Keeping passwords safe

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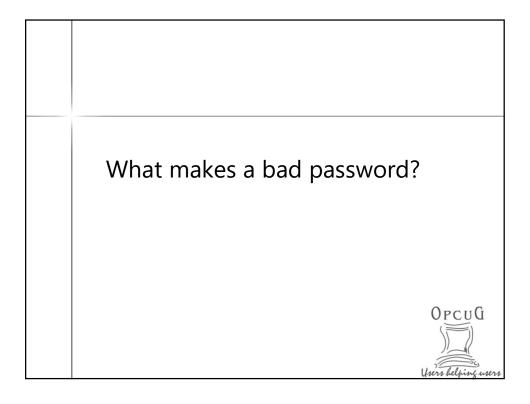
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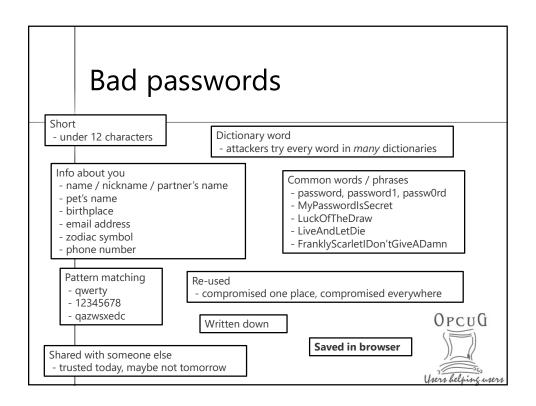
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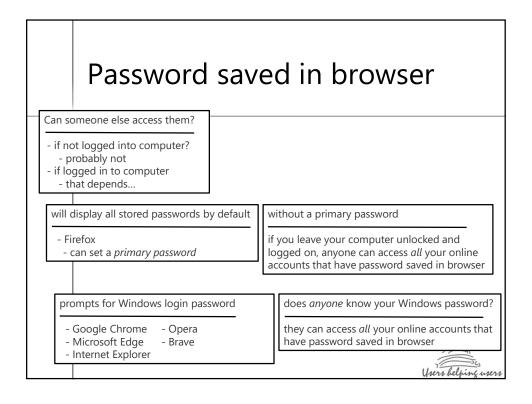
Are they all good passwords?

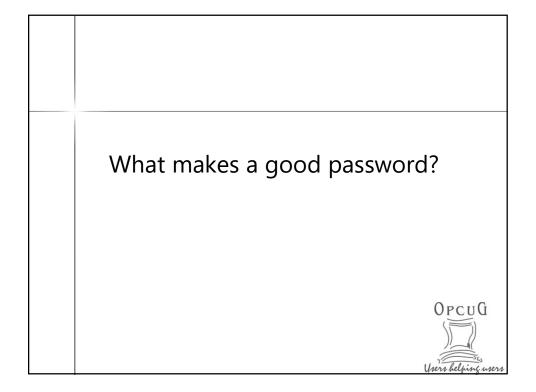
Do you remember all of them?

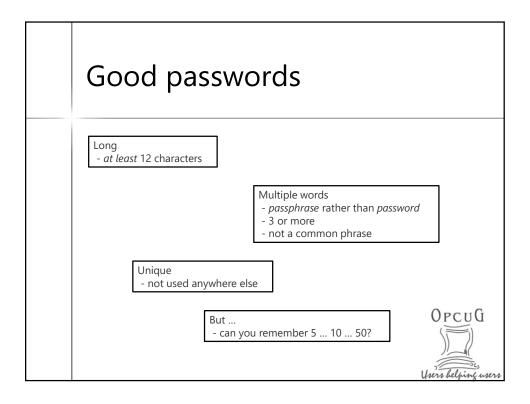
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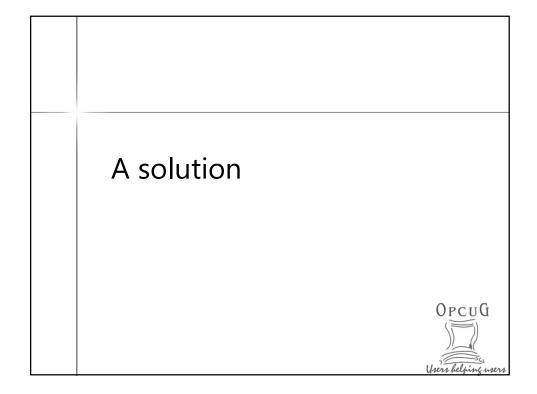












#### Password manager

- Encrypted database
  - password vault or password safe
- Create entries for each site/service
  - each entry stores
    - logon names & passwords
    - related notes, and more
- Master password opens database
  - one password to remember
  - entries within the database are safe



# Password manager

- Many to choose from
  - free and paid
- One security forum listed 75
- How to choose?



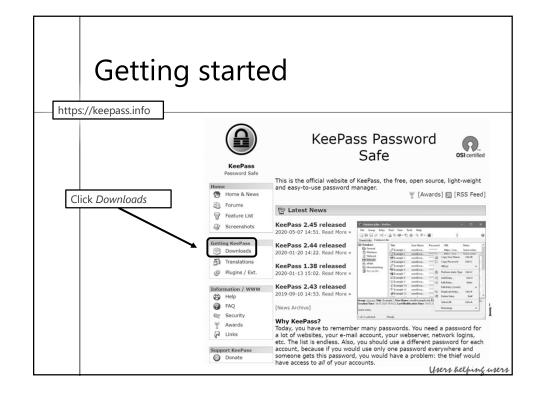
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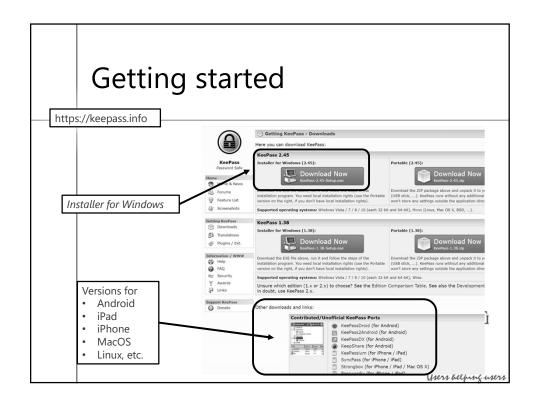
- Free & open source
- Good feature set
- Started in 2003
  - long history is good with security
- Frequently updated (over 80 times)
- Dozens of awards
- Available on many operating systems use
  - Windows, macOS, iOS, Android, Linux, etc.

