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Password Safe

The Insider's Guide

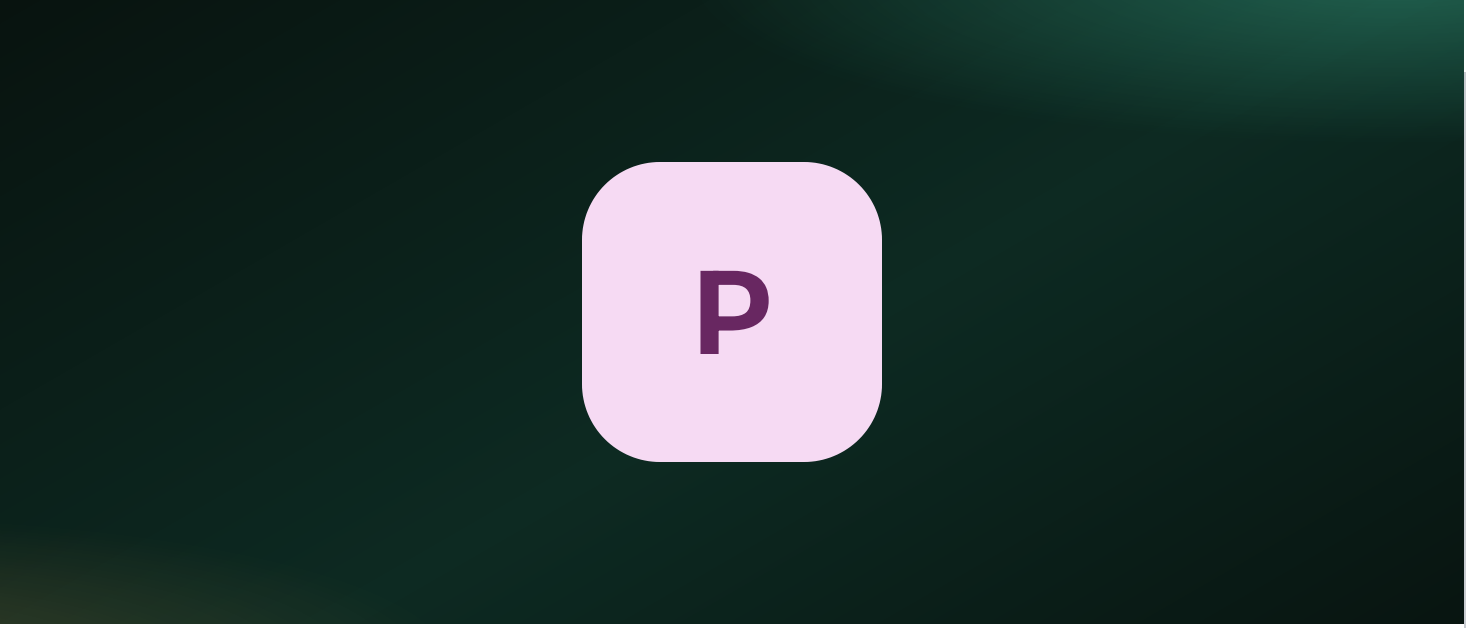
Free open-source password list designed by Bruce Schneier



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among password managers, read from Password Safe's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Password Safe's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Password Safe's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 38 of the 49 other password managers we grade

Password Safe is free, open-source software that keeps a user name and password list in an encrypted file unlocked by one master password. It installs on Windows 7 and later, with Linux packages also linked from the site. The site credits security technologist Bruce Schneier with the design.

To get you started, here are **8 things to know about Password Safe**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **It is local only with no hosted sync, offered for Windows and Linux, and the home page does not describe browser autofill.**
>
> From our report card of Password Safe

1 **Best for a free local password list on Windows**

Password Safe is a free, open-source desktop password list from Bruce Schneier's design, with autotype and automatic backups.

2 **It is free**

Password Safe has no paid plan at all. Free, open-source software with no paid plans; the site accepts donations.

3 **It runs on 2 platforms**

Windows and Linux.

4 **Master-password vault**

One master password unlocks an encrypted list of user names and passwords, so only one needs to be remembered.

5 **Autotype**

A user quoted on the site praises autotype for entering credentials, and the project documents it in its guide.

6 **Automatic backups**

A user quoted on the site credits the automatic backup with saving their data.

