



Password vs. Passkey vs. FIDO2: A Quick Comparison



Compare today's most common authentication methods.

PASSWORD	PASSKEY	FIDO2
User-created secret	Device-based credential	Authentication standard
Easily guessed or stolen	Resistant to phishing	Phishing-resistant by design
Requires users to remember credentials	No passwords to remember	Supports passwordless authentication
Often paired with MFA	Uses biometrics or device PIN	Uses security keys, biometrics, or platform authenticators
Vulnerable to credential stuffing	Unique for every website	Cryptographic public-private key authentication
High helpdesk reset costs	Faster sign-ins	Enterprise-grade identity security
SECURITY RATING ★★★★☆	SECURITY RATING ★★★★☆	SECURITY RATING ★★★★★

WHICH SHOULD YOU CHOOSE?



PASSWORD

- Familiar but the weakest option
- High risk of phishing and credential theft



PASSKEY

- Simple, passwordless login
- Great for consumers and employees



FIDO2

- Industry standard powering secure passwordless authentication
- Ideal for organizations adopting Zero Trust and phishing-resistant MFA



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