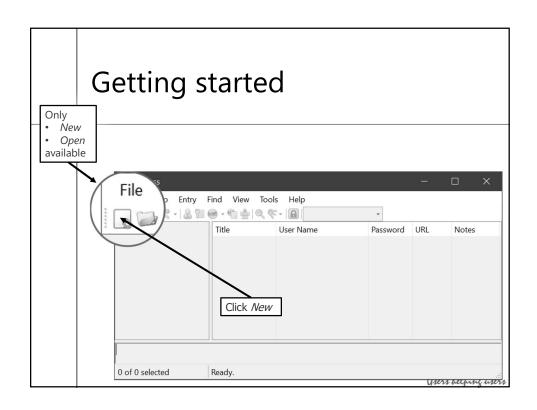
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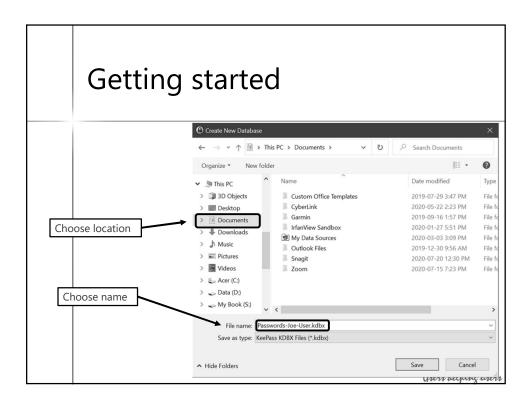
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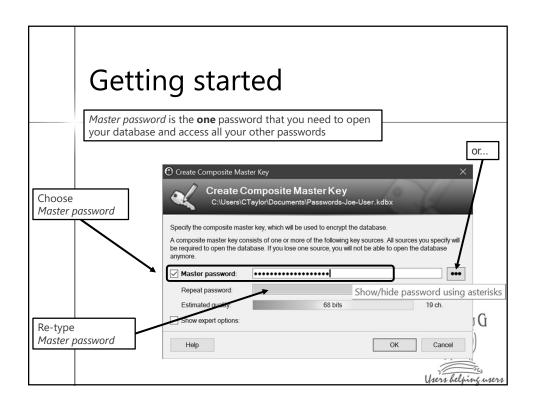
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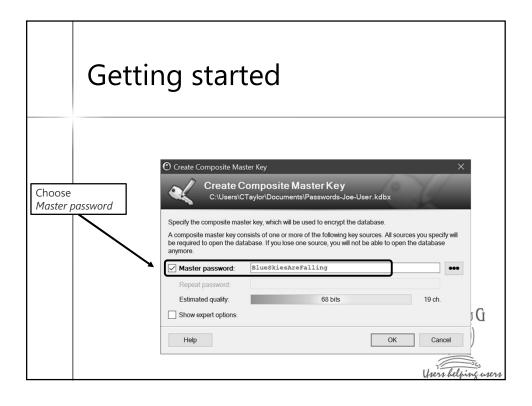


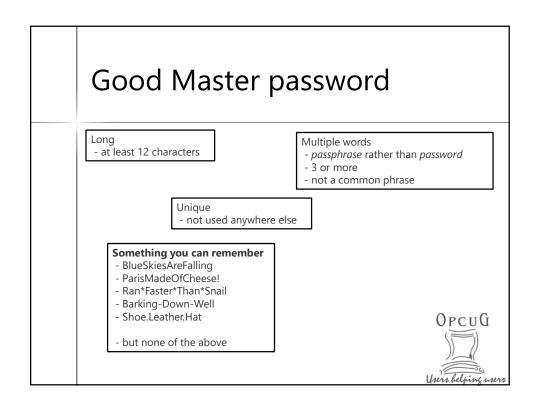








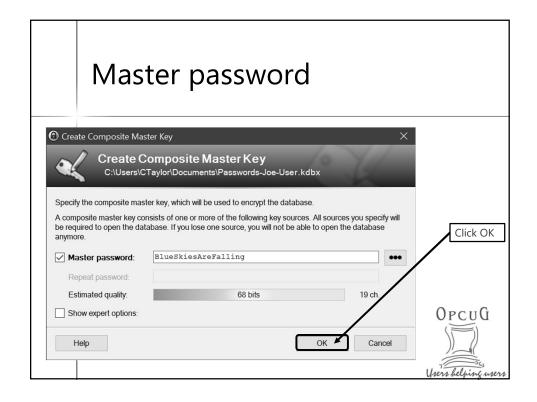


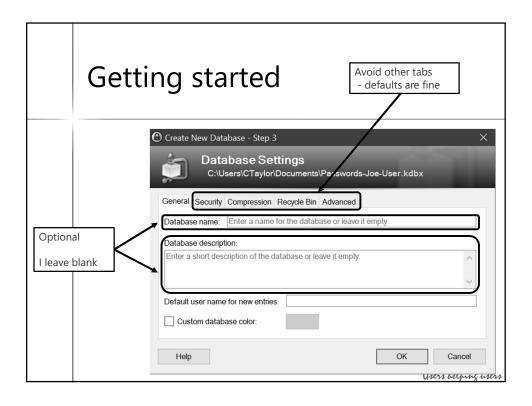


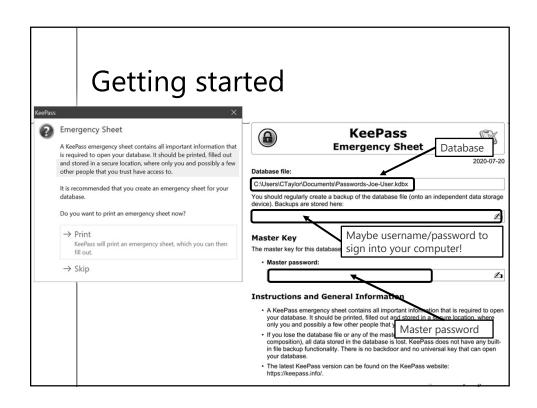
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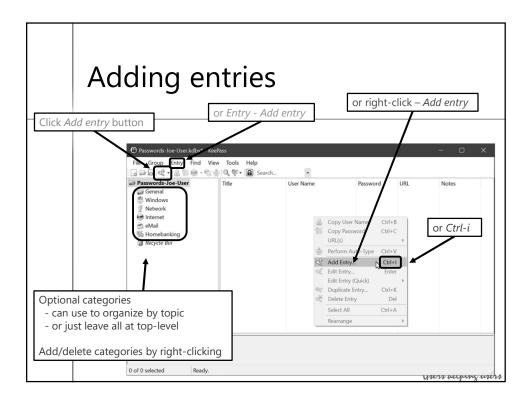
- Remember your Master password
  - if you forget
    - can never open the password database!
  - if you think you may forget it
    - write it down
      - store in secure, accessible location
        - eg. a lock box
      - if someone else might come across it
        - store without context or misdirected context U

