

## Digital Password Vaults

As our personal information migrates to the digital realm, our lives become dependent on passwords. We have passwords for social media sites, banking information, shopping accounts, correspondence, music, photos and more. In fact, statistics show 30% of adults have 10 or more unique passwords, and at least 8% have over 21 passwords!

Not only are all these passwords incredibly difficult to remember, they also make accessing your digital accounts and assets a nightmare for your family members if you die. Of course, you can keep a list of accounts and passwords with your will, but updating it every time you add an account or change a password is nearly impossible.

Password vaults remove the stress of remembering passwords, and help you keep an up to date list of accounts and login information in one place for your family members.

Each password vault works differently, but most will:

- Store all your passwords in one place, so the only password you need to remember is your vault password
- Auto-fill your login information, saving time when visiting sites regularly
- Help you develop stronger, more secure passwords (that you don't have to remember!)
- Easily update your vault information when you change a password or add a new account

### OUR TOP PASSWORD VAULT PICKS:

#### Last Pass

<https://lastpass.com/>

Last Pass offers a free and paid version, is easy to use, and has lots of bells and whistles like tools to help you create more secure passwords, capture passwords easily, and share login information with other trusted Last Pass users. Last Pass was also PC Magazine's top pick for password vault power and flexibility!

#### Dashlane

<https://www.dashlane.com/>

Dashlane is arguably easier to use than Last Pass, but not quite as powerful. Like Last Pass, Dashlane is also available in free and paid versions, and one of their best features is the option to share passwords with others.

## **Other Vault Options:**

### **Keeper 5.0**

<https://keepersecurity.com/>

Keeper 5.0 is a great free option if you just want minimal functionality, without all the extra tools offered by Last Pass and Dashlane.

### **RoboForm Desktop 7**

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

RoboForm installs on a single, desktop computer, and adds an option for entering "Safe Notes" like ATM pins. It also has a powerful form-filler, to make entering information like addresses, credit cards, and phone numbers quicker and easier for every day use.

## **BONUS TOOL**

### **Total Digital Security**

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

Total Digital Security isn't a password keeper, but it's a great system for creating a private family vault online. They are reasonably priced and highly secure, and offer multiple levels of service accounts. This type of vault can hold all your valuable information, while also allowing for segregation of information. That means you can separate who has access to what information by assigning permission levels to each document.