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# FCR Tech Tips

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### Too Many Passwords?

Our lives are riddled with passwords. We have passwords for email, web site accounts, online shopping, online auctions, network, bookmarks and more. Trying to remember passwords for everything is almost impossible and writing them down on a piece of paper or keeping them in a text document on your computer is unsafe and is easily viewed by prying eyes (both cyber-based and human).



There is free password manager software available that are the answer to the problem of having to remember passwords. Two good examples are RoboForm and KeePass, both are free and found at [www.SnapFiles.com](http://www.SnapFiles.com).

Both of these password managers use the same basic format. Once the software is installed, you create a single "master" password that gives you access to all of the other passwords that are securely stored on a server. The program can automatically learn from a new login, just click a button to save the current login information - the next time you want to access the site, you can do so with a single click. Your stored logins are securely protected by a master password and AES encryption, so there is no need to remember individual passwords, or to use vulnerable passwords in order to remember them more easily.

### The Black Friday Ritual

The term "Black Friday" (the day after Thanksgiving) originated in Philadelphia in reference to the heavy traffic on that day. More recently, merchants and the media have used it instead to refer to the beginning of the period in which retailers go from being in the red to being in the black (i.e., turning a profit). It is also the unofficial beginning of the Christmas season. For many people is a ritual to get up early to get the best deals on Black Friday.



Because of the current state of our economy, it may not be as necessary as it was in the past to shop on Black Friday just to save a few bucks. It seems like stores are slashing prices just to keep people shopping in general.

Most Black Friday shoppers get their information on the sales and incredible deals from newspapers just before the big event. Now you can be well prepared for the big shopping day and know exactly what you want well before Black Friday occurs. There are many Black Friday-related websites that post store ads weeks before Black Friday occurs. If you Google "black Friday deals 2009", you'll find sites such as [www.black-friday.net](http://www.black-friday.net), [www.theblackfriday.com](http://www.theblackfriday.com), <http://blackfriday.gottadeal.com>, <http://bfads.net>, and many more. These sites post store hours and deals from hundreds of stores! You can even sign up to receive email updates when new ads are released. Now you will be well prepared for the big day and hopefully a step ahead of the competition (your sister, brother, or friends.....).

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