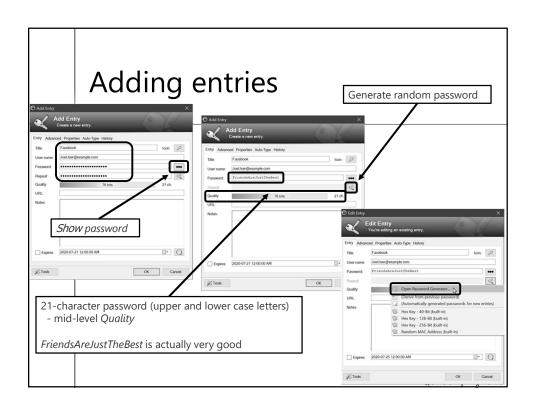


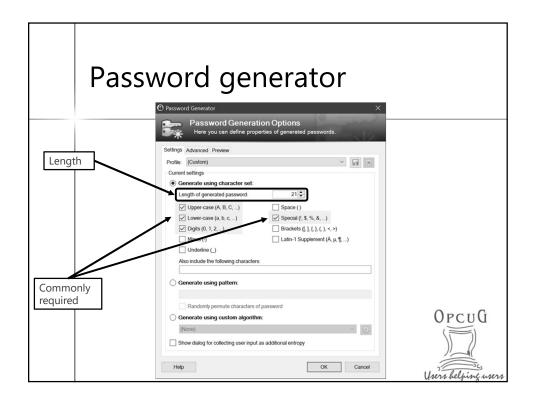


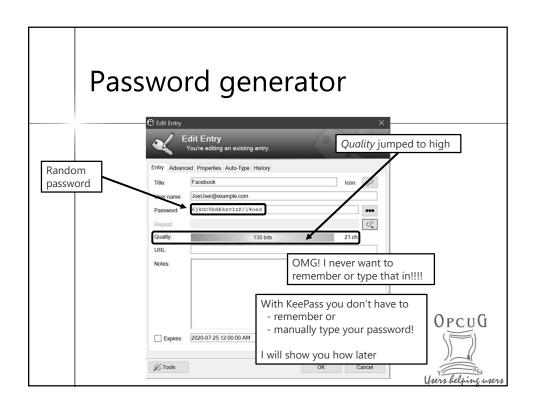


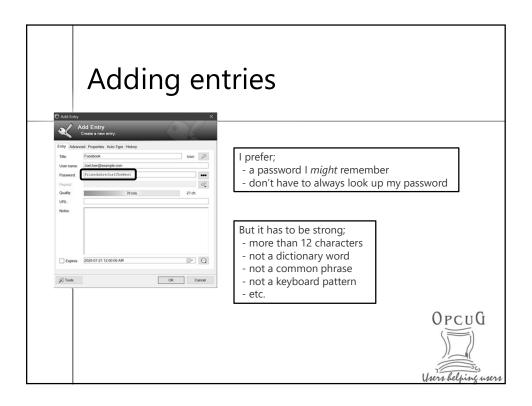


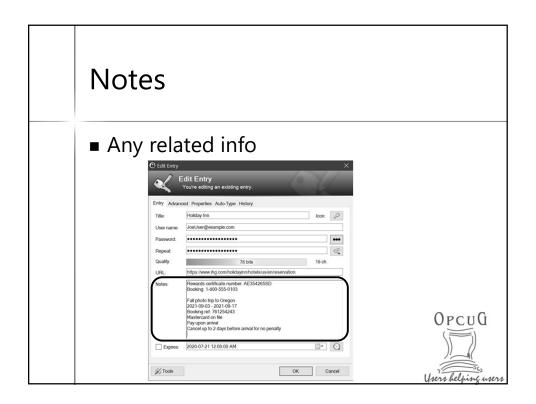












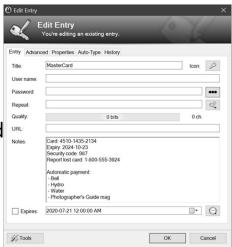
#### Other uses

- Store any information
  - phone numbers
  - expiry dates for subscriptions
  - confirmation codes
- Including sensitive info
  - credit card
  - passport
  - answers to security questions

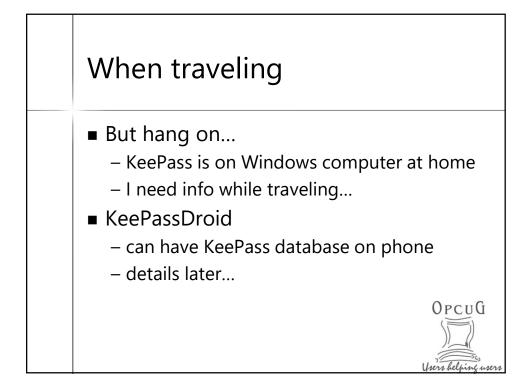


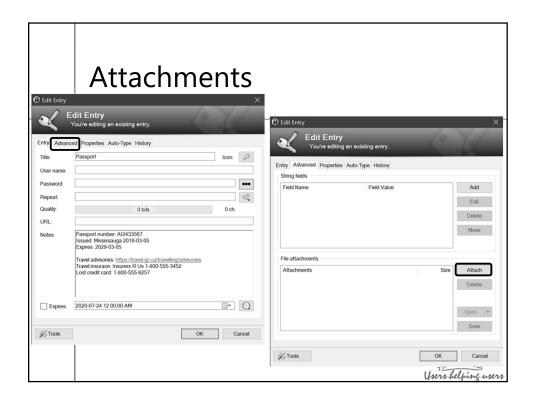
#### Credit card

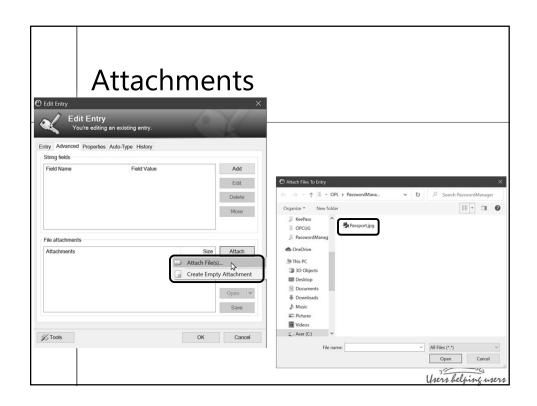
- number
- expiry date
- security code
- phone number to report lost card
- automatic payments



