

# Practical Guide to Password Security with WALLIX One Enterprise Vault





### 1. Overview

It's becoming more evident that even with the proliferation of multi-factor authentication and advanced encryption, the humble password remains a critical point of vulnerability. According to Gartner's "Secure Behavior Survey" (2022), 52% of individuals prioritize speed, convenience, or immediate business needs over secure password practices, underscoring a significant risk in data protection. Despite the frustrations they cause, passwords will continue to underpin enterprise security practices through 2026, with 90% of businesses still demanding rigorous standards and guidelines.

In response to these ongoing challenges, WALLIX One Enterprise Vault secures your organization's most sensitive credentials. It offers a precise and simple solution to manage passwords effectively, safeguarding your digital assets against common security oversights.

## 2. Significance of managing credentials and sensitive data

As we continue to rely heavily on passwords for security, the management of these credentials becomes a critical task for every user. Each login is a gateway to vital assets, from emails to project files to client databases, all of which require vigilant protection. Adopting best practices such as creating unique, strong passwords for each access point is essential, yet this approach introduces its challenges, notably the difficulty of remembering each unique password. Consequently, as the number of passwords increases, many users resort to precarious, makeshift solutions like the infamous 'post-it notes vault'– which isn't a stronghold of security. This not only compromises data protection efforts but also exacerbates user frustrations, adding stress and inefficiency to daily operations, thereby underscoring the urgent need for a more dependable system.





## 3. WALLIX One Enterprise Vault

WALLIX One Enterprise Vault revolutionizes how employees safeguard their critical assets, empowering users to manage their credentials and sensitive data with maximum security and minimal stress. It achieves this transformation through the following key features:

#### **Key Features**



#### Privacy by Design

Secure data across multiple layers: user, shared vault, individual items, and recovery.



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#### Store Above and Beyond

Store credentials, identities, credit card information, notes, and attachments.



#### Account Recovery

Enable operational admins to access other account items in case of employee departure or absence.



#### Direct Encrypted Sharing

Securely share files and text with end-to-end encryption for total privacy.



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#### Secure Authentication Mechanisms

Whether you choose to authenticate with single or multi-factor, your access is always secure and fully controlled.



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#### Automatic Password Generation

Create unique and robust passwords with our advanced password generation feature.





## 4. Zero knowledge Encryption

Expanding on our commitment to Privacy by Design, which ensures data security across multiple layers—from the user level to shared vaults and individual items, even during recovery processes—you may wonder, 'What exactly is Zero Knowledge Encryption?' This advanced encryption method takes our privacy strategy a step further. With Zero Knowledge Encryption, all sensitive data stored in the WALLIX One Enterprise Vault is encrypted right from your device before it ever leaves it. The decryption keys are securely held only by you, the user. This means no one else, not even the service provider, can access your encrypted data. By integrating Zero Knowledge Encryption, we ensure that your information is not only protected from external threats but also safeguarded against internal vulnerabilities, thereby strengthening our layered security approach. This guarantees that the control and privacy of your sensitive information remain exclusively in your hands, aligning with our core values of utmost security and user privacy.

## 5. Empowering Users: Simple and Secure Credential Management

With its user-friendly platform, WALLIX One Enterprise Vault empowers users to manage a variety of sensitive information securely and efficiently. Upon setting up their accounts, users gain the ability to effectively organize and access critical credentials, such as login details and credit card information. The intuitive interface allows for personal and shared vaults, catering to individual and team security needs. Features such as the Password Generator and Vault Health Reports facilitate the maintenance of robust security practices without complexity. Additionally, the availability of a browser plugin and mobile app ensures that users have flexible, secure access on the move. Our solution also promotes secure credential sharing within the organization, preserving identity data integrity and enabling smooth access.





## 6. Empowering Administrators: Leveraging Features and Capabilities for Operational Control

From an administrative standpoint, WALLIX One Enterprise Vault offers substantial strategic benefits by centralizing and streamlining credential management. Administrators can now elevate the security standards throughout the organization, enhancing user experience while ensuring consistent security practices. Critical features such as the ability to recover master passwords and manage account lifecycle are essential. They preserve the integrity of access systems and reduce the impact of issues like lost credentials or changes in account status. Additionally, the Account Recovery feature boosts operational resilience. It allows administrators to access necessary account items when employees leave the company or are absent for extended periods, thereby maintaining the continuity and security of operations.

The system's ability to enforce security policies uniformly reduces the risk of compliance issues. Features like Directory Synchronizing keep organizational structures current and aligned, boosting security and efficiency. The integration of event and audit logs provides a transparent, audit-ready record of all security-related actions, essential for identifying vulnerabilities. Collectively, these capabilities not only safeguard critical data but also optimize administrative workflows.





## 7. Conclusion

The WALLIX One Enterprise Vault encapsulates a comprehensive approach to identity data protection, addressing traditional and emerging security challenges. By centralizing critical data such as identities, login credentials, and credit card information in a secure vault, the solution enhances data protection and streamlines workforce access, significantly reducing operational stress and inefficiency associated with password management.

The robust features of WALLIX One Enterprise Vault demonstrate our unwavering commitment to security at every level–ensuring that sensitive information remains protected across multiple layers and accessible only to authorized users. These features, coupled with tools like the automatic password generator and secure authentication mechanisms, empower everyday users and administrators to uphold rigorous security standards effortlessly.

The WALLIX One Enterprise Vault is a key part of the larger WALLIX One platform, which also includes advanced solutions such as Privileged Access Management (PAM), Identity as a Service (IDaaS), and Remote Access. These integrated components work together seamlessly, offering a comprehensive security experience that showcases our commitment to holistic protection and efficient access management across your organization.

By incorporating the WALLIX One Enterprise Vault into our strategy to redefine Workforce Access, we aim to significantly enhance organizational and individual security measures. We strongly encourage all users to explore and utilize the extensive features of this solution to safeguard sensitive information and boost productivity throughout their environments. For a deeper understanding of the WALLIX One platform and its capabilities, please visit our website: <u>WALLIX One Platform</u>





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