

How to Find a Saved Wi-Fi Password on a Mac

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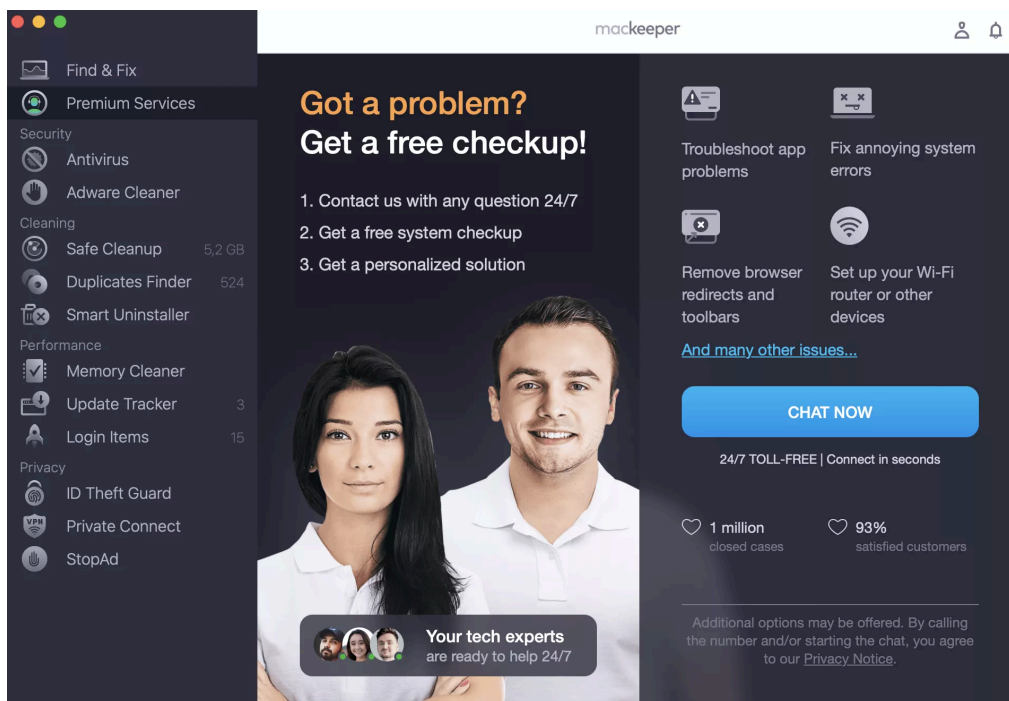
In just a few steps you can retrieve a network password from your Mac. There are two ways to do it. You can either use Keychain Access to recover a forgotten password or, if you feel adventurous, look up your password with Terminal. Both methods are detailed below.

A note from our experts:

When you don't know how to solve any Mac-related issue, ask the experts. MacKeeper's Premium Services provide online expert support 24/7.

Here's how to use MacKeeper's Premium Services:

1. ***Download and launch MacKeeper, select Premium Services.***
2. ***Click Chat Now.***
3. ***Describe your issue to the expert in the text box.***
4. ***Wait for the instructions.***



