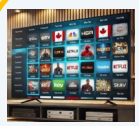
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Happy Computing Ernie B



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Passkeys versus passwords: Why you should switch

Passwords are a common security issue. Reusing them across accounts and old ones getting breached in data leaks means it's time to consider beefing up your account security. If you've seen a prompt to create a passkey and wondered what it's all about, we're here to explain passkeys versus passwords. The short answer is that passkeys provide increased security and are more convenient to use.

Passkeys versus passwords.

Passwords are a way to convey that you know a piece of information that's stored alongside your online account to give you access to it. The account server you use stores the password, or a hashed version of it, which means every password you create is potentially vulnerable to website breaches. If a password that you reused on more than one website is breached, all of those other accounts are potentially compromised. Passkeys work differently; your device generates a matching pair of keys, keeps a private one to itself and hands the public key to the website. That means each website gets a different key, only one part of the key is shared.

Passkey security benefit

Passkeys are much more resilient to phishing attacks than regular passwords. Passkeys for legitimate accounts simply won't authenticate on lookalike domains the way passwords do. There's also no meaningful data stored on websites, meaning reduced value in server-side breaches, since the private key never leaves your device Lastly, since there's no 6-digit code being sent, SIM spoofing attacks where a hacker receives your SMS 2FA code don't apply. The industry is increasingly moving in this direction. Microsoft is set to retire SMS and voice authentication for Entra ID business accounts, pushing these users onto the more secure passkey option.

Where passkeys fall short

The system offers big benefits over passwords, but it's not flawless. A major issue is about account recovery and how websites perform it. Some websites haven't removed passwords as a sign in option, meaning the password still sits in their database and functions as a login method. The security benefits passkeys offer simply don't apply if a password is still a viable login option; though it does widen your options and means you don't necessarily need a memorable password Another common objection is about what happens if you lose your passkey device. It's a fair question, but it's often treated as a bigger issue than it actually is; recovery options work the same way as usual with email verification, backup codes, or another registered device. A friction point can be moving keys between devices or ecosystems; say from an iPhone to Android. Many companies are vying to be the option you use for sign in. Some password managers like Bitwarden allow you to store passkeys in the vault, making them great options for cross-platform security.

Should you switch to passkeys?

Yes – passkeys are a more secure and convenient sign in method for accounts that support them. You don't have to treat this as an immediate necessity and hunt down every single account in one sitting, but saying yes the next time a platform asks to create one is a good idea. Think about where you'd like to store passkeys first, because switching passkeys between Apple, Google, and Microsoft platforms can be tricky. Bitwarden is a free, open source option that provides good cross-platform operability, and it's my password manager of choice. It's a one-stop option for boosting your account security. We haven't yet said farewell to passwords forever, but each account you move off them is one less password that can be used against you. Brought to you by CyberShack.com.au I wrote to Charlie Brown at CyberShack and asked him if I could use the article he kindly said yes and that I could use other articles as long as advised him and gave credit to CyberShack, I agreed. Very generous of Charlie, you can hear his radio program on 3AW on Saturday morning from 8am to 9am. Great techno show.

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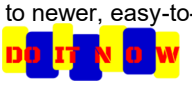
Microsoft Publisher Is Closing: What You Need to Know

A long-standing computer program called **Microsoft Publisher** is retiring on **October 13th**. I use this program for most of my work, so not happy. If you have a stand-alone copy of Office which includes Publisher, you will still be able to use it (but no longer will you receive updates from Microsoft) If you use Office 365 then it will be deleted from your system by Microsoft. For 35 years, many people have used Publisher to mix text and pictures to make flyers, newsletters, church bulletins, and club notices. Because the program is shutting down, anyone who relies on it will need to save their work and switch to a new tool soon.

What is happening?

- **Lost Access:** If you subscribe to Microsoft 365, you will lose access to Publisher on **October 13th**. After that date, you will no longer be able to open or edit your saved Publisher files.
- **Old Versions:** If you bought Microsoft Office 2021 as a one-time purchase, the program will still open, but Microsoft will no longer update or fix security issues for it.

Why it's ending: Microsoft has not updated Publisher in years. Most people have moved to newer, easy-to-use internet tools.



What should you do before October 13th?

If you have old Publisher files you want to keep:

Open your document in **Microsoft Publisher**.

Click **File** at the top left.

Click **Save As**.

Choose **PDF** as the file format.

Saving your files as a PDF ensures you can still open and print them in the future.

3 Easy Alternatives to Try

Here are three simple replacements for creating flyers and newsletters:

1. Canva (Free, Online)

- **How it works:** You use it directly on the internet through your web browser without installing anything.
- **Best for:** Quick 1- or 2-page flyers. It comes with hundreds of ready-made designs where you just fill in your own text and photos.

Good to know: Very easy to learn and try out immediately.

2. LibreOffice Draw (Free, Computer Program)

- **How it works:** A free program you download onto your computer.
- **Best for:** Opening your old Publisher files.

Good to know: Unlike other options, LibreOffice can open .pub files directly, making it the smoothest switch for long-time Microsoft users. I am about to download and use LibreOffice Draw myself. Ernie B