

Truecrypt “The Joys Thereof.”

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“Truecrypt.”

- Wh • What ?
- Why Why ?
- How How ?

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“What ?”

“TrueCrypt is a software system for establishing and maintaining an on-the-fly-encrypted volume (data storage device).”

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“Truecrypt.”

- Creates a virtual encrypted disk within a file and mounts it as a real disk.
- Encrypts an entire partition or storage device such as USB flash drive or hard drive.
- Encrypts a partition or drive where Windows is installed (pre-boot authentication).

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Why ?

- Protection of IP
- Paranoia (USA Act)
- Protection of personal information

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“The final straw.”

- **Plausible Deniability**

- 1) Hidden volume (steganography) and hidden operating system.
- 2) No TrueCrypt volume can be identified
(volumes cannot be distinguished from random data).

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How ?

- * Encryption is automatic, real-time (on-the-fly) and transparent.
- * No data stored on an encrypted volume can be read (decrypted) without using the correct password/keyfile(s) or correct encryption keys.
- * Encryption algorithms: AES-256, Serpent, and Twofish. Mode of operation: XTS

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Encryption Algorithms

- AES-256
- Serpent
- Twofish

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Hashing Algorithms

- Ripemd-160
- sha-512
- whirlpool

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Shortfalls.

Doesn't support multi-boot configurations where a bootloader is installed in the MBR (grub / lilo)

When encrypting an entire drive you can't create any logical partitions

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Real World Application.

- Full disc encryption for mobile users (laptop / r-drive)
- Full disc encryption for remote servers in hostile environments
- Safe storage of data off site (backups / configuration files)

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