Step 1. MacKeeper > Premium Services > Chat Now

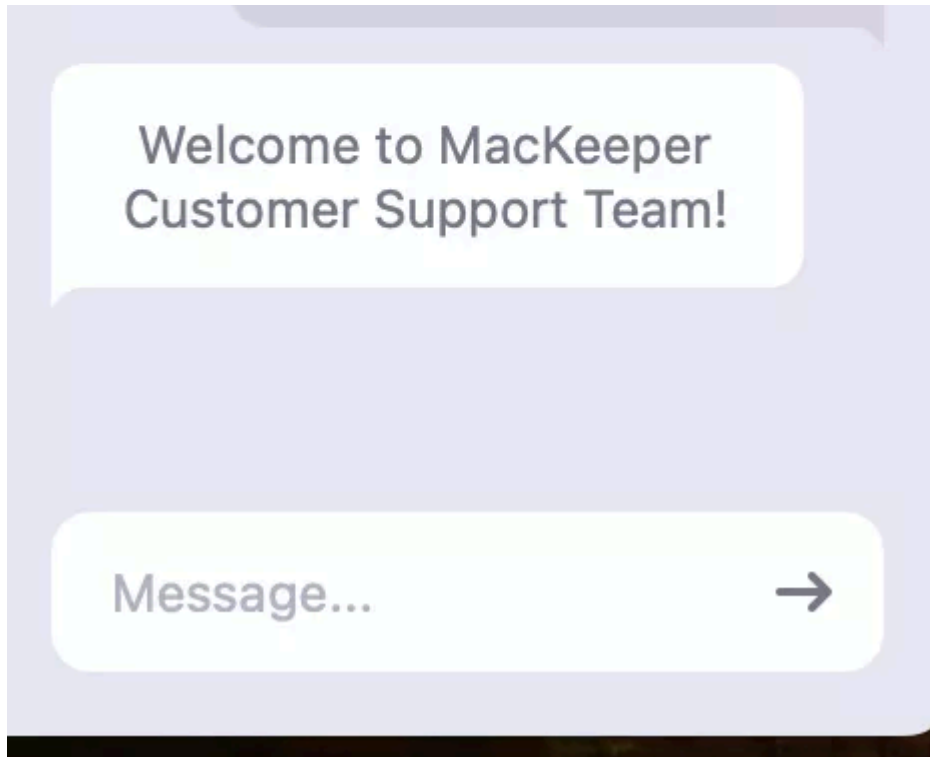


Additional options may be offered

Your tech expert



Hi! Let's start a chat!



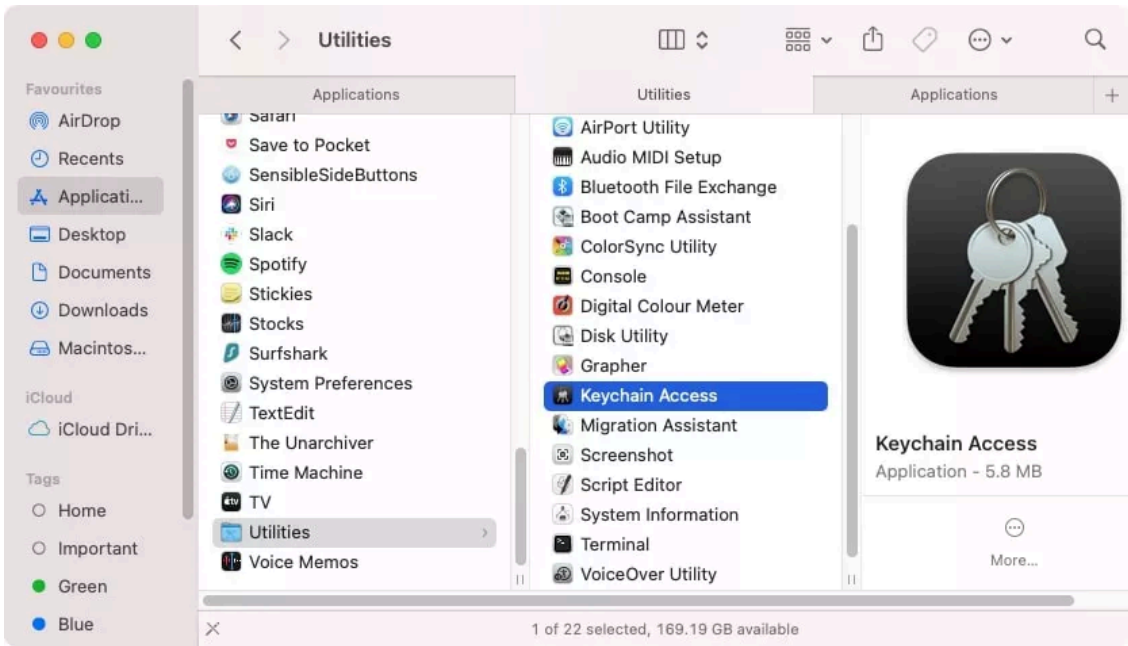
Step 2. Enter your question in the chat box

