# **ESET Endpoint Encryption Quick- Start Guide**

User guide

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## Introduction

ESET Endpoint Encryption is a comprehensive security application designed to protect your data at rest and in transit.

All editions of ESET Endpoint Encryption encrypt files, folders and emails. They also create encrypted virtual disks, compress archives and include a desktop shredder for secure file deletion. A patented encryption key sharing system means seamless sharing of encrypted files, email and media. There are also fewer passwords to remember and an exceptionally intuitive user experience.

An administrator remotely manages user installation using the ESET Endpoint Encryption Server. ESET Endpoint Encryption Server communicates changes made by an administrator so that systems used or kept off-site are always up to date.

A managed installation has a small number of user-accessible settings but benefits from a wide range of software and enforced security policy settings, controlled from the ESET Endpoint Encryption Server.



Managed users are not required to back up recovery passwords or encryption keys.

# **Changelog**

# **Supported operating systems**

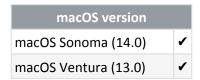
You can install ESET Endpoint Encryption Client on the following operating systems:

| Windows version | X86 | X64 |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Windows 11      | N/A | 1   |
| Windows 10      | ✓   | 1   |

| Windows Server version | X86 | X64 |
|------------------------|-----|-----|
| Windows Server 2022    | 1   | 1   |
| Windows Server 2019    | ✓   | ✓   |
| Windows Server 2016    | ✓   | 1   |
| Windows Server 2012 R2 | ✓   | ✓   |
| Windows Server 2012    | 1   | 1   |



ESET Endpoint Encryption Client version 5.1 is the last to support Windows 7 and Windows 8.1. <u>More information</u>.



| macOS version             |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| macOS Monterey (12.0)     | 1 |
| macOS Big Sur (11.0)      | 1 |
| macOS Catalina (10.15)    | 1 |
| macOS Mojave (10.14)      | 1 |
| macOS High Sierra (10.13) | 1 |

#### Compatibility:

- ESET Endpoint Encryption supports Apple M1 Mac natively. You
- ESET Endpoint Encryption does not support ARM processors on Windows.
- Dual-boot or software RAID systems do not support full disk encryption.
- Full disk encryption is not compatible with Apple Mac systems using Apple Boot Camp.
- Microsoft Storage Spaces and Dynamic Disks are not supported.
- Use Windows Insider Previews for testing, as data may be at risk.
- You can use ESET Endpoint Encryption in a virtual machine environment on a PC or Mac. The successfully tested hypervisors include VMWare Workstation, Parallels Desktop for Mac and VMWare Fusion for Mac OS X.
- Windows Server Core environments are not supported.
- 1 You cannot install ESET Endpoint Encryption at the same time as ESET Full Disk Encryption.

#### Hardware:

- Full Disk Encryption of system disks supports only 512-byte size sectors.
- Removable media encryption supports 512-byte and 4k-size sectors for file mode encryption but only 512-byte for full disk encryption.

## File size limitations

The following table details the maximum file sizes of the various encryption features of the ESET Endpoint Encryption.

| Feature  | Maximum size  |
|--|---|
| Full Disk Encryption   | No ESET Endpoint Encryption limit; operating system, and hardware limits still apply. |
| Removable Media Encryption   | No ESET Endpoint Encryption limit; operating system, and hardware limits still apply. |
| ESET Endpoint Encryption Go  | Maximum size of 4GB per file by Microsoft WebDAV services.                            |
| File Encryption (.dlp files - file encryption, email attachments, ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader) | Maximum size of 3.99 GB.  |

| Feature                         | Maximum size  |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Text and Clipboard Encryption   | Maximum size of 3.99 GB, additional limits by text container.                         |
| Archives (.dpk files)           | Maximum size of 4 GB, the maximum size of individual files within archive is 2 GB.    |
| Virtual Disks (.mnt, .dlpvdisk) | Maximum size of 2 TB on NTFS/exFAT drives, 4GB on FAT32.                              |
| Folder Encryption               | No ESET Endpoint Encryption limit; operating system, and hardware limits still apply. |

# **Install ESET Endpoint Encryption Client**

Typically, your administrator has already installed ESET Endpoint Encryption Client for you. If not, they will provide you with an install package generated from your organization and give you sufficient privileges to install the software.