7 **A 3.0 GPA, above 38 of 49**

That is against the other password managers we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

Password Safe is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

Password Safe at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Windows, Linux
MADE BY Password Safe project	CATEGORY Password Managers
OUR GRADE 3.0 GPA, very good	

The report card

Best for a free local password list on Windows

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TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Password Safe	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	A	Free open-source software with no paid plans, and the site only takes donations.
Free plan and trial	A	Nothing is locked: no plan, no cap and no account.
Features	C	A master-password vault with autotype, backups and two-factor. No hosted sync and browser autofill is not described on the home page.
Ease of use	B	An installed desktop app with nothing to set up and no store rating on record.
Platforms and integrations	C	Windows and Linux only; the phone apps listed are separate projects. No integrations list.
Grade point average		Very good, out of 4.0 **3.0**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who Password Safe is for

- ✓ Fits if you want a small, free vault on a Windows PC
- ✓ Works for people who prefer a local file to a cloud service

Who it is not for

- ✕ Not for you if you want sync between devices, as none is hosted
- ✕ Skip it if you use a Mac, since only Windows and Linux builds are offered
- ✕ Too light for browser autofill, which the home page does not describe
- ✕ Watch out: the phone apps listed are separate projects, not the vendor's

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Windows users who want a free, local password list
- ✓ People who prefer a small desktop app to a cloud vault
- ✓ Users who follow Bruce Schneier's design

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The site offers Windows and Linux builds only; phone apps listed are separate projects.
- ⓘ It is a local application with no hosted sync service described on the site.
- ⓘ Browser autofill is not described on the home page.

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

Free

No paid plan at all

Password Safe is free to use.

> **Free open-source software with no paid plans, and the site only takes donations.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

FREE

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The complete application for Windows, with Linux packages linked from the site.

The free plan

Free, open-source software with no paid plans; the site accepts donations.

Read from pwsafe.org on Nov 13, 2026.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Places it runs: Windows and Linux

Free open-source password list designed by Bruce Schneier. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, password manager.

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A master-password vault with autotype, backups and two-factor.

From our grade for features

Master-password vault

One master password unlocks an encrypted list of user names and passwords, so only one needs to be remembered.

Autotype

A user quoted on the site praises autotype for entering credentials, and the project documents it in its guide.

Automatic backups

A user quoted on the site credits the automatic backup with saving their data.

Two-factor authentication

The site has a page on two-factor authentication among its main sections.

Disk-on-key use

The site has a section for running it from a USB drive.

Where it runs

Windows Linux

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Password Safe is made by Password Safe project.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

38/49

Other password managers it is graded above

Password Safe's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 38 of the 49 other password managers we grade, and level with 4.

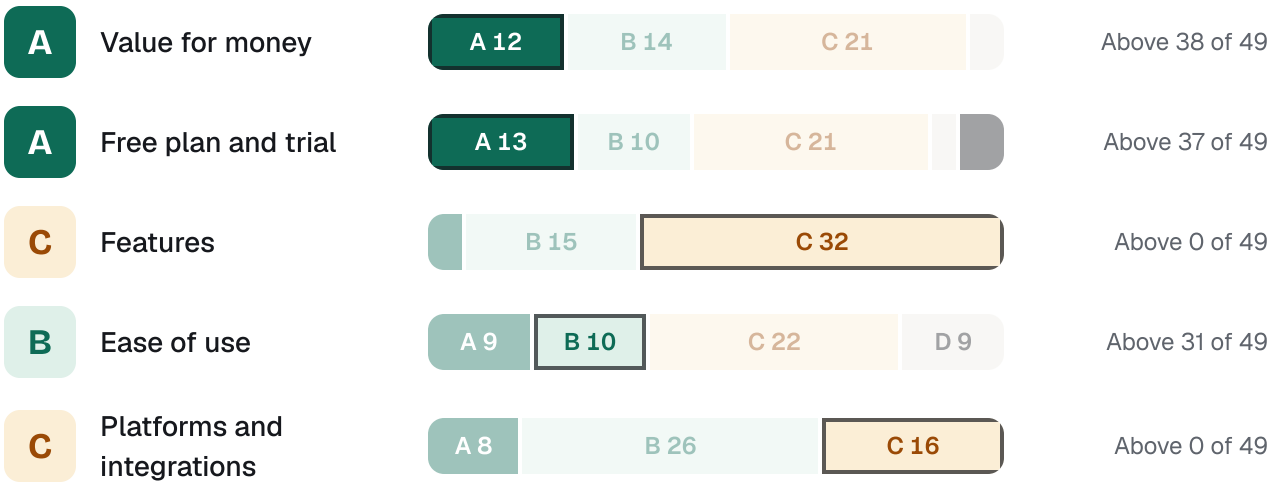
It stands best on value for money (A, above 38 of 49) and worst on features (C, above 0).

