

# Run A Local Password Vault With KeePassXC

*Plain-English how-to. ~60 minutes. Cloud-free password management for the privacy-focused.*

**Install KeePassXC, create a strong vault, enable browser + mobile access, and set up safe sync.**  
Print, share, and re-run quarterly.

## Do This Right Now

#	STEP
1.	Install KeePassXC from <a href="https://keepassxc.org">keepassxc.org</a> and verify the signature.
2.	Create a .kdbx vault with a strong master password.
3.	Generate and separately store a key file.
4.	Install the browser extension + mobile app.
5.	Sync via cloud storage or Syncthing.
6.	Migrate from your current manager via CSV (then delete it).
7.	Set up automated, independent backups.
8.	Audit annually with Database Reports.

## Why This Matters

- Cloud password managers are convenient, but every one of them is a high-value target for attackers. LastPass's 2022 breach exposed millions of passwords.
- A local vault stored in a file you control is fundamentally different: there's no remote server to breach, no API surface to attack, and the data is encrypted with your master password.
- The cost is operational complexity — you have to handle sync and backups yourself. For the right user, the trade is worth it. KeePassXC is a great choice.