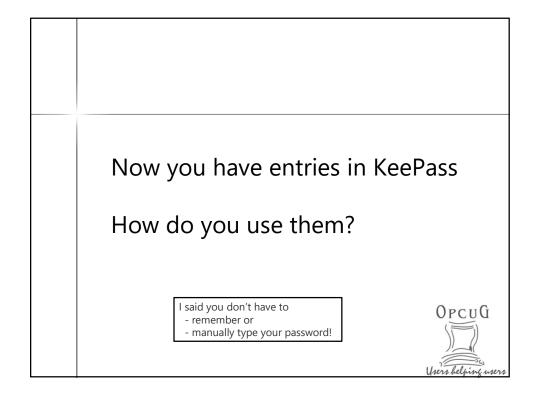


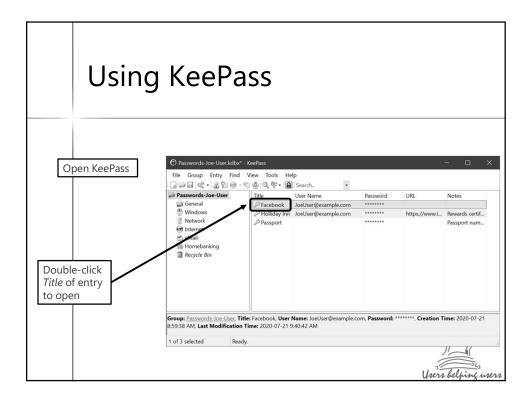


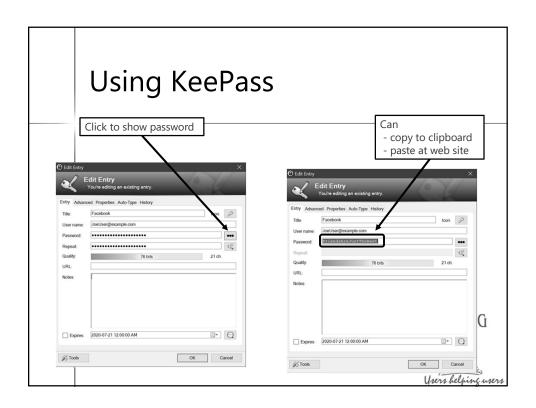


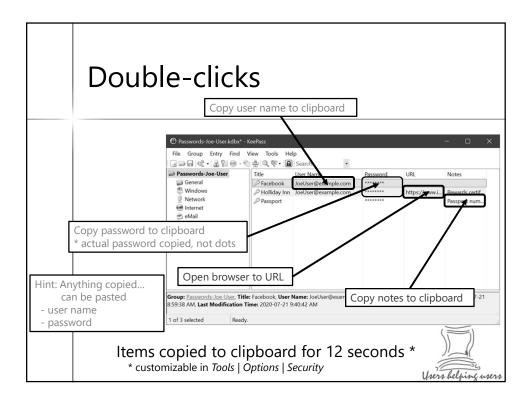


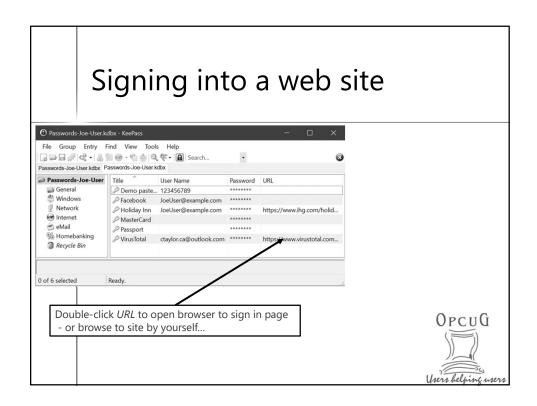




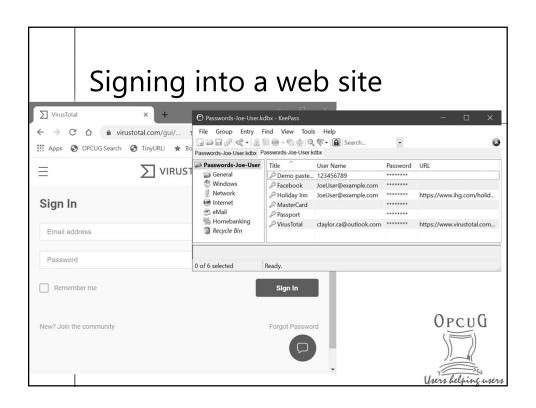


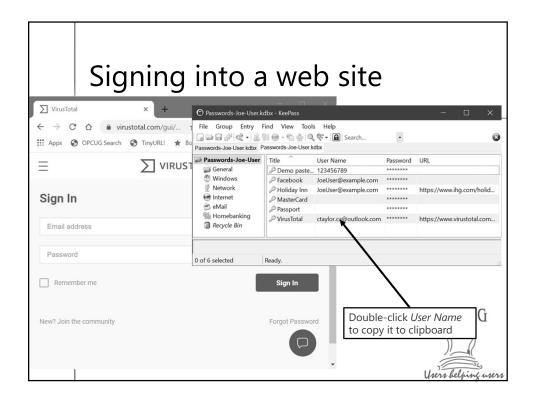


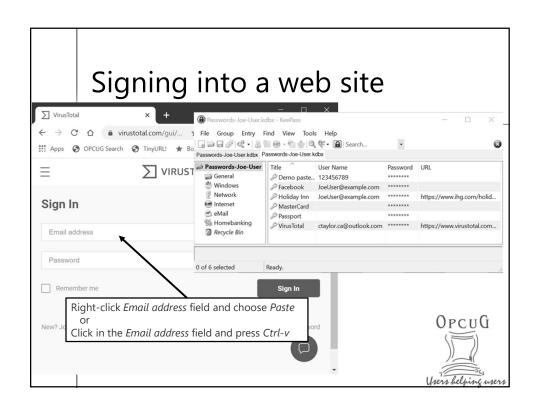


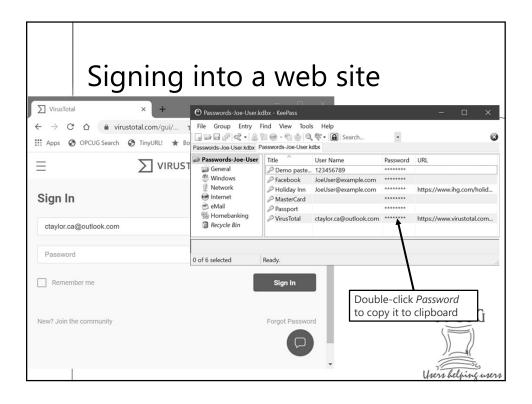


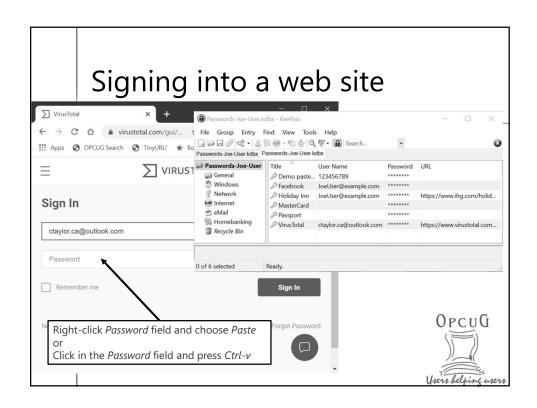


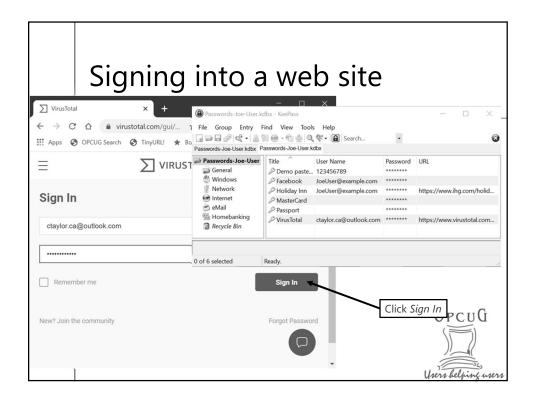


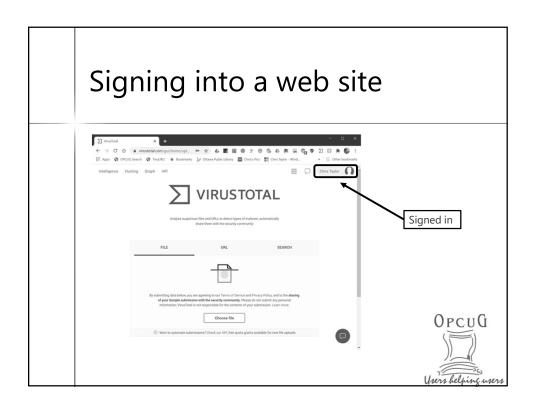


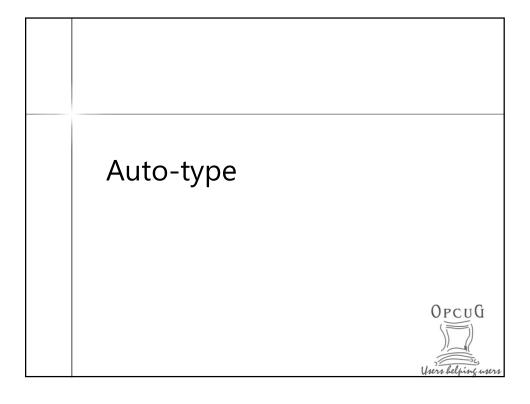


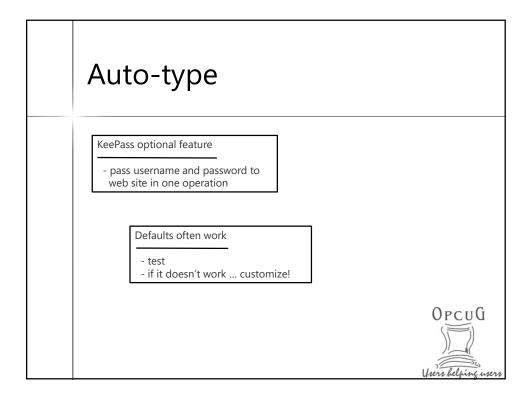


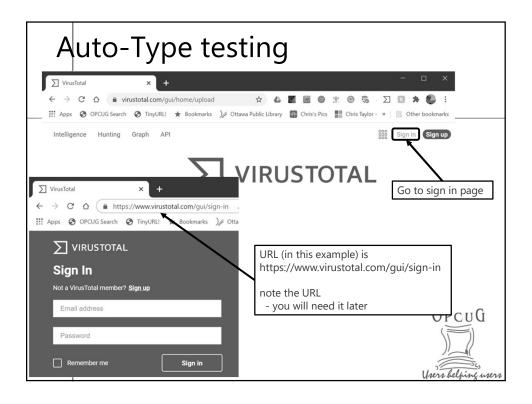


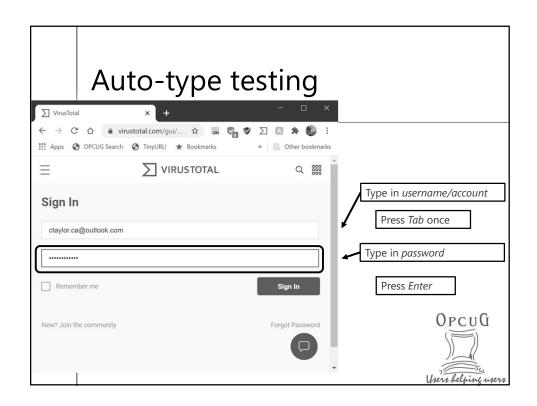


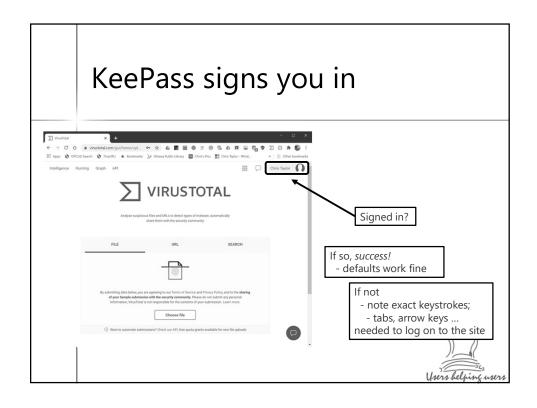


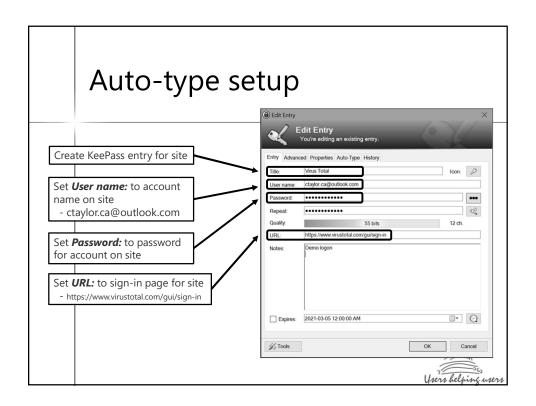


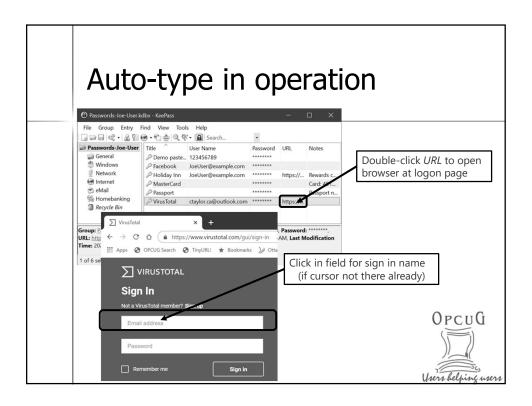


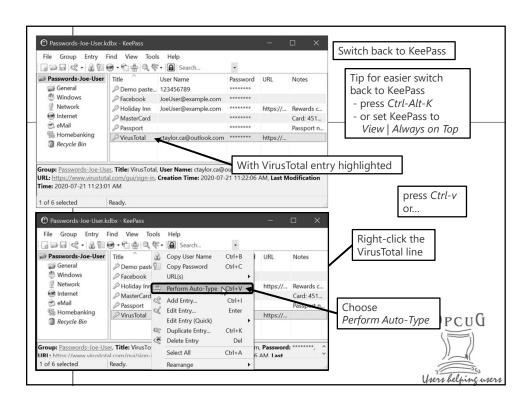


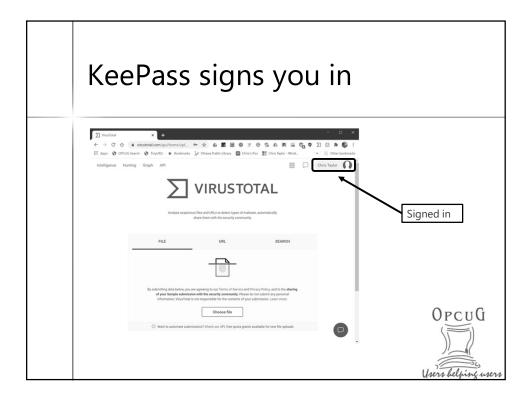








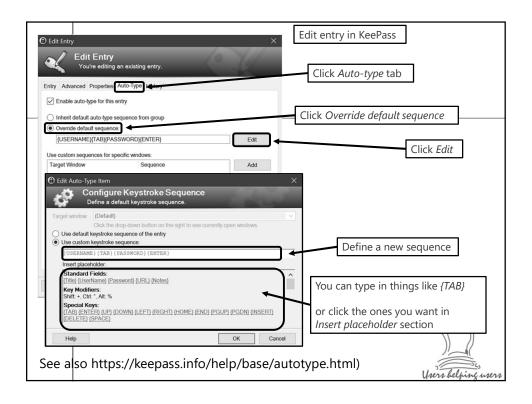


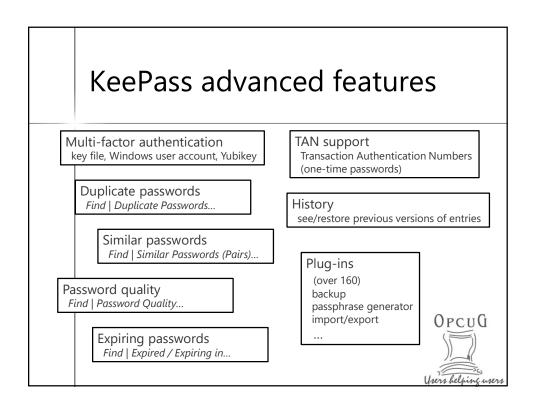


# Auto-type customization

- If keystrokes to sign in to site are not; username{tab}password{Enter}
- Figure out correct keystrokes to sign in
- Customize KeePass for that entry







