

# Passwords in the Terminal

*What?! Another password manager - Why??*

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# I break my laptop a lot ...

I've broken 4 laptops in the last 3 years.

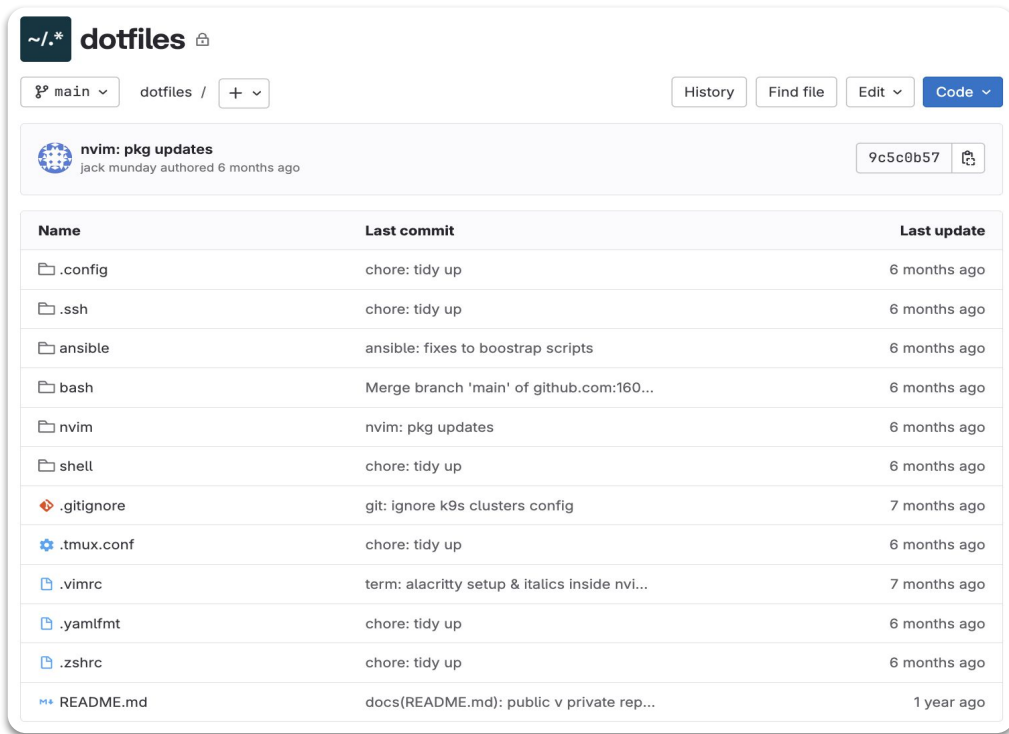
Rice is often no match for a cup of tea under your screen.

Insurance has typically saved me :)

Repeatable paying for a new computer is far less irritating for me than having to actually set one up.



# I have found most of the magic tricks for setting up a fresh laptop



The screenshot shows a GitHub repository named 'dotfiles' with a lock icon. The repository is located at 'main' and contains a list of files and folders. The repository was last updated 6 months ago by 'jack munday'.

Name	Last commit	Last update
.config	chore: tidy up	6 months ago
.ssh	chore: tidy up	6 months ago
ansible	ansible: fixes to bootstrap scripts	6 months ago
bash	Merge branch 'main' of github.com:160...	6 months ago
nvim	nvim: pkg updates	6 months ago
shell	chore: tidy up	6 months ago
.gitignore	git: ignore k9s clusters config	7 months ago
.tmux.conf	chore: tidy up	6 months ago
.vimrc	term: alacrity setup & italics inside nvi...	7 months ago
.yamlfmt	chore: tidy up	6 months ago
.zshrc	chore: tidy up	6 months ago
README.md	docs(README.md): public v private rep...	1 year ago

Every time you run typically find that:

- Something is broken
- Something is missing

If you are really lucky, then both!

Credentials (api & ssh keys) were typically always a pain.

# Pass lets you manage credentials as encrypted files

- \* Each credential is a gpg encrypted file.
- \* `~/.password-store` is committable with the rest of `~/.dotfiles`.

*Modifying a password is an atomic action that is tracked in git.*

- \* Multiline data is supported using `--multiline` or `-m`.

*SSH and API key support* ✓

- \* Passwords can be generated using `/dev/urandom`.
- \* Passwords are easily accessible from scripts.

```
pass -c domain.com/auth
```

```
$ apt-get -qq install -y pass
...

$ pass init "my-gpg-key"
mkdir: created directory '/root/.password-store/'
Password store initialized for my-gpg-key

$ pass git init
Initialized empty Git repository in /root/.password-store/.git/

$ pass insert domain.com/auth
mkdir: created directory '/root/.password-store/domain.com'
Enter password for domain.com/auth:
Retype password for domain.com/auth:
[master 98660eb] Add given password for domain.com/auth to store.
1 file changed, 0 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
create mode 100644 domain.com/auth.gpg

$ pass generate website.com/login --no-symbols -n 20
mkdir: created directory '/root/.password-store/website.com'
[master 16dc913] Add generated password for website.com/login.
1 file changed, 0 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
create mode 100644 website.com/login.gpg
The generated password for website.com/login is:
RPAfZ2PX9SgPXQqr248

$ pass
Password Store
├── domain.com
│   └── auth
├── website.com
│   └── login
```

# For the next accident...

Setting up a new machine then requires:

- \* Importing GPG key from a third-party backup. *This can not be git.*
- \* Cloning .dotfiles, which now includes both config and credentials files.
- \* Running setup scripts / ansible playbooks with pass ansible plugin

*These decode credentials / ssh keys and place in their proper directories.*

```
# Import GPG key onto new machine
$ gpg --import /path/to/secret.gpg

$ rm /path/to/secret.gpg

$ git clone git@gitlab.com:jcmunday/dotfiles.git

$ ~/.dotfiles/bash/bootstrap.sh
```