

PASSWORD MANAGER > IMPORT & EXPORT

Export Vault Data

View in the help center:

<https://bitwarden.com/help/export-your-data/>

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Export your vault data, including logins and notes, to back up important information or [transfer to a new Bitwarden vault](#). No unencrypted data is transferred over the internet, because data is decrypted locally by the client before exporting.

Tip

If you're adding Bitwarden to a new device and your account is hosted on our cloud servers, you don't need to create an export. Instead, [download Bitwarden](#) on your new device and log in with your existing account.

Warning

Unless you are using an [encrypted export](#), do not store or send the exported file over insecure channels, like email, and delete the file immediately after use.

Export file types

Exports can be downloaded in a few formats:

- `.json` (plaintext)
- `.csv` (plaintext)
- `.json (Encrypted)` ☐
- `.zip (with attachments)` (includes a `.json` file and your attachments)

Note

`.zip` exports are currently only available for individual vault data.

- **(iOS 26 only)** export directly to another app

Note

Exporting directly to another app requires that the target app supports the [Fido Credential Exchange Protocol \(CXP\)](#).

Review [example .csv and .json files](#) to decide which format is best for you. We recommend the encrypted `.json` option for best security and most complete export. Only `.json` exports include:

- Cards
- Identities
- [Stored passkeys](#)
- [SSH keys](#)

No export formats include trash items or [Sends](#). For a complete list of all items and fields included in an individual vault export, check out this [↓ .json sample](#).

Export an individual vault

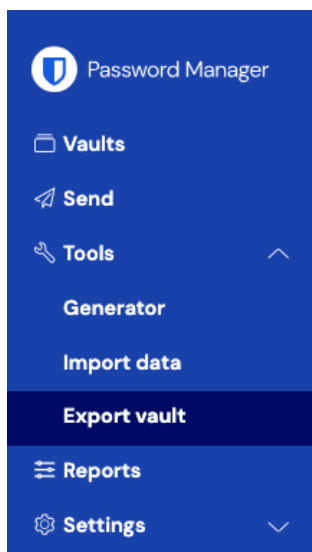
Note

Individual vault exports do not include organization-owned data. Only admins, owners, and some custom roles can [export organization items](#) via the web app or CLI. Members with **Manage collection** [permission](#) can, however, export data from collections they can access.

⇒ Web app

To export vault data:

1. Select **Tools**.
2. Select **Export vault**:



Export vault

Exporting individual vault

Only the individual vault items associated with [redacted] will be exported. Organization vault items will not be included. Only vault item information will be exported and will not include associated attachments.

Export from (required)

My vault

File format (required)

.json

Confirm format

Export individual vault

3. From the **Export from** dropdown menu, select which data to download:

- Select **My vault** for your individual vault's items.
- Select an organization vault's name, which will include data from collections where you have **Manage collection** permission.

4. Select a **File Format**: **.json**, **.csv**, **.json (Encrypted)**, or **.zip (with attachments)**.

5. (Optional) If you choose **.json (Encrypted)**, select an **Export type** for the **encrypted file**:

- **Account restricted:** This file can only be imported to the current Bitwarden account that generated the encrypted export file.

Warning

Account restricted exports can not be imported to a different account. Additionally, [rotating your account's encryption key](#) will render an account restricted export impossible to decrypt. **If you rotate your account encryption key, replace any old files with new ones that use the new encryption key.**

If you wish to import an encrypted **.json** file onto a different Bitwarden account, select the **Password protected** export type when creating an export.

- **Password protected:** This file can be imported to any Bitwarden account by utilizing the password set during the encrypted export process.

Tip

Select  to securely generate a unique password for the export. If you do, be sure to save that password in a safe place.

6. Select **Confirm format**.
7. Enter your master password or an email verification code to confirm.
8. Select **Export vault**. The file will be saved in your downloads folder or wherever your browser specifies.

⇒Browser extension

To export vault data:

1. Select the  **Settings** icon.
2. Select **Vault options**.
3. Select **Export vault**.
4. From the **Export from** dropdown menu, select which data to download:
 - Select **My vault** for your individual vault's items.
 - Select an organization vault's name, which will include data from collections where you have **Manage collection** permission.
5. Select a **File Format**: .json, .csv, .json (Encrypted), or .zip (with attachments).
6. (Optional) If you choose .json (Encrypted), select an **Export type** for the [encrypted file](#):
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7. Select **Export vault**.
8. Enter your master password or an email verification code to confirm.
9. Select **Export vault**. The file will be saved in your downloads folder or wherever your browser specifies.

⇒Desktop

To export vault data:

1. Select **File**.
2. Select **Export vault**.
3. From the **Export from** dropdown menu, select which data to download:
 - Select **My vault** for your individual vault's items.
 - Select an organization vault's name, which will include data from collections where you have **Manage collection** permission.
4. Select a **File Format**: **.json**, **.csv**, **.json (Encrypted)**, or **.zip (with attachments)**.
5. (Optional) If you choose **.json (Encrypted)**, select an **Export type** for the **encrypted file**:
 - **Account restricted**: This file can only be imported to the current Bitwarden account that generated the encrypted export file.

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Tip

Select  to securely generate a unique password for the export. If you do, be sure to save that password in a safe place.

