

BITWARDEN AUTHENTICATOR

# FAQs

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### Q: Is the new Bitwarden Authenticator part of Bitwarden Password Manager?

A: Bitwarden Authenticator is a standalone mobile app that is available for everyone, whether they use Bitwarden Password Manager or not. Bitwarden Password Manager will retain an integrated authenticator available for users with premium or members of paid organizations.

### Q: Can I use the Bitwarden Authenticator to add 2FA to my Bitwarden account?

A: Yes! Since Bitwarden Authenticator allows you to store codes outside of your Bitwarden account, this app can be used to add 2FA to your Bitwarden account.

### Q: How do I set this app as my default verification code app on iOS?

A: iOS users running iOS 16+ can set any application as the default for storing verification codes when scanning codes directly from the camera app, including [Bitwarden Authenticator](#) and Password Manager [integrated authentication](#). To set this up:

1. Open the iOS **Settings** app on your device.
2. Tap **General**.
3. Tap **AutoFill & Passwords**.
4. Tap **Password Options**.
5. Select an app from the **Set Up Codes In** dropdown in the **Verification Codes** section.

### Q: When should I use this standalone app as opposed to the integrated authenticator?

A: Apart from using the standalone app to setup 2FA for your Bitwarden account, you can use either app to store and generate verification codes for all your other accounts. They can be used together, or separately, depending on your security preferences.

### Q: How is my data stored and protected?

A: Your authentication keys (sometimes referred to as "secret keys" or "TOTP seeds") and all associated metadata are stored in a local unencrypted database on your device. This data is not synced to Bitwarden servers. A backup of your data is made by your device's cloud backup system, for example by iCloud Backup or Google One. To protect the data in your app, you can also setup biometric login.

### Q: How do I backup and restore my data?

A: An encrypted backup of your data is made by your device's cloud backup system, for example by iCloud or Google One. To restore your data, restore your device's cloud backup.