How to view saved Wi-Fi passwords with Keychain Access

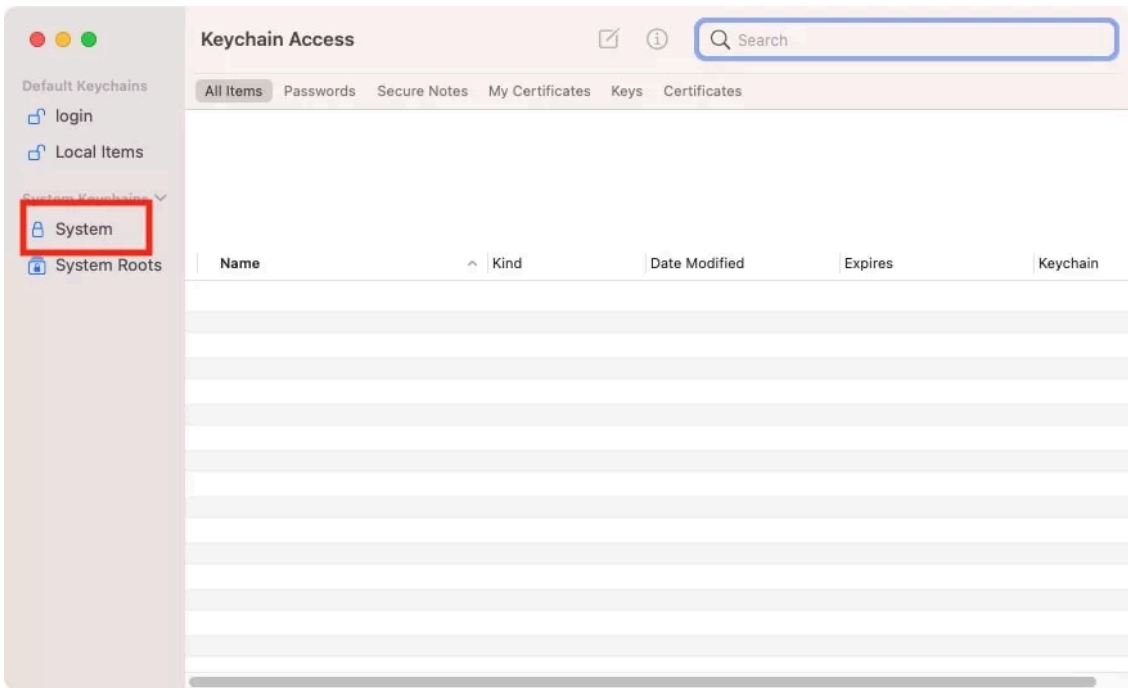
Keychain Access is a handy macOS feature for storing user names, passwords and other login details.

How to see saved Wi-Fi passwords on a Mac using Keychain Access:

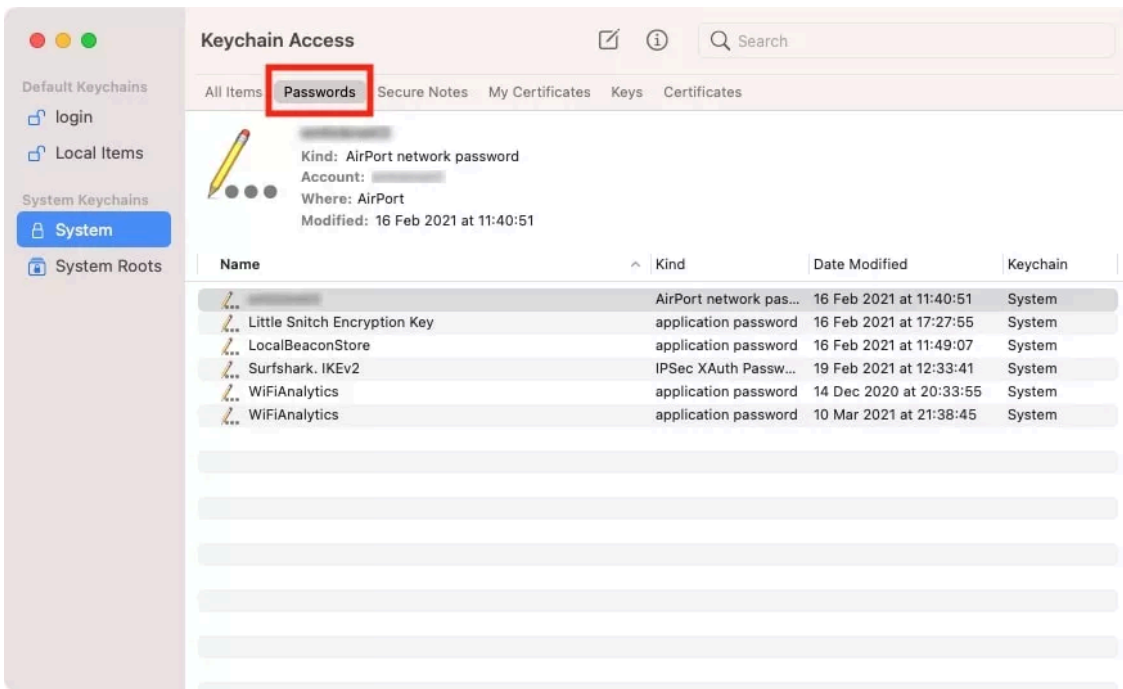
1. Open **Keychain Access** from **Applications > Utilities**.
2. Select **System** in the left panel.
3. Select the **Passwords** tab at the top.
4. Double-click on your network to display additional Wi-Fi information.
5. Tick the **Show password** checkbox and enter your admin password.
6. Copy the Wi-Fi password.



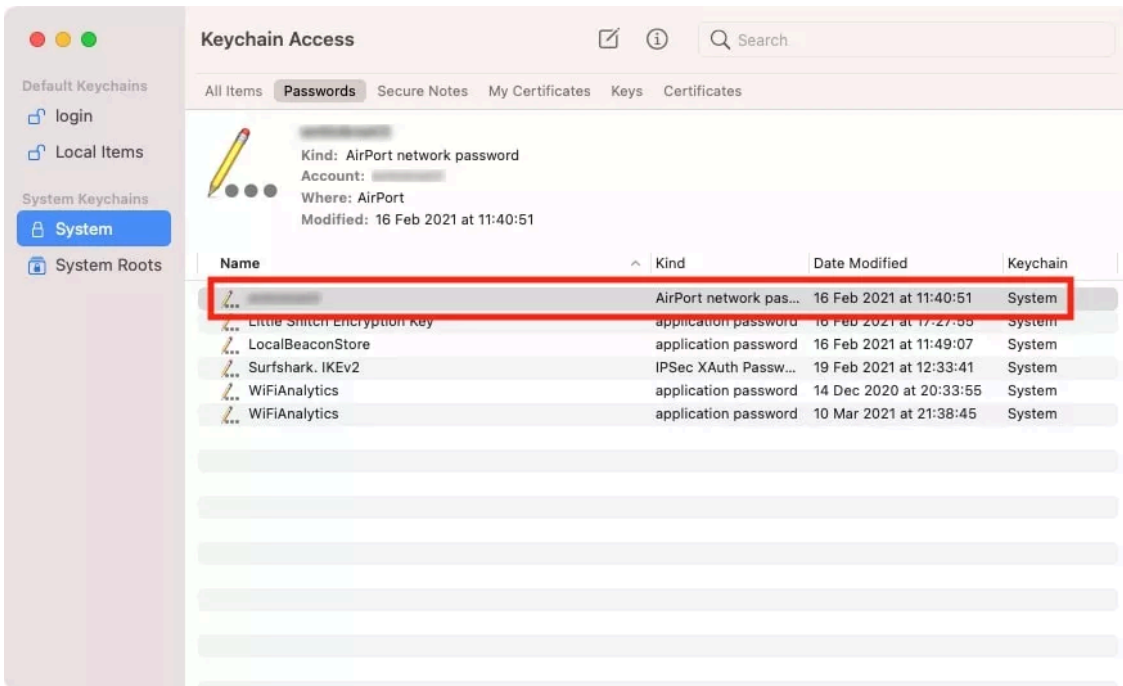
Step 1. Go to Applications > Utilities and Open Keychain Access