6. Select **Export vault**.

7. Enter your master password or an email verification code to confirm.

8. Select **Export vault**. The file will be saved in your downloads folder or wherever your device specifies.

⇒Mobile

To export vault data:

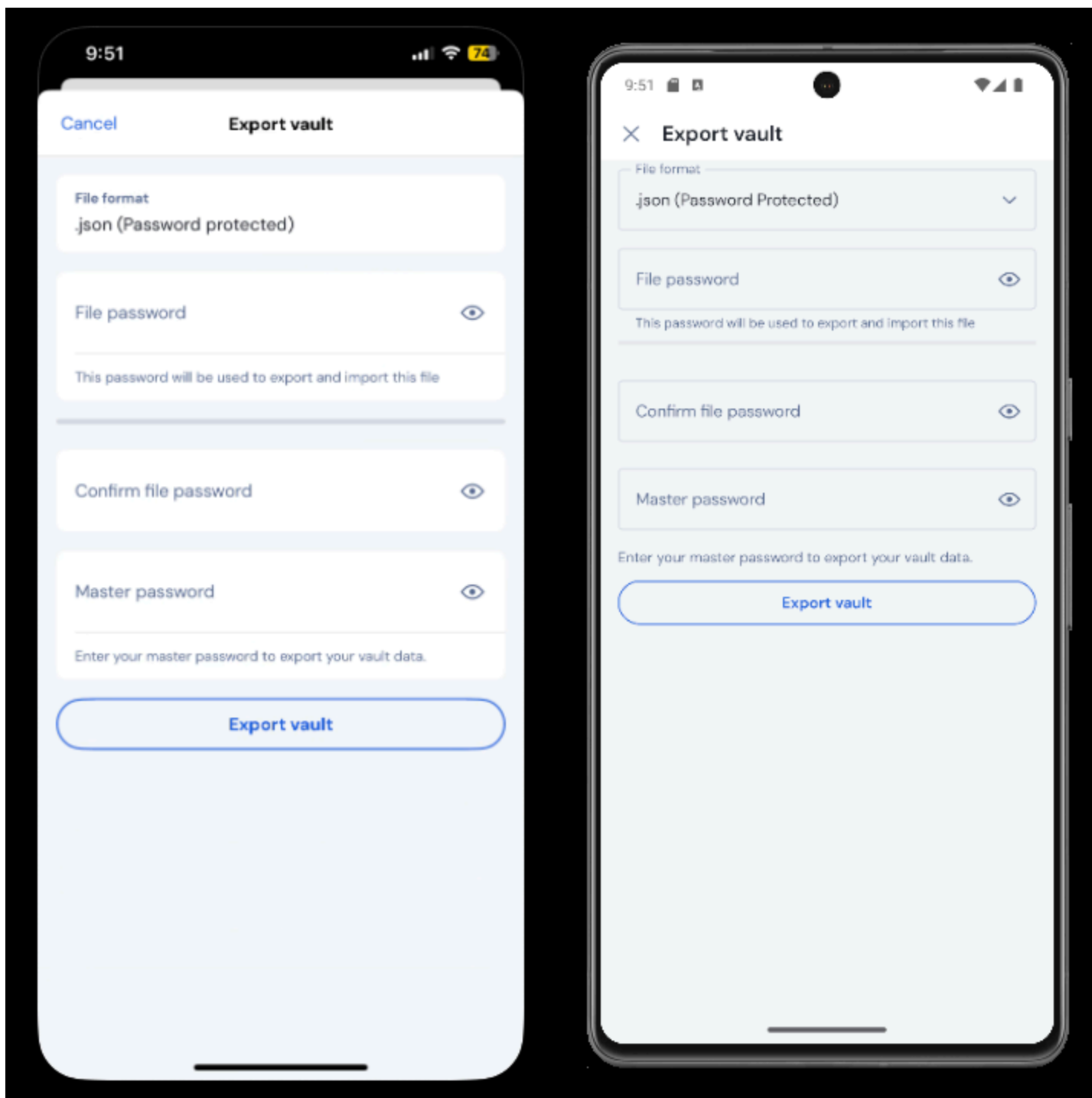
1. Tap the  **Settings** icon.
2. Tap **Vault**.
3. Tap **Export vault**.

Note

On iOS 26, you can choose between **Export vault to a file** and **Export vault to another app**.

If you choose **Export vault to a file**, continue with these instructions. If you choose **Export vault to another app**, follow the simple on-screen process to export data directly to any other app that supports the [FIDO Credential Exchange Protocol](#).

4. Select a **File Format**: .json, .csv, or .json (Password protected).



Export vault on mobile

5. (Optional) If you choose `json (Password protected)`, enter a new password. If you import this file back into Bitwarden, you'll need to enter that password.
6. Enter your master password.
7. Select **Export**. The file will be saved in your downloads folder or wherever your device specifies.

⇒CLI

 Tip

Sync your vault with `bw sync` before exporting to ensure the most up-to-date information is included.

To export your individual vault data from the [CLI](#), use the `export` command. By default, `export` will export your vault as a `.csv` and save the file to the working directory. This behavior can be altered using options:

Bash

```
bw export --output /users/me/documents/ --format json --password mYP@ssw0rd
```

The `--password` option can be used to specify a password to use to encrypt `encrypted_json` exports instead of your [account encryption key](#).