

DataWise Company File Security

Optional password protection and encryption for your synced MYOB data

How it works

You set a password on a company file in the DataWise Connector — each company can have its own, and companies without one carry on exactly as before.

That password becomes the encryption key for the company's database, using SQLCipher — the same industry-standard AES-256 encryption used by banking and healthcare apps. The whole file is encrypted on disk, not just hidden behind a login.

Opening that company in any DataWise screen then asks for the password once. You can choose to remember it on your own PC — the saved key is protected by Windows and never travels with the data folder.

Without the password, the file is unreadable — by our software or anyone else's, on any computer it is copied to.

DataWise never sees or stores your password. It is yours alone.

What it gives you

- **Company-by-company control.** Lock the directors' company; leave day-to-day companies open. Each file has its own password.
- **Protection inside the office.** A user without the password cannot open that company from the screens — even though the file sits on a shared folder.
- **Protection if the data leaves.** A copied folder, an old PC, a lost backup — the locked file is meaningless without the password.
- **AI access follows the user.** Ask-your-data can only see the companies whose passwords that Windows user holds — never more.
- **A forgotten password is not a disaster.** Your database is a copy. Reset the password and the Connector rebuilds the company from MYOB — you lose time, never data.

Limitations to be aware of

- **Excel and Power BI need an extra step for locked companies.** Their standard connections cannot open an encrypted file. With the password and an inexpensive SQLCipher-aware driver or add-in they still can — including Excel VBA (ADODB) workbooks, which we can build for you ready-made. Companies you leave unlocked keep working with everything, exactly as now.
- **We cannot recover a lost password.** Nobody can — that is what makes it secure. Recovery is always by re-syncing from MYOB.
- **Support is limited on locked files.** We cannot examine a locked database to diagnose a problem unless you share the password with us.
- **A small speed cost.** Encrypted companies read slightly slower and take longer on a full re-sync. Day-to-day screens are not noticeably affected.
- **It protects the file, not an open screen.** A walked-away, unlocked PC with the company open is still open — normal Windows security practice applies.