

Notes and Password Manager - Java Project Explanation

1. Purpose of the Project

This is a console-based Java application that helps users:

- Store and view personal notes
- Save and retrieve account passwords
- Protect everything using a master password

2. How It's Built (Logical Components)

a) Master Password System:

- The app starts by asking the user to enter a master password.
- If the password is correct, the user can access the rest of the features.

b) Data Structures:

- `ArrayList<String> notes` → Stores notes
- `HashMap<String, String> passwordStore` → Stores passwords with account names

c) Menu System:

- A loop displays a menu: Add Note, View Notes, Save Password, Retrieve Password, Exit
- User selects an option using numbers

d) User Input & Interaction:

- Scanner class is used for input
- Each option calls a method (like `addNote()`)

3. Execution Flow

Step-by-step process:

1. User starts the program
2. Program asks for the master password

3. If password is correct, it shows a menu

4. User chooses:

- Add Note: Stores the note
- Save Password: Stores account-password pair
- Retrieve Password: Displays the saved password

5. Loop continues until user selects Exit

4. What Happens When the App Closes

- All notes and passwords are stored in memory only
- When the program ends, all data is lost
- Can be improved with file storage or encryption

Optional Features for Future

- Allow user to change the master password
- Save notes and passwords to a file
- Use AES(Advanced Encryption Standard) encryption
- Build a GUI with Swing or JavaFX