

# :mod:`getpass` --- Portable password input

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.. module:: getpass
   :synopsis: Portable reading of passwords and retrieval of the userid.
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Unknown directive type "moduleauthor".

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.. moduleauthor:: Piers Lauder <piers@cs.su.oz.au>
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.. sectionauthor:: Fred L. Drake, Jr. <fdrake@acm.org>
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Source code: `:source:`Lib/getpass.py``

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The `:mod:`getpass`` module provides two functions:

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.. function:: getpass(prompt='Password: ', stream=None)
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Prompt the user for a password without echoing. The user is prompted using the string `*prompt*`, which defaults to ```'Password: '```. On Unix, the prompt is written to the file-like object `*stream*` using the replace error handler if needed. `*stream*` defaults to the controlling terminal (`:file:`/dev/tty``) or if that is unavailable to ```sys.stderr``` (this argument is ignored on Windows).

If echo free input is unavailable `getpass()` falls back to printing a warning message to `*stream*` and reading from ```sys.stdin``` and issuing a `:exc:`GetPassWarning``.

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.. note::
   If you call getpass from within IDLE, the input may be done in the
   terminal you launched IDLE from rather than the idle window itself.
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.. exception:: GetPassWarning
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A :exc:`UserWarning` subclass issued when password input may be echoed.
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.. function:: getuser()
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Return the "login name" of the user.
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This function checks the environment variables :envvar:`LOGNAME`,  
:envvar:`USER`, :envvar:`LNAME` and :envvar:`USERNAME`, in order, and  
returns the value of the first one which is set to a non-empty string. If  
none are set, the login name from the password database is returned on  
systems which support the :mod:`pwd` module, otherwise, an exception is  
raised.
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In general, this function should be preferred over :func:`os.getlogin()`.
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