

## PASSWORD Managers

Do you have an old notebook in the bottom drawer that's now a bit of a mess with user ID's and old passwords crossed out everywhere?

Do you continually struggle to find that User ID and Password for that service that you need to access at random times?

Do you use the same password for nearly everything because it's too hard to invent and remember them all?

Would you like to have all the information stored securely and at your fingertips all the time wherever you go?

You should seriously consider using a Password Manager. It's much better than the old notebook in the bottom drawer. It's not hard to setup and just takes a bit of your valuable time. It's an investment in your ongoing safety and security. You can keep other private information in it as well and with a high degree of security and versatility and you only need to remember one password. You will be surprised how convenient they are and wonder how you survived without it.

Your Webmaster here at Pacific Paradise uses one personally so we are familiar with Dashlane. There are quite a few available to download and use on your computer, tablet or phone.

They all provide similar features and charge a small subscription fee. Some have a free version with the basics minus some premium bits. For normal personal use the free versions are usually more than adequate.

We can recommend Dashlane as the pick of them having used it for years.

Forgetting your password for an important website can send you down the rabbit hole of figuring out the password reset procedure, often just when you're in a hurry. It's wildly tempting to reset it to something so simple you won't forget it or to memorize just one tricky password and use it everywhere. However, both strategies set you up for failure. For instance, a hacker can easily guess or brute-force a simple password. A data breach can expose whatever complex password you create, too, thus potentially compromising each account using it.

The only solution is to use a different password for every account and make them long and random. I know there's no way you can remember dozens of strong passwords. In fact, the average US internet user is locked out of 10 accounts per month. That's why you absolutely need a password manager."

The software detects what account you are trying to login to and automatically fills in the details.

You only need to set it up once using a free account and then all that content will be available on all your devices. All you will need to remember is one long, secure password and your information is securely encrypted and stored in your vault that only you can access.