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I'm always a bit puzzled by 1Password recommendations. I tried it for a couple of weeks a while back, and found it frustratingly limited and manual. LastPass is far more functional. Sometimes I suspect the Mac world gets a bit too hung up on prettiness.

Brett — Dec 29, 2012 03:34 am

What's manual about it? I can generate passwords, have them automatically saved and associated with a url and have that password automatically filled next time I go there. I can even create a bookmark that autofills the login...

I can also drag an app to it along with a registration email and have a software serial number entry created.

Not sure what your experience was, but it's far from limited or manual.

Cris Bennett — Dec 29, 2012 03:50 am

I may be out of date as this was a year or so ago, but the killer for me was no equivalent domains, so you needed separate entries for, eg. iCloud and apple domains. So you had to manually keep them in sync. It also didn't pick up automatically on password changes. LastPass does both of these things. It's ugly and too cheap (I prefer Omni-like sustainable pricing models for important software), but does so much, so well. There were other things, but I can't remember offhand.

Mike Pacer — Dec 29, 2012 05:42 am

I think that the more defensible position than "it's limited and manual" is why 1Password rather than LastPass, or LastPass rather than 1Password.

I just haven't seen a clean rundown of their comparable performance on anything like established benchmarks.

Do you have a reason for your preference? Or could *either* do the job equally well and you happened to end up in the 1Password ecosystem?

Brad Farris (@blfarris) — Dec 31, 2012 07:01 am

I use both 1Password and LastPass for different uses.

LastPass is web-based - this means that you can "share" passwords with other users. So it's perfect for sharing "company" passwords across members of our team. But the web storage makes me a little nervous about security.

So I use 1Password for my personal and ecommerce passwords. It has a terrific mobile interface and works seamlessly with any browser. I haven't experienced the sync problems the OP suggests -- but I haven't used it that long.

Cris Bennett — Jan 04, 2013 11:47 pm

Well, 1Password is fairly useless without Dropbox (unless you only use 1 device), so either way you have 'web storage'. From what I've read, I'm more inclined to trust LastPass with my data than Dropbox, but either way it *is* a matter of trust.

1Password does have a nice interface, which is why I bought it for Mac and iOS a while back. But it was so much more work to use than LastPass that I have ended up rarely using it.

Cris Bennett — Feb 06, 2013 12:04 am

OK, 1Password 4 for iOS is now [getting there] (<http://learn.agilebits.com/...> "http://learn.agilebits.com/1Password4/iOS/ios-why-upgrade.html") {rel="nofollow" target="_blank"}. In particular it supports multiple urls per login, finally making it practical to use for apple/icloud, google apps, amazon, etc. Look forward to this being matched by the next Mac version.

For now, LastPass is still more functional, but AgileBits' apps are undoubtedly more elegant, and their support is far better.

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