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Once you use Strongbox, a community favorite KeePass client, it's hard to use anything else. Alex Logan is the VP of Engineering at Applause, the company behind Strongbox. He dives into why KeePass syncing works differently than cloud-based password managers, how Strongbox's sync tries to close that gap, what the Applause acquisition actually changed, the open source nuance that trips people up, and whether a Windows or Android client is ever coming.

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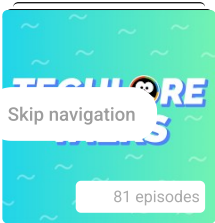


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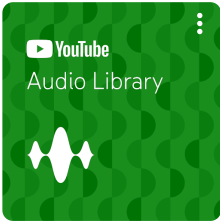
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- @Knarf2049-z7g 2 months ago (edited)

As a first lifetime user of the Strongbox app, I want to thank you for this good interview and being able to see the people behind the app, also giving good insight in the acquisition from Mark and the current and future development of the app.

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- @Scorps151 2 months ago

This conversation was needed - thanks for doing it! Got lifetime before the acquisition and Alex has been very responsive on Reddit and restored the faith that Strongbox is still alive and well

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- @wendys_Note 2 months ago

Thank you Henry for having such a genuine and honest interviewer. It will my first effort towards using a password manager. 🎧👏🏆

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- @Damariobros 2 months ago

48:59 All the reassurance in the world won't quell these fears. The only thing that quells that is **showing** your commitment to keep the app going strong over the long term, and **showing** that the acquiring company will not destroy the app, by simply continuing on and not doing anything to destroy the app. And to your credit, you've done that quite well, and the acquiring company has indeed kept their hands off of it so far. Continue doing it, and that wariness and edge and dread will fade with time.

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@gregf9160 2 months ago (edited)

 interesting video, and years on a lifetime Pro licence, and I *really* like it. I know it's fundamentally KeePass under the hood, which is good, because if I want to use the same database on Linux, in standard KeePass, I can if I export the database...

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@PaulPool89channel 2 months ago (edited)

Let me self-host the KeePass DBs on my homelab, sync across Windows, Linux, and Android, and Apple devices, and mimic handling of syncing and conflicts with rules nativley to replace Syncthing, and we would have ourselves a great self-contained ecosystem that satisfies the private cloud-only crowd

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@DanielRocha-gc3em 2 months ago

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@gp5173 2 months ago

Also, are there any password or vault sharing features in Strongbox like there is in others like Proton Pass, 1Password etc ?

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@AndyKoolMusic 2 months ago

If it free, I donate I don't want free all the time, those apps that require subscription are really ripping people off after paying for subscription it's still pop up all the time asking me to subscribe again 😞 that's corporations scam their customers

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@saturnblue 2 months ago

HEADS UP : Google has blocked phones with CN ROMs from using Google Pay! That is basically any phone imported from China that doesn't have a specifically international ROM installed.

Google left me and my Nubia z60 Ultra in Australia stranded without any money two days ago!

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@gp5173 2 months ago

@techlore So for clarity if a user IS using ADP, IS Strongbox E2EE or not ? This was not clear from the interview and that specific question. Would be good to understand this since Strongbox uses iCloud for storage / syncing. Thanks

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@zyghom 2 months ago

the are few problems with Keepass (and clones):
1- cannot set the cloud sync that would work for both Apple and Android (i.e. Nextcloud or so)
2- more importantly: cannot have 2 or more URLs in the same card. And this is for me a killer, imagine I have local link that is IP address and also proper URL - both are for the same service - cannot have them both in one card - wtf?

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@chrisotto5491 2 months ago

We need more than just the password manager now. We need to be able to share something with agents so that we don't have to keep rotating our keys constantly.. If you want to do something for power users, solve that

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@uxiii9537 2 months ago

Will you include the donation controversy of a mulvad co funder in surveilence report? Its not a direct threat, but something to keep an eye out for when muldav ever does change something

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@rydmerlin 2 months ago

It's only a matter of time before this guy ends up at Apple.

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@chrisotto5491 2 months ago

Proton has API for Proton pass now.. GPG pass this is tried and true and you can link to any repo... Who cares about this? Can your agent use this? Built for power users but not for the year 2026

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