feature-rich premium plans are well worth the cost for those who want encrypted password and file storage, plus dark web monitoring.

#### Read more:

Read our full [Dashlane review](#).

- Free version available
- Six members in family plan
- Two-factor authentication
- Biometric authentication
- Mac Catalyst app
- Works on most OS and browsers
- Free trial on premium plan
- Automatic password changer on premium plan
- Share login info with others
- Zero-knowledge tech
- Pricier than most competitors
- Limited to 50 passwords on free plan
- No dark web monitoring in lower-priced plans
- File storage for premium and family plans only
- Limited devices for lower-priced plans

MOST INTUITIVE PASSWORD MANAGER

Norton Password Manager

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|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Pricing                   | No cost                      |
| Two-factor authentication | Available                    |
| Passwords change facility | Automatically with one click |

Editor's Take

Norton Password Manager uses the standard encryption method, plus a zero-knowledge policy, so your passwords are secure. You can use it for an unlimited number of passwords, and the two-factor and biometric authentication assures no one can gain access to your account information.

Norton Password Manager includes a password generator and an automatic password changer, so you can change your password for any of your logins with a single click. Some features are still in beta, so you may find they're a little buggy, including Autochange

Who should use it:

For individuals who want a free, easy-to-use password manager that syncs across all devices.

Read more:

Read our full [Norton review](#).

Pros & Cons

- Free to use
- Two-factor authentication (with app)
- Biometric authentication (for mobile)
- Password generator included
- Automatically change passwords with one click
- Synced across all devices
- Use your mobile to unlock desktop version
- No sharing login info
- Some features still in beta
- No file storage

BEST FOR FAMILIES

NordPass



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|                            |                                                            |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Free plan                  | Available                                                  |
| Pricing                    | Free to \$5.39<br>per user, per month (on a two-year plan) |
| Multifactor authentication | Available                                                  |

NordPass is one of the more affordable password managers for families and businesses. Pricing starts as low as \$1.39 per month depending on what plan you choose. It's also one of the few password managers to offer a free version with unlimited passwords, a password generator and multifactor authentication.

For more features, you can upgrade to a premium plan, which includes login info and item sharing, a password checker (to make sure you aren't duplicating passwords or using weak strings) and allows you to stay logged into your accounts on multiple devices at once. NordPass also monitors the dark web for your personal info and alerts you of any leaks.

**Learn more:** Read our full [NordPass review](#).

#### Who should use it:

NordPass' free password manager is good if you're looking for strong security and unlimited passwords, but it's limited in other ways. Its paid plans are affordable, though, and unlock its more robust and helpful features—its family plan is cheaper than most, so if you need more than one user on a plan, this is one of the best picks.

#### Pros & Cons

- Free plan available
- Six accounts with family plan
- Low-priced business plans
- Store notes, credit cards, addresses
- Multifactor authentication
- Biometric authentication
- Autofill forms
- Share login info with others
- Zero-knowledge policy
- Free version only allows use on one device at a time
- No file storage

#### BEST FOR MULTI-DEVICE USERS

### Bitwarden



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#### Pricing

**Free to \$6**  
monthly per person

## Storage

**1 GB storage**  
(premium accounts)**Editor's Take**

Bitwarden is an economic solution for password management, regardless of which operating system or device you use. It offers a free plan that doesn't limit the number of passwords you can store, and you can even share text-based info with others, such as your Wi-Fi password when you have guests visit you.

Free Bitwarden accounts get unlimited devices, passwords and syncing, which is uncommon compared to other freemium password managers for Mac. If you stick with the free plan, you'll miss out on encrypted file storage and password health reports, and you'll only get basic two-step login.

The paid plans are cheap—an individual premium plan is only \$10 per year. Bitwarden also offers a family plan and business accounts that cost up to \$6 monthly per person. Other features on paid plans include 1 GB of storage, security audits to flag any weak or duplicate passwords in your vault and a password generator. You'll have to choose a paid plan for two-factor authentication, and you can use a third-party app like YubiKey for advanced two-factor authentication.

**Who should use it:**

You'd be hard-pressed to find a better free password manager for Mac—you get unlimited passwords, devices and syncing across all devices, plus you can share login info with others.

**Read more:**

Read our full [Bitwarden review](#).

**Pros & Cons**

- Free version available
- Low monthly subscription
- Works with all OS
- Unlimited devices and passwords
- Unlimited syncing
- Extensions for most browsers
- Includes password generator
- Share login info with others
- 30-day money-back guarantee
- No encrypted files on free plan
- Two-factor authentication through third-party on paid plan only

1Password



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| Trial version | Available                   |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Pricing       | \$2.99 to \$19.95 per month |
| Storage       | 1 GB                        |

Editor's Take

Although 1Password offers no free version of its password manager, you can try it with a 14-day free trial. After that, you’ll have to pay \$2.99 to \$4.99 monthly for individuals or families, respectively, or up to \$19.95 monthly for ten teammates for the business version. Pricing is a bit higher than most password managers for Mac, but the features may outweigh the expense.