# Synchonization between devices



# Multiple device synching

- KeePass for other operating systems
  - Windows, MacOS, iOS, Android, Linux, ...
- If you want to
  - use KeePass on multiple computers/devices
  - share KeePass database across all devices
- Two choices...



# Multiple device synching

- Manual synching
  - easiest to set up
  - requires manual actions each time you want databases to match on each device
- Automatic synching
  - more complex to set up (once)
  - edit entries on any device
    - changes automatically synched to other devices

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Manual synchronization	
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#### **Assumptions**

- The instructions here assume:
  - one device is a Windows 10 computer
    - KeePass already installed
    - at least one entry in KeePass
  - other device is an Android phone

Note: You should be able to synchronize with other devices such as - iPhone, iPad, etc.

I have not tested to see what differences there are in processes



#### Overview

#### One-time actions

- 1. install KeePassDroid on phone
- 2. copy KeePass database to phone
- configure KeePassDroid on phone so it knows where to find database

#### Repeated actions

1. update copy of database on phone according to needs (step 2 above)

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#### KeePassDroid

- Install KeePassDroid on the phone from
  - https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.android.keepass
  - don't create KeePass entries on the phone

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# Manual synching

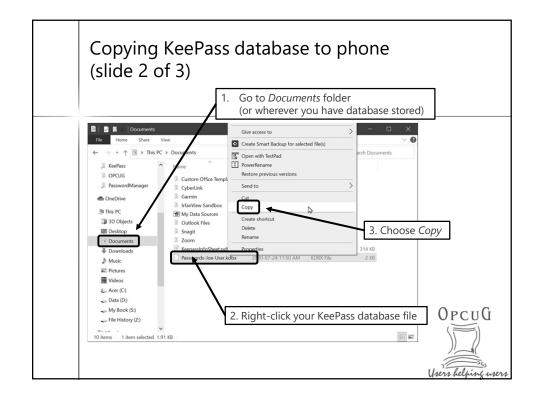
- My Windows configuration
  - database is in my *Documents* folder
  - database is Passwords-Joe-User.kdbx
- Adjust to your configuration

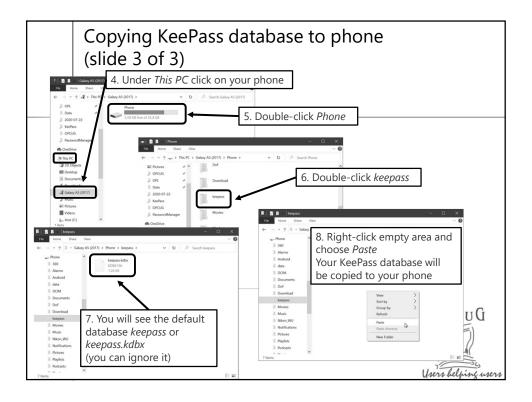


Copying KeePass database to phone (slide 1 of 3)

- Make sure
  - KeePass is closed on Windows computer
  - KeePassDroid is closed on Android phone
- Plug phone into your Windows computer
- Run File Explorer on Windows computer
- Follow the steps on the next two slides





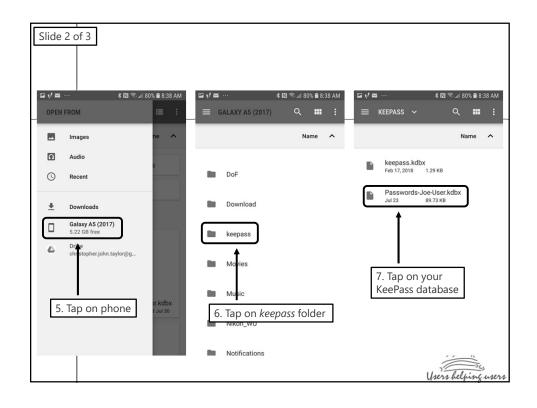


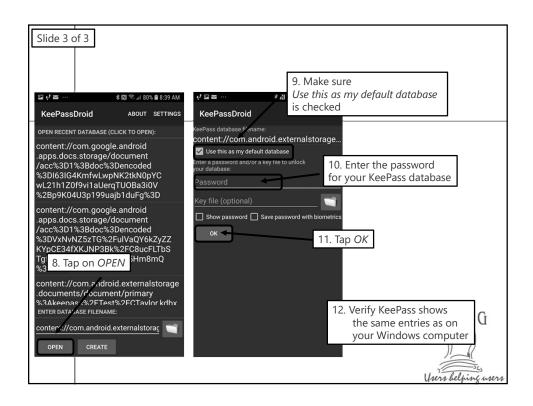
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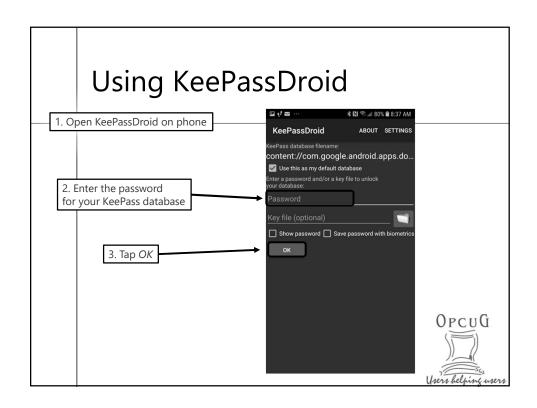
- KeePassDroid on phone needs to know name of KeePass database file
  - The next three slides show what has to be done <u>ONLY ONCE</u> on your phone



