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Changing Your Keychain Password

What is the Keychain?
The Keychain is an application which your Mac uses to keep track of all the different passwords you use. This could be for accessing your email (via Apple Mail), a website you login to frequently or for a program like Dreamweaver. When you click on the "Save this password" option, it's stored by the Keychain application.

When a program attempts to use the password (to access your email on the server, for instance) it asks the Keychain for permission to use the stored copy of your password.

Whenever you logout, your Mac locks your keychain. By "locks", I mean that the file where your passwords are stored is encrypted. When you login, it unlocks it for use by those programs that have permission to do so. The password that the Keychain uses to lock and unlock your stored passwords is, by default, the same as the password to login to the computer. When you change your main (or email) password you are using Skidmore's authentication system. That system doesn't have access to your Mac to change your Keychain password. Thus, once you've changed your main password, you also have to change your Keychain password.

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1. Go to the **Applications** folder. Find the **Utilities** folder and open it.

Utilities

2. Find the **Keychain Access** application (it should have the ".app" extension showing, but might not) and run it.

Keychain Access.app

3. Go to the **Edit** menu.

4. Choose "**Change Password for Keychain "login"...**"

5. You'll have to give Keychain Access your old password where it asks for "Current", and then the new one where it asks for "New". For the "new" one, you should use the same password you had to use to login to the computer.

6. Click on **OK**, and you're done.