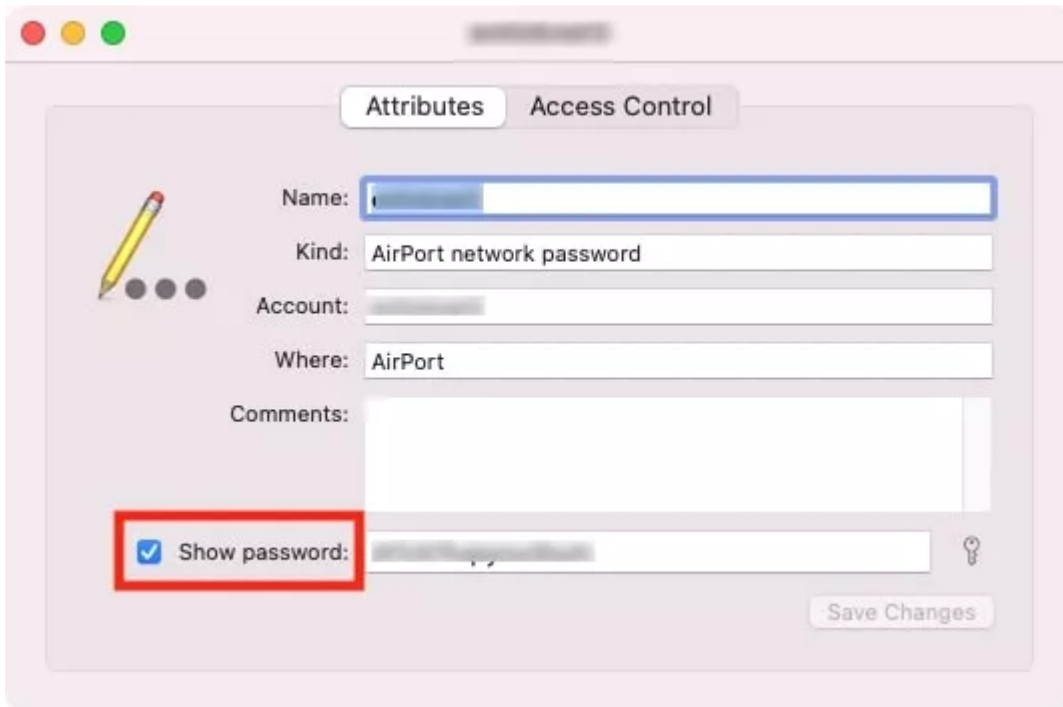
Step 2. Click System



Step 3. Select Passwords



Step 4. Double-click on your network



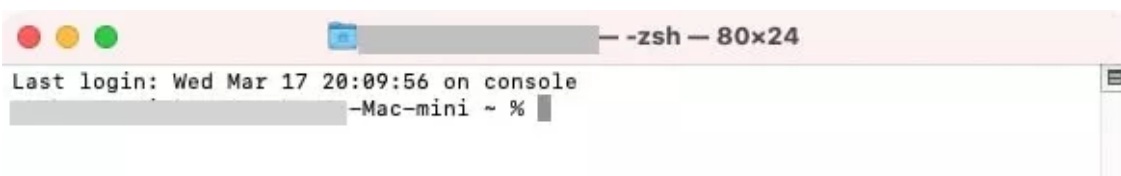
Step 5. Tick the Show password checkbox

How to find Wi-Fi password on a Mac using Terminal

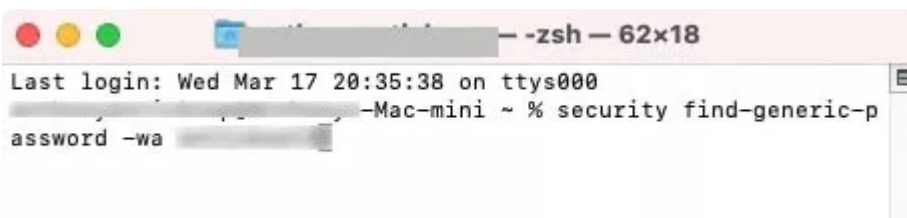
You can also recover your Wi-Fi password [using Terminal](#), the command-line interface built into macOS.