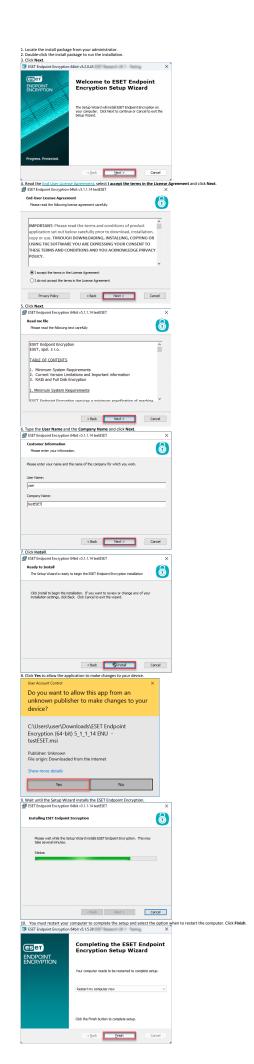
- You need administrative rights on your computer to complete installation.
- Restart the system after you complete installation.



**Installation on macOS** 



Installation on Windows



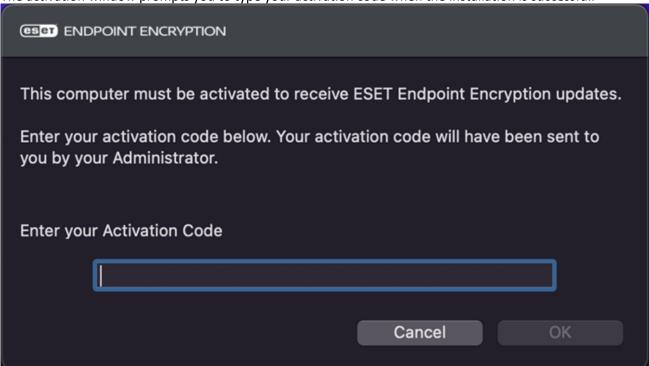
## **Activate ESET Endpoint Encryption Client**

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You need an activation code from the administrator to activate ESET Endpoint Encryption Client.

#### **Activation on macOS**

The activation window prompts you to type your activation code when the installation is successful.



Type or copy the activation code you received from the administrator and click **OK**.

#### Activation on Windows

After you restart the computer, the activation window prompts you to type your activation code.



Type or copy the activation code you received from the administrator and click **OK**.

## **Activate ESET Endpoint Encryption via email**

In the email you received from your administrator:

Click Activate ESET Endpoint Encryption.

# **Product Activation**



## ESET Endpoint Encryption Pro

Your Systems Administrator has sent this activation for your PC.

**Activate ESET Endpoint Encryption** 

Click on the button to activate ESET Endpoint Encryption on your systems.



#### Problems activating?

If your Email client has blocked the activation button, open the attached activation file.

Alternatively you can you can enter the activation code into the ESET Endpoint Encryption activation window:

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Don't have ESET Endpoint Encryption installed?

Please ask your Administrator for a copy of ESET Endpoint Encryption.

i Alternatively, type the activation code into the activation window.

# **Initiate Full Disk Encryption**

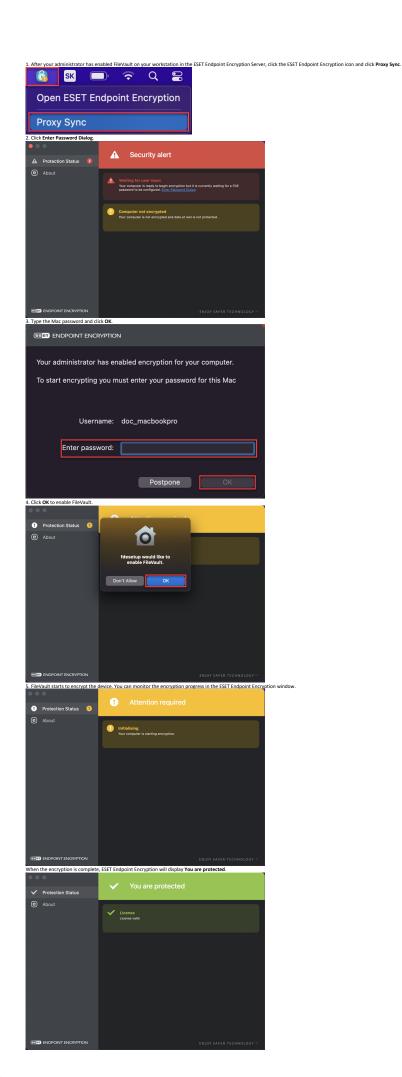
ESET Endpoint Encryption Full Disk Encryption enables encrypting an entire disk, disks, or selected partitions using 256-bit AES encryption. Pre-Boot authentication is required to gain access to the machine.



