



Dashlane Password Manager (Part 2)

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In this period of remote working, the use of password manager software is more important than ever. As I outlined in [Dashlane Password Manager \(Part 1\)](#), the number of passwords we must create, remember, store, and access accelerates dramatically as technology proliferates into everyday life.

The benefits of using password manager software, such as [Dashlane](#), make adopting a new security ecosystem worth the effort. Though it can be tedious to import existing passwords and remedy security gaps revealed by the software's features, [Dashlane's features](#) make this process easy. Some of Dashlane's other features, described below, go the extra mile and equip the app with great functionality for the price.

1. Identity Dashboard and Security Score

One of the program's most helpful features is the identity dashboard. Here, users can get an overview of their stored information and also view their network security score, assigned by Dashlane on a scale of 1-100 based on the strength of the passwords, levels of multi-factor authentication, and number of repeated or similar passwords across various websites. The security score can be a helpful smack in the face for those stubborn holdouts who insist that Niagara2, Niagara3, Niagara4 and Niagara5 are all viable passwords.

2. Random Password Generator

Dashlane provides users with a random password generator, allowing users to forego the mental effort needed to create a unique password for every account, while at the same time endowing each account with passwords far too complex to be subject to modern “brute force” hacking attacks. And, there’s no need to worry about remembering the randomly generated, unique, and secure passwords, since Dashlane keeps all generated passwords in the user’s vault.

3. Secure Notes

This feature enables users to guard vulnerable offline information with the same level of sophistication Dashlane extends to online passwords. Users can create, edit, customize, and store Notes, which are not linked to online accounts of any kind, using Dashlane’s same encrypted software. Notes are completely secure and viewable only by the user. This function can be used to safeguard Wifi passwords, safe combinations, Social Security Numbers, as well as highly sensitive documents such as wills, powers of attorney, or health directives. The Premium tier of Dashlane’s software comes with 1 free gigabyte of SecureNotes storage, which should be more than enough storage for the average user. The Premium tier of Dashlane allows users to access SecureNotes notes across all platforms, provided they download Dashlane’s secure application.

4. Secure your Identity Documents

Dashlane also allows users to store copies of critical identification documents. These documents can be accessed by the user through the app’s standard password system, but I recommend enabling a multi-factor authentication barrier to protect sensitive documents. Users can rest easy knowing that their Social Security cards, Driver’s Licenses or passports are protected from hackers and identity thieves by several layers of strong network security.

5. Secure your Payment Information

[Premium Dashlane](#) also provides users with the means to store and protect various methods of payment. Dashlane uses cloud storage to keep the information accessible to Premium users across platforms, but encrypts all data stored in the cloud. Additionally, Dashlane’s AutoFill feature can be enabled for both payment methods and identity documents, allowing users to breeze through tedious online information entry pages. As always, the AutoFill feature is protected by a password entry and, hopefully, multi-factor authentication upon login to the app.

6. Share Passwords with Authorized Users

What good is an encrypted, secure password manager when you’re forced to jettison passwords when your kid, brother, co-worker’s aunt—or whoever else you share your Netflix with—asks you for the login via text or email? Ferrying passwords through emails and texts, both notoriously vulnerable means of communication, completely degrades the integrity of a user’s password security.

Dashlane's secure password sharing feature gives users a safe and convenient way to share passwords to apps and services. Unfortunately, this feature only works between Dashlane users, but introducing Dashlane may also give your close friends and family the necessary push to start minding their own cyber security.

7. Setup Next of Kin Contact

Dashlane seems to have positioned itself as a way to safeguard against possible worst-case scenarios. The app provides users with features to stop the proliferation of password hacks identity theft, but also offers a feature to be used in the worst-case scenario: death. While such a somber feature is not intensely marketable, it promises a world of convenience and utility for a user's bereaved. All relevant bank account numbers, passwords, safe combinations, wills, and financial documents can be easily retrieved through Dashlane. A user simply has to designate a contact, endowed with their own password and multi-factor authentication profile, who, in the event of the user's death, can access the user's profile along with any information designated relevant by the user. Morbid? Yes. Useful? Unquestionably.

All in all, this utility of these myriad features far outpaces the moderate cost of adopting [Dashlane Premium](#) as your one-stop privacy toolbox. Your wallet might complain a bit, but your identification documents, sensitive information, and online privacy will thank you many times over from the warm, cozy safety of a secure, encrypted vault.

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