How to view your Wi-Fi password on Mac via Terminal:

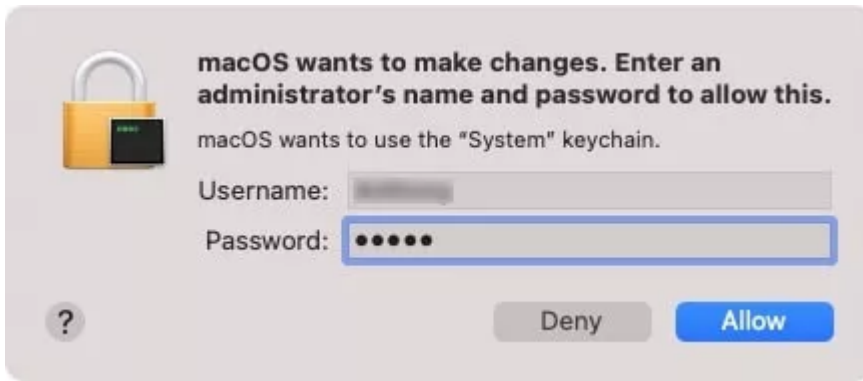
1. Open **Terminal**.
2. Enter this command, changing **wifiname** for the name of your Wi-Fi network: ***security find-generic-password -wa wifiname***.
3. Hit **Enter**, type in your admin credentials and hit **Enter** again.
4. Your Wi-Fi password will be displayed in the Terminal window.