You’ll be able to use 1Password across all operating systems, and you get unlimited items and devices. Not only can you use your smartphone’s biometric unlocking, but it also works with an Apple Watch. Two-factor authentication combined with 256-bit encryption ensures security for your passwords, notes and files, and you get 1 GB of storage for those files.

Who should use it:

If you’re serious about using a Mac password manager that works well with all Apple products, including unlocking your password manager with your Apple Watch, 1Password may be worth the cost for you.

Read more:

Read our full [1Password review](#).

Pros & Cons

- Family plan includes access for five members
- Available on all OS
- Unlock password manager with Apple Watch
- Two-factor authentication
- Biometric authentication
- Share login info with others
- Guest accounts available for password sharing
- No free version

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| Company                                                                                                      | Forbes Advisor Rating                         | Free Version       | Pricing                                                 | Learn More                                  | > |
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| <br>Dashlane                | <b>Forbes</b> ADVISOR<br><b>4.7</b> ★★★★★ ⓘ   | Available          | Free to \$8 per seat per month                          | <b>Learn More</b><br>On Dashlane's Website  |   |
| <br>Norton Password Manager | <b>Forbes</b> ADVISOR<br><b>4.6</b> ★★★★★ ⓘ   | Free to use        | No cost                                                 | <b>Learn More</b><br>On Norton's Website    |   |
| <br>NordPass                | <b>Forbes</b> ADVISOR<br><b>4.4</b> ★★★★★ ⓘ   | Available          | Free to \$5.39 per user, per month (on a two-year plan) | <b>Learn More</b><br>On NordPass' Website   |   |
| <br>Bitwarden             | <b>Forbes</b> ADVISOR<br><b>4.2</b> ★★★★★ ☆ ⓘ | Available          | Free to \$6 monthly per person                          | <b>Learn More</b><br>Read Forbes' Review    |   |
| <br>1Password             | <b>Forbes</b> ADVISOR<br><b>4.1</b> ★★★★★ ☆ ⓘ | Only trial version | \$2.99 to \$19.95 per month                             | <b>Learn More</b><br>On 1Password's Website |   |

## What You Need To Know About Mac Password Managers

### What Is a Password Manager and How Do They Work?

A password manager is an app for your device or a browser extension that stores your unique passwords for various logins. Typically, they use end-to-end encryption, so your passwords are encrypted when they go in or when they go out (to the sites or apps you use). Most password managers work across different device types and browsers, and they use AES-256 encryption, so they're virtually impossible for hackers to crack.

### What Is Two-factor Authentication?

Two-factor or multifactor authentication adds an additional layer of security to your accounts. A password is rarely enough to keep your accounts safe. When you use two-factor authentication, your account may send you a text or an email with a code for you to enter. So, even if a company suffers a data breach, you'll be safe because the code is still needed for anyone to log in.

### What Is Zero-knowledge Protocol?

Many companies now have a zero-knowledge policy, which is essentially end-to-end encryption. Information you store in a password manager that uses zero-knowledge protocol remains encrypted. No one at the company will have access to your private data, making this one of the most secure encryption methods around.

It does come with a caveat: If you ever forget or lose your master password for your password manager, you may not be able to get back in easily because your password is unrecoverable. You may need to reset everything, which means starting over by entering all your passwords for your

## Methodology

Forbes Advisor considered five primary factors and 14 secondary factors to determine the best password managers for Mac. We compared five of the most popular Mac password managers to each other and scored them using a weight system for all factors.

We looked at security features, such as AES-256 encryption, multifactor authentication and zero-knowledge policies. Cost is important too, so we considered free versions and their limitations, along with the paid plans and how much more value you get from paying a fee. Also worth noting are unique features for Mac users, biometric functionality, autofilling forms and cross-platform functionality.

Password managers typically offer plans for individuals, families and businesses, so we compared the value of each plan and how many accounts you get for the cost. Most password managers are intuitive, but we still considered the ease of use for these apps.

### EXAMPLES

Security features

Cost and value

Cross-platform functionality

Unique features

Ease of use

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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- + **What is the safest way to keep passwords?**
  - + **Do password managers get hacked?**
  - + **Is a password manager really safe?**
  - + **What happens if I forget my master password?**
  - + **Is it worth paying for a password manager?**
  - + **What are the main risks of using a password manager?**
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