Password Safe has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

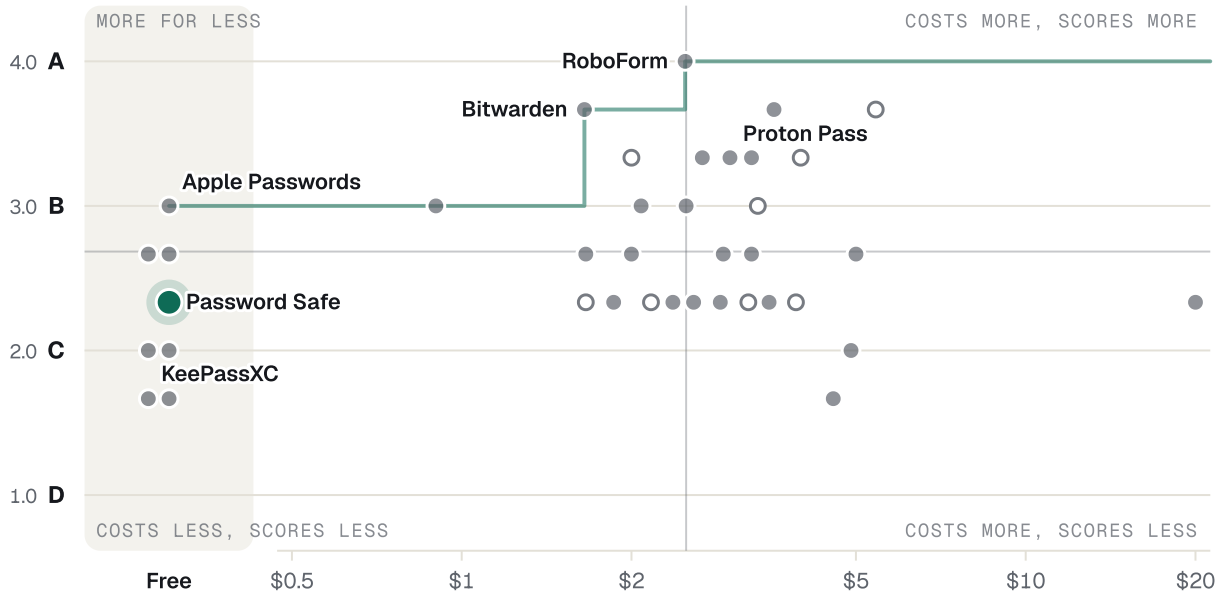
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 50 password managers we grade, cut by the letter each got. Password Safe's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 38 password managers. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Password Safe is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

Password Safe is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces. It is one of the better ones too: its GPA of 3.0 is higher than 38 of the 49 other password managers we grade.

What you could not

- ✕ A password vault, the last thing anyone should make for themselves.
- ✕ A real app for Windows and Linux. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. Password Safe's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



KeePass, KeePassXC, KeePassDX, KeePassium and Enpass

The 5 tools Password Safe is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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KeePass

Free

Free, open-source password manager for Windows with plugins.

- Only KeePass lists a macOS app.

Password Safe and KeePass compared in full

2.8 GPA

KeePassXC

Free

Free, open-source offline password manager for desktop.

- Only KeePassXC lists a macOS app.
- Only KeePassXC lists a browser extension.
- KeePassXC also covers passkeys.

Password Safe and KeePassXC compared in full

KeePassDX

2.8 GPA

Free plan · from $10 one-time

Open-source Android app for local KeePass password and passkey vaults.

- Only Password Safe lists Windows and Linux apps.
- Only KeePassDX lists an Android app.
- KeePassDX also covers passkeys.

Password Safe and KeePassDX compared in full

KeePassium

2.8 GPA

Free plan · from €19.99/yr

KeePass-compatible password manager for iPhone, iPad and Mac.

- Only Password Safe lists Windows and Linux apps.
- Only KeePassium lists iOS and macOS apps.
- KeePassium can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Password Safe and KeePassium compared in full

Enpass

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Free plan · from $23.99/yr

Password manager that keeps vaults in your own cloud storage.

- Only Enpass lists macOS, iOS and Android apps.
- Only Enpass lists a browser extension.
- Password Safe is open source, according to its own site.

Password Safe and Enpass compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is Password Safe free?

Yes. Password Safe is free to use.

How much does Password Safe cost?

Password Safe lists one plan. Free: $0.

What platforms does Password Safe work on?

Password Safe is available on Windows and Linux.

Does Password Safe have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Password Safe is listed for Windows and Linux.

Does Password Safe have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Password Safe is listed for Windows and Linux.

Is Password Safe open source?

Yes. Password Safe is open source, according to its own site.

Who makes Password Safe?

Password Safe is made by Password Safe project.

What are the alternatives to Password Safe?

The closest alternatives to Password Safe in our directory are KeePass, KeePassXC, KeePassDX, KeePassium and Enpass.

How does Password Safe compare with other password managers?

Password Safe's GPA of 3.0 is higher than 38 of the 49 other password managers we grade, and level with 4.

Is Password Safe good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Password Safe A for value for money. Password Safe has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Password Safe?

Password Safe is free, so making your own would save you nothing. And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Password Safe's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from the project own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by Password Safe project. Prices change, so check pwsafe.org before you buy.

pwsafe.org/

pwsafe.org/relatedprojects.shtml

PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

7,721

Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at **toolgpa.com**.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Password Safe, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/password-safe

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Password Managers Insider's Guide

Every one of the 51 password managers we grade, compared

Bitwarden Insider's Guide

Open-source password manager with a free plan and self-hosting

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Apple Passwords Insider's Guide

Apple's free password and passkey app for iPhone, iPad and Mac

3.4 GPA

RoboForm Insider's Guide

Password manager and form filler with a single-device free plan

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