

How to Change Default Password Manager on iPhone, iPad, and Android

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Quick answer

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Keeping the passwords safe and securely is an essential factor. At the same time, accessing the passwords seamlessly is another critical factor. Since more and more services are available online these days. The number of online accounts an average person uses these days are much higher than in the past.

Some people remember most passwords and never look for any password manager tools for storing the passwords. On the other hand, some prefer to use the same passwords for a most online accounts. To store and access the passwords easily, all the browsers offer the password managing option within the same, if you are accessing the same from a pc or laptop.

In the case of mobiles, both iOS and Android offer a built-in password managing tool, where the passwords stored can be used on all the apps and even the browser login. On Android, you can use Google Passwords; on iPhone and iPad, you can use the default Keychain app for storing and accessing the passwords.

But, the best way to manage the passwords is by using a trusted third-party password manager. The great thing with that is that you can use the password manager on different platforms and use the same seamlessly on other devices like iPhone, iPad, Android, Mac, Windows, and Linux.

Here in this article, we will check why we should use a password manager and, most importantly, how to change the default Password manager on iPhones, iPad, and Android, if you are using a third-party cross-platform passwords manager.

Why Password Managers Are Needed

Password managers are now available in multiple types. Within all the modern browsers, there are inbuilt password managers that can store each password and autofill the same once you access particular websites. The limitation of this option is that, since being a browser-based password manager, you can't use the same on a different browser or within the apps installed on your device. Those passwords can be used only for website access on that particular browser. Also, the features of the browser-based password managers are minimal.

There are built-in password managers for iOS and Android devices when it comes to the smartphone. We can see the google password manager on Android devices, and on iPhones and iPad, we can see the keychain manager. The great thing about the default password manager is that you can use it for free, and it works with all the browser-based and app-based logins.

If you are using a password manager, you don't have to remember all the passwords as they will get stored in a central place. Also, the autofill feature will automatically input your login details, including passwords. So you can log in to any website with a single click.

Why is Default Password Manager Not a Great Choice?

Even though the default password manager is free, you can use it without any issue. There are cross-platform issues. The Keychain password manager is enough if you are only using Apple devices. But if you are using an Android or any non-apple device, then the keychain can't be used in that case. Similarly, Google passwords cannot be used directly on an apple device unless you access google chrome.

Also, the functionalities offered by the default password managers are minimal. It can store your passwords. Advanced features like VPN, Dark web monitoring, etc., won't be available on the default, free password manager for Android and iPhone.

Also, you can't use the default password manager for cross-platform syncing. In that case, you can use any of the free or paid password managers like Dashlane, Roboform, NordPass, etc.

How to Change the Default Password Manager on iPhone and iPad

Since both iOS and iPadOS resembles the same layout and functionality, the setting of iPhone and iPad are the same. To change the default password manager on iPhone and the iPad, follow the below steps.

Step 1: Open the Settings app on your iPhone or the iPad.

Step 2: From the settings section, scroll down and find and tap on the Passwords option.

Step 3: You will see the passwords section on the next window (iPhone) or the side panel (iPad).

Step 4: Tap on the AutoFill Passwords Option.

Step 5: You need to enable the AutoFill Passwords option in the next window.

Step 6: Select your desired password manager as your default password manager from the Allow Filling Form option.

If you have more than one password manager installed on your iPhone or the iPad, you will see all the items there. Click and select the password manager as your default password manager.

Done, now you can exit the window. Next time, while filling any sign-in/login form, the login details from your newly set default password manager will be auto-filled.

How to Change the Default Password Manager on Android

To change the default password manager on Android devices, follow the below steps

Step 1: Click on the Settings option on your Android Phone.

Step 2: From the Settings, click on the Accounts option.

Step 3: Tap on the AUTOFILL SERVICE option from the Accounts section.

Step 4: Now, you can see all the available password managers on your phone.

Step 5: Select your desired password manager, which must be set as the default one.

Done, your default password manager on the Android device is set as per your preference. Next time, while you try to fill in the login details, the default password manager on android will automatically fill in the details.

With most of the password managers, you are not only getting the app version for the service but you will also get a browser extension too in most cases, that help you to easily fill the password on your favorite browser for any websites.