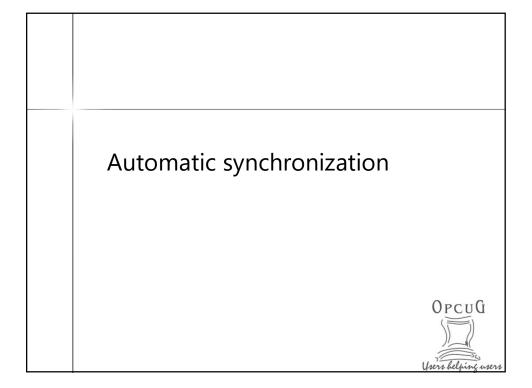








# ■ When you - change KeePass on Windows computer - want to update database on phone ■ Repeat previous slides - Copying KeePass database to phone (slides 1 - 3) Copying KeePass database to phone (slides 1 - 3) Copying KeePass database to phone (slides 1 - 3) Copying KeePass database to phone (slides 1 - 3) Copying KeePass database to phone (slides 1 - 3) Copying KeePass database to phone (slides 1 - 3) Copying KeePass database to phone (slides 1 - 3) Copying KeePass database to phone (slides 1 - 3) Copying KeePass database to phone (slides 1 - 3)



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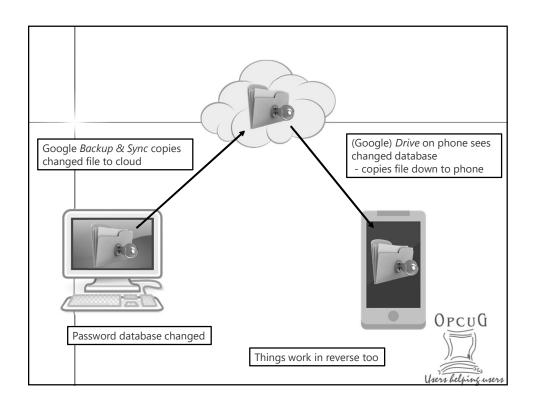
- Instructions assume:
  - one device is a Windows 10 computer
    - KeePass is installed
    - at least one entry in KeePass
  - other device is an Android phone
  - you will use Google Drive to sync

Note: You should be able to synchronize with other devices such as - iPhone, iPad, etc.

and other cloud service for syncronization

but I have not tested to see what differences there are in processes





### Overview

### All one-time actions

- Create a free Google Account
   if you don't already have one
   (phone should already be using a Google Account)
- 2. Install Google Drive Backup & Sync on Windows PC
- 3. Move your KeePass database to *Google Drive* on Windows PC
- 4. Configure *Google Drive* on phone it is just called *Drive* on Android
- 5. Install KeePassDroid on phone
- 6. Configure KeePassDroid on phone so it knowscu@ where to find database

### Google Account required

- All Google Accounts automatically have
  - Google Drive
- Android uses a Google Account
  - use this account throughout instructions



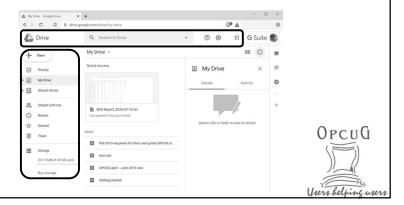
### Google Drive

- Verify Google Drive working
  - browse to https://accounts.google.com
- If requested
  - sign in using your Google Account
- Once logged in, browse to
  - https://drive.google.com



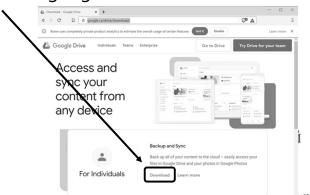
### Google Drive

 Don't proceed further unless you see a screen similar to this



### Backup & Sync

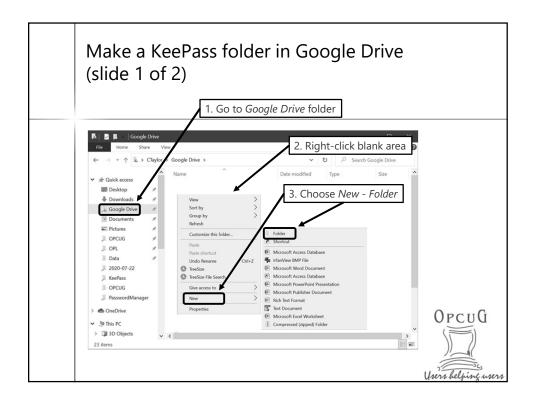
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  - https://www.google.ca/drive/download/

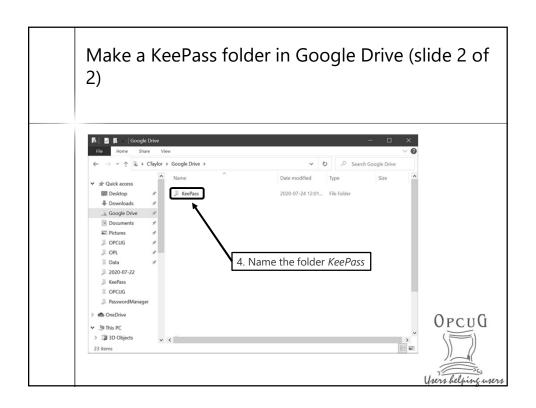


### Backup & Sync

- During installation
  - If prompted for a Google Account to use
    - use Google Account used on Android phone
- After installation
  - Google Drive folder on your computer
    - in File Explorer under *Quick Access* or
    - under C:\Users\{your account name}\







### KeePass database location

- If you haven't installed KeePass, do so
  - when prompted for the location of your database, choose the folder you created within Google Drive
    - C:\users\{username}\Google Drive\KeePass
- If you have already installed KeePass
  - run KeePass and enter your Master password
  - click on File | Save As | Save to File...
  - choose the folder you created within Google Drive
    - C:\users\{username}\Google Drive\KeePass
  - click the Save button
    - copies database to the new location
    - updates configuration so KeePass looks for it there

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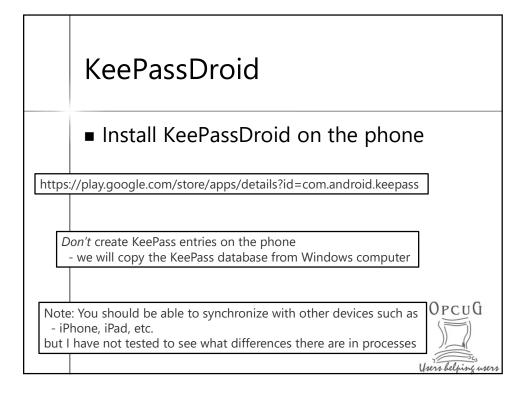
### Verify database sync

- Browse to https://drive.google.com
  - make sure you are signed in using Google Account used on phone