Managed users (you) are under administrative control. By default, the ESET Endpoint Encryption Server administrator sets Full Disk Encryption to run in a managed administrative mode. The administrator can specify settings for individual machines, including default passwords, and securely delegate the encryption process to the users if required.

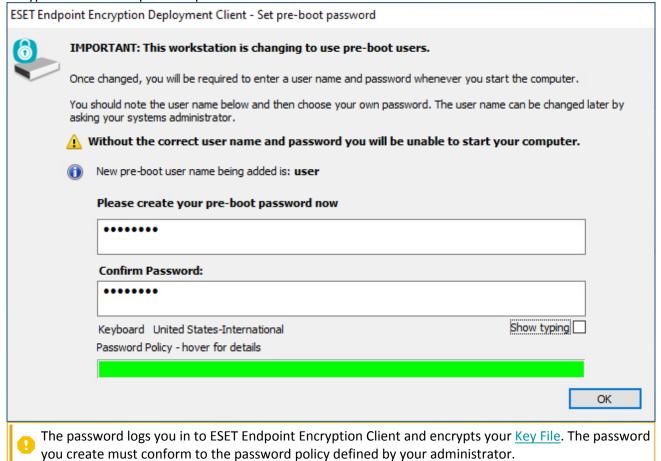
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**Initiation on macOS** 



## Initiation on Windows

1. Type and confirm a pre-boot password.



2. Click OK.

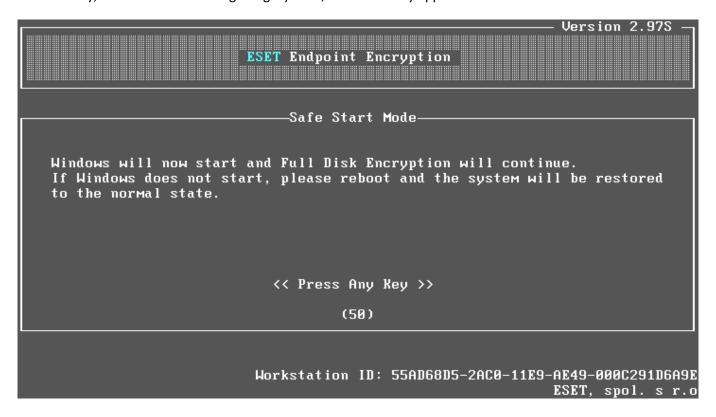
A message appears above the ESET Endpoint Encryption icon to confirm that the software is now licensed and all software features and encryption security policies are fully configured.

### **Safe Start**

Safe Start is a pre-encryption test to ensure your machine successfully starts when encrypted. ESET Endpoint Encryption will install the Full Disk Encryption MBR bootloader and use it to start Windows before any disk encryption occurs. Under normal circumstances, Safe Start initiates, and your PC will restart, displaying the following screen:

|                 | eset Endpoint encryption  |  |
|-----------------|---|--|
|                 |   |  |
| Safe Start Mode |   |  |
|                 | rt and Full Disk Encryption will continue. If Windows does not start, please in will be restored to normal. |  |
|                 |   |  |
|                 | Press any key   |  |
|                 | The system will automatically start in 58 seconds   |  |
|                 | ОК  |  |
|                 |   |  |
|                 |   |  |
|                 |   |  |
|                 |   |  |
|                 |   |  |
| ₽ BIOS          |   |  |

Alternatively, on a workstation using a Legacy BIOS, Safe Start may appear as below:



Safe Start ensures the machine is fully supported and enables encryption with ESET Endpoint Encryption Full Disk Encryption. A machine may be incompatible with Full Disk Encryption utilities for several reasons, including

different disk controller types, such as RAID, or any third-party drivers that may be installed.

If the machine is incompatible and fails to start, Safe Start will attempt to repair the problem and log back in to Windows automatically. If Safe Start cannot automatically repair the problem, system repair can restore the machine because it is not encrypted.

The actual encryption operation will only proceed if Safe Start detects no issues. Safe Start guarantees the safety of your machine and any data on it because Full Disk Encryption only occurs when Safe Start has determined that your machine can start safely with the ESET Endpoint Encryption bootloader.

