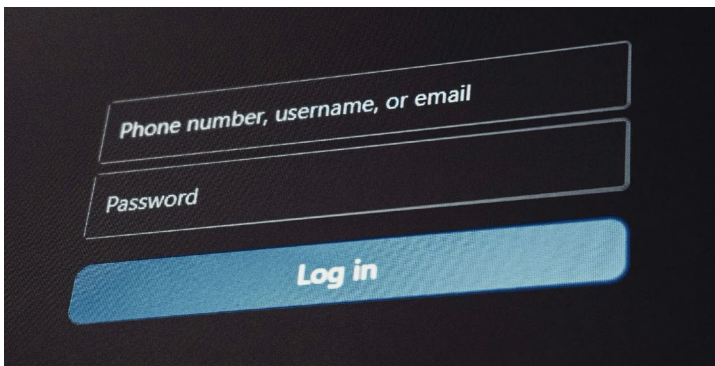


Here's how to switch from 1Password to Apple Passwords

Summary

1Password announced price increases, prompting many users to switch to Apple Passwords. Switching is easy: export your 1Password database as a CSV file and import it into Apple Passwords. Remember to securely delete the CSV file after import.

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A password manager used to be one of the most important third-party apps anyone could have. It was the thing that made it practical to have strong, unique passwords for every app, website and online service we used.

Once Apple Passwords launched, however, the writing was on the wall for paid apps and subscriptions. The price

hike just announced by 1Password looks set to persuade many more people to make the switch – and it's very easy to do ...

A password manager isn't optional

In the early days of online services, it was common for people to use a single password for all of them. In many cases, that password would be both weak and easy to guess by anyone who knew them. A frankly terrifying number of non-techies still do this today.

Terrifying because it means the safety of all of the online services you use is only as good as the security of the least-secure website you access. Each time a data breach occurs and hackers get access to logins for any website, they will immediately run automated processes to try those same logins against high-value targets like financial services companies and Apple accounts.

Using a password manager to have strong, unique passwords for every online service is something I've been pushing for [well over a decade](#) now, and is an absolute basic these days.

More people switching to Apple Passwords

Apple has long provided a built-in password manager of sorts in the form of Keychain, which later evolved into iCloud Keychain. It worked reasonably well, but third-party password managers were both more capable and friendlier.

That [changed last year](#) when Apple completely revamped things with a dedicated Passwords app. This matched paid third-party apps in terms of both functionality and friendliness, prompting me to make the switch – and I know many of you did the same. I've been using it ever since and haven't found any downsides.

1Password yesterday announced steep price increases, with individual plans rising from \$35.88 to \$47.88 per year and family plans increasing from \$59.88 to \$71.88. From reader [comments](#), it sounds like this will be the prompt for a great many more people to switch to Apple Passwords.

“I just cancelled my renewal coming up in April.”

“It's time to go. No reason for subscriptions! Bye bye!”

“Looks like I have a subscription to cancel.”

“Dropping like a stone! That's nuts! Moving to Apple.”

“Absolutely sick of being ripped off by subscription software & do my best to avoid it. The ios passwords app is more than ample for my needs. Bye bye 1password!”

How to switch

Fortunately, it's very easy to switch from a third-party password manager to Apple Passwords, and this is true of 1Password. All you have to do is export your database from 1Password and then import it into Passwords.

Below are the instructions for Mac, but you can also do it on the iPhone.

Export your passwords from 1Password

1. Open and unlock the 1Password app on your Mac
2. From the menubar, **File > Export** and select the account you want to export
3. Enter your account password
4. When asked to choose a format, choose **CSV** and select **Export Data**
5. Choose where you want to export your 1Password data and select **Open**

(If you're using 1Password 7 instead of 1Password 8, you can [find instructions here](#).)

Import your passwords into Apple Passwords

1. Open the Passwords app and authenticate
2. From the menubar, File > Import passwords from file
3. Select the CSV file

Securely delete the CSV file

Remember to immediately delete the CSV file after import! Unless you have anything in your wastebasket you might need to retrieve, it's strongly recommended to empty your wastebasket immediately afterwards.