Verify your database has been synched a there

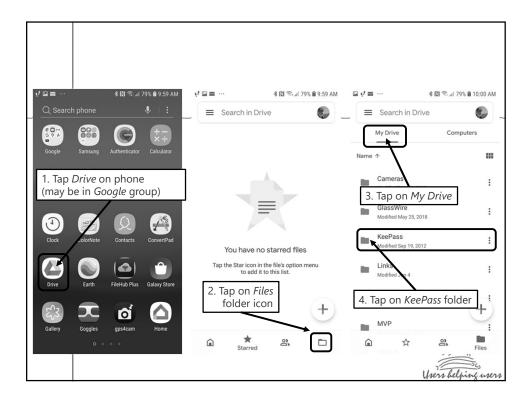
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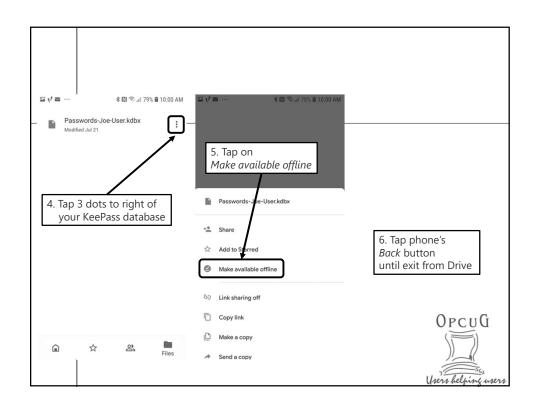


### Configure Google Drive

- Configure Google Drive on Android phone
  - set KeePass database to be available offline
- Next two slides only need to be done ONCE



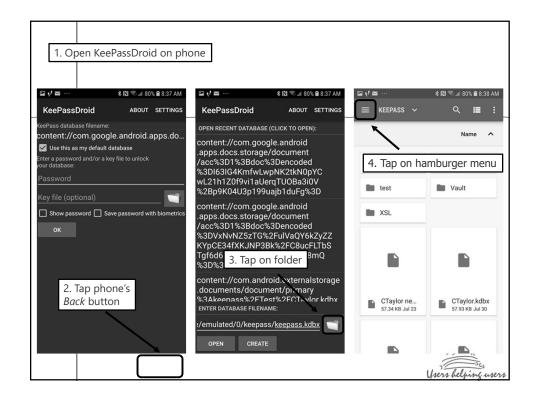


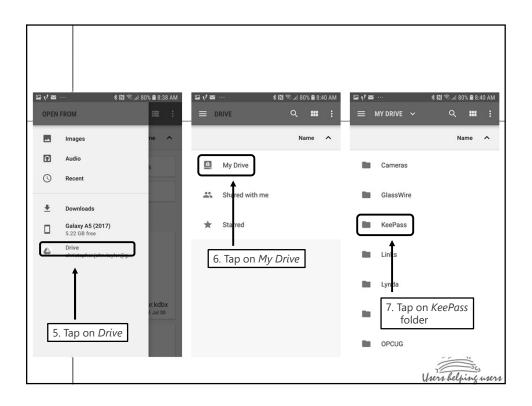


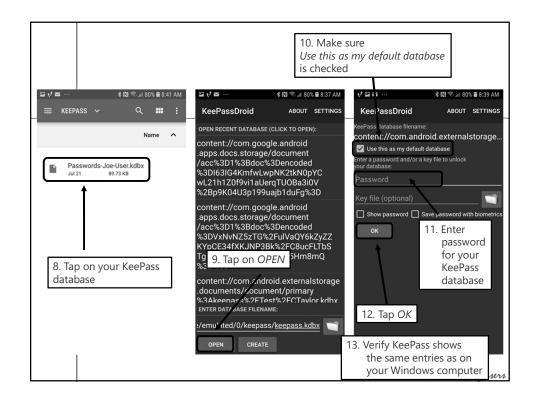
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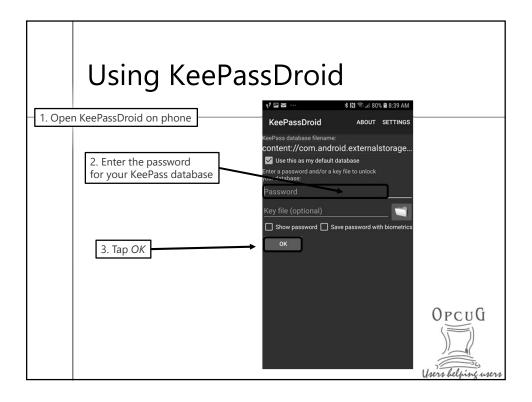
- KeePassDroid on your phone needs to know the name and location of your KeePass database file
  - The next three slides show what has to be done <u>ONLY ONCE</u> on your phone











### Automatic synching

- You can make changes to
  - KeePass in Windows
  - KeePassDroid on phone
- Changes will be automatically synched
- Don't
  - make changes to both at the same time



### **Extras**

- Periodically backup your KeePass database
  - if database ever corrupted, recover backup
- Explore menus or see help
  - clipboard auto-clear time
  - lock workspace after KeePass inactivity
    - KeePass won't lock if an entry is open
  - Esc in main window locks workspace
  - View | Always on Top
  - auto-fill web logon credentials
  - Find | Duplicate Passwords
    - change passwords on such sites



Other password-related issues

### Security questions

- Some sites allow password resets
  - if you know answers to security questions
    - what city were you married in?
    - what's your favourite food?
    - what is your mother's maiden name?
- Could anyone find the answers with a little online research?

# Security questions

- Solution one
  - give nonsense answers
  - record answers in KeePass's Notes field
    - Q. What is your favourite author?
    - A. sleep
    - Q. What high school did you go to?
    - A. plastic



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### Security questions

- Solution two
  - answer correctly (easy to remember)
  - always add same "secret" word (eg. tap)
    - Q. What is your favourite food?
    - A. tappizza
    - Q. Where were you born?
    - A. tapottawa
  - record in Notes field in KeePass as well roug

### **Data breaches**

- Register your email addresses
  - https://haveibeenpwned.com/
- They will email you
  - if your address shows up in a data breach
- At breached sites
  - change password
  - change answers to security questionsOPCUG

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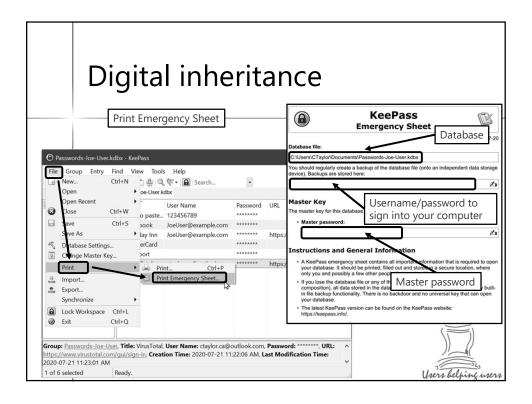
- Don't let online accounts die with you
- For others to get access to your online accounts
  - may be impossible
  - always will be difficult
  - may be costly



### Digital inheritance

- You can provide access
  - it is all in your KeePass database
- Minimum information
  - you have a KeePass database
  - name & location of .kbdx (database) file
  - password to open password database
  - sign in username & password for computer.

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- Very helpful
  - links to KeePass help info
    - show the person how it works
  - what you want done with online accounts
  - KeePass entry detailing what entries are most important & what you would like done
    - name it !Read Me so it is sorted at top



- Don't forget!
  - they will need
    - username/password to sign in to your computer



# Digital inheritance

- Leave info with
  - Power of attorney
  - Executor
  - someone you trust
  - safe deposit box
    - if someone else knows to access in emergency



- Are you executor / power of attorney for someone else?
- Ask what they want done with online accounts
- Ask if they want to give you access
  - in the event of incapacitance or death