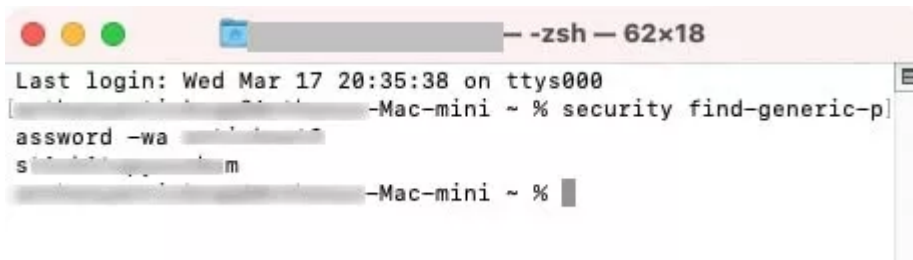
Step 1. Open Terminal



Step 2. Enter the command in Terminal



Step 3. Type in your password



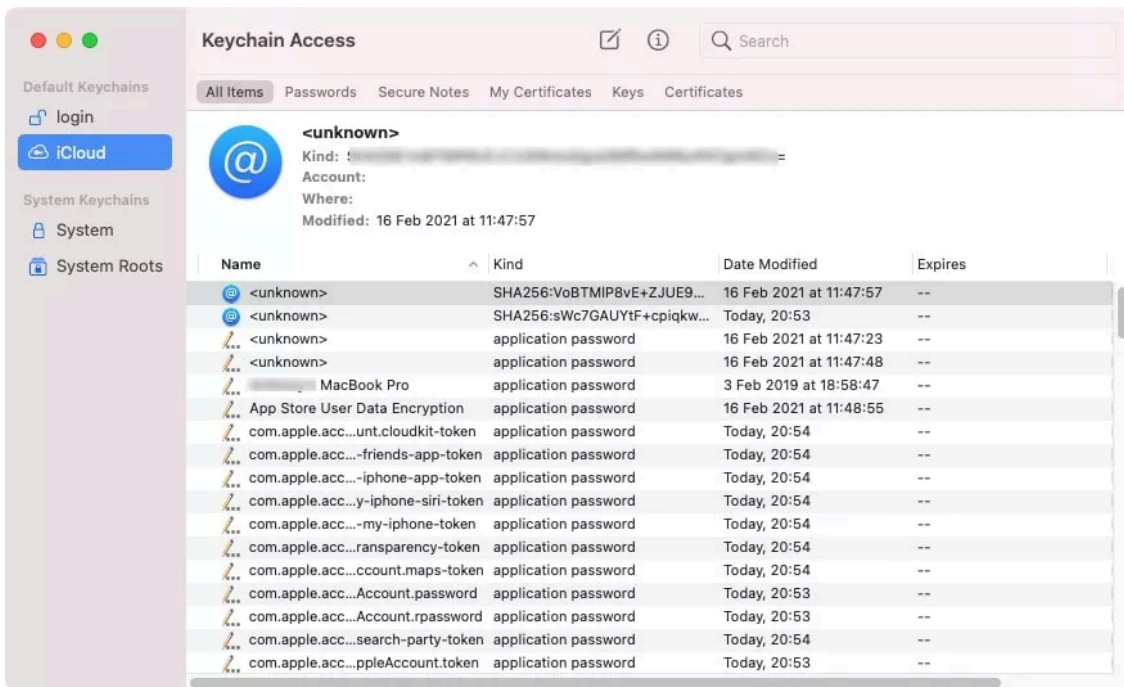
Step 4. Wi-Fi password will be shown in the Terminal

Use iCloud combined with Keychain Access to recover your Wi-Fi password on Mac

If you use iCloud to synchronize your devices, Keychain Access passwords will be saved in the cloud as well. This is useful if you've recently changed the Wi-Fi password on another Apple device.

To get your Wi-Fi password for your Mac:

1. Open Keychain Access.
2. Instead of going to the **System folder**, switch to iCloud.
3. Find the Wi-Fi network and view its password.
4. Copy the password and go back to the **System** section.
5. In the System section, find the network's name again.
6. Open the information window, and tick the checkbox next to **Show Wi-Fi password**.
7. Erase the old password and paste the new password in the field.



If you want to share the password with someone, this feature is enabled starting from macOS High Sierra and iOS 11. The only condition is for the two exchanging devices to trust each other.

Takeaway message

Imagine a friend needs a password to connect her phone to your home network. But your router is at the other end of the house. Before dashing to the dusty router to look up the Wi-Fi password, try these alternative ways of solving the issue — retrieve forgotten Wi-Fi passwords on your Mac with Keychain Access or Terminal. If neither of these methods helps, then you'll just have to get up and check your password on your internet router.

- **Related reading:**
- [How to connect to another Mac's desktop via screen sharing](#)
- [How to Fix Bluetooth Not Available Error on Mac](#)
- [Password types in macOS](#)
- [How to Wipe a MacBook to Factory Settings](#)

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