1Password

1Password vs. Bitwarden

Understanding how 1Password compares to Bitwarden
A comparison for MSP clients

About 1Password Business

The simple, secure way to protect every login, passkey, and secret your team relies on.

1Password Enterprise Password Manager gives teams a single, secure place to protect every credential — passwords, passkeys, shared logins, API keys, and AI secrets — with the encryption, safe sharing, and admin controls that browsers and OS keychains can't match.

- **Protect every login and secret in one secure place.**
- **Strong security that your team will actually use.**
- **Keep your business moving without compromising security.**
- **Replace risky browser storage for passwords with real protection.**

Key differentiators

- **Managed cloud deployment**
- **Secret Key and end-to-end encryption**
- **Vault-based governance and migration support**
- **Integrated secrets management and developer workflows**

How the platforms compare

1Password Business	Bitwarden
OPEN SOURCE AND SELF-HOSTING	
• Fully managed cloud deployment with 1Password handling security patching, infrastructure, and updates. • EU data residency is available. • No infrastructure burden for your team.	• Open-source and publicly auditable code. • Supports self-hosted deployments. • Self-hosting transfers responsibility for security, patching, and incident response to your team.
SECURITY MODEL AND ENCRYPTION	
• Zero-knowledge, end-to-end encryption protects all vault data. • Vault access requires both the account password and a unique Secret Key. • SRP ensures credentials are never exposed in transit. • 1Password has no known breach history.	• Zero-knowledge encryption uses a master-password-derived key with PBKDF2/Argon2 key stretching. • No separate device-bound Secret Key exists.
ADMINISTRATION AND PERMISSIONS	
• Vault permissions are managed by owners and admins. • Granular group-based access with custom roles. • Audit logs track admin actions.	• Permissions use Organizations and nested Collections. • The model can require additional governance consideration as environments scale.

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SHARING AND COLLABORATION	
• Shared vaults with granular, role-based access. • Secure share links can support expiration dates and one-time view. • External recipients can access shared credentials without a 1Password account, if allowed by admins.	• Sharing uses Organizations and Collections. • Bitwarden Send supports one-way ephemeral sharing separately from the main vault-sharing model.
MIGRATION AND IMPORT	
• Automated import tools are available for Bitwarden and other major password managers. • Guided migration workflows support phased rollouts.	• Supports CSV and JSON export/import. • Migration can require more manual handling.
SECRETS MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPER TOOLS	
• Integrated secrets management covers API keys, SSH keys, and CI/CD credentials. • CLI, SDKs, Developer Watchtower, SSH key management, Git integration, and runtime workflows are included.	• Bitwarden Secrets Manager is available separately. • Developer capabilities may be distributed across multiple products.
AUDIT, REPORTING, AND ADMIN	
• Detailed audit logs, activity reporting, admin controls, SIEM integrations, and Watchtower breach alerts. • Included in 1Password Business.	• Audit logs and reporting are available. • Requirements should be evaluated against the specific plan and deployment model.

Where 1Password stands out

Stronger encryption architecture: 1Password's Secret Key adds an additional layer of protection beyond the account password.

Simpler enterprise governance: Vault access and permissions are centrally managed by owners and admins.

Managed cloud deployment: 1Password handles security patching, infrastructure management, and updates centrally.

Predictable packaging: 1Password combines SSO, SIEM, developer tools, onboarding, support, and managed infrastructure in one platform.

Migration tooling: 1Password provides automated import flows and guided migration support.

Integrated secrets management: 1Password connects workforce credentials, developer secrets, SSH keys, CI/CD workflows, and automation in one platform.

Interested in getting started with 1Password Business?

Contact your MSP for current pricing and the latest feature details.

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