# Single Sign-on



The following feature is only available in Windows.

Single Sign-on (SSO) enables the Full Disk Encryption pre-start login to log the user directly in to their Windows profile.

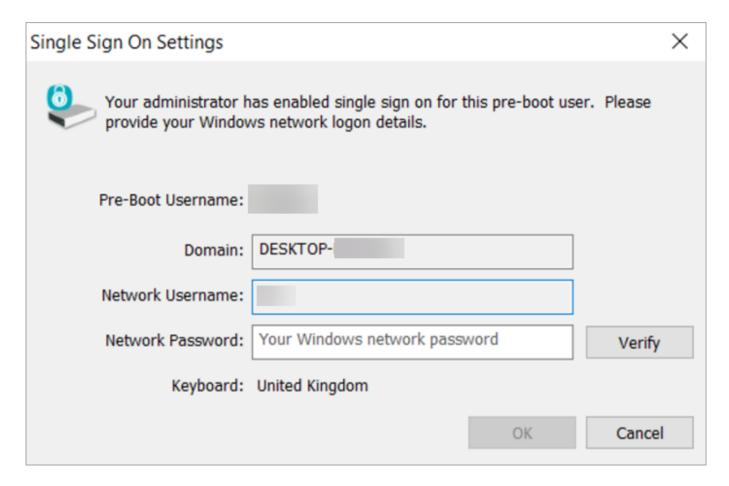


The encryption password automatically re-synchronizes with the Windows password when the Windows password is changed.

The workstation must be joined to a Windows domain to use SSO. However, the actual account used can either be a domain account or a local machine account.

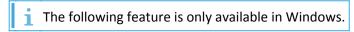
You receive the request to enable SSO:

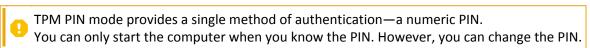
- 1. A notification displays to confirm the user's Windows login password.
- 2. Type the Windows password and click Verify.



3. When the verification is successful, click **OK** to configure the login to use SSO.

## **TPM PIN**



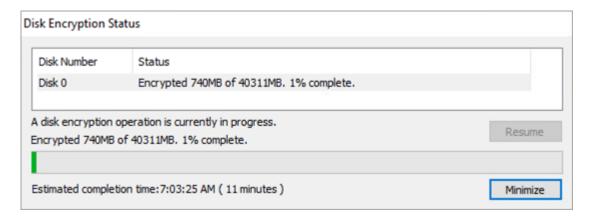


After Safe Start, create your pre-boot PIN:

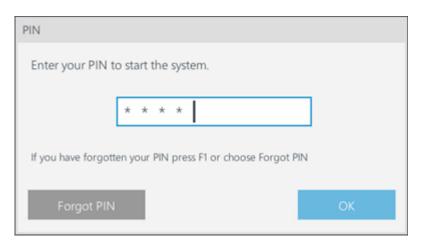
1. Type and confirm the pre-boot PIN, and click **OK**.



2. The disk encryption process starts.



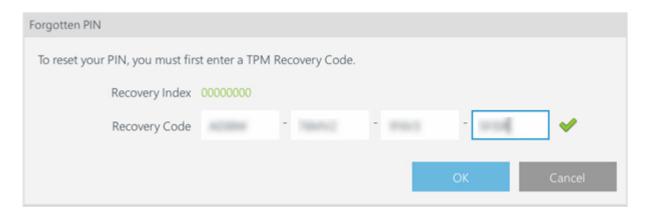
3. After restarting, type the PIN code and press **Enter** to confirm the **OK** button.



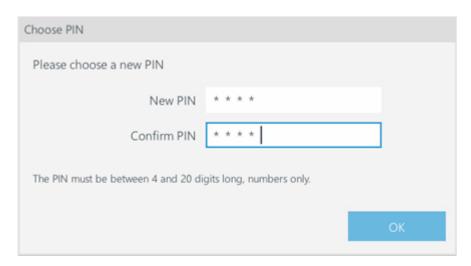
## **PIN Reset**

You must reset the PIN if you forget or incorrectly type Full Disk Encryption PIN too many times.

- 1. Press the **F1** key on the keyboard at the pre-boot login to access the recovery section.
- 2. Type the **Recovery Code** you received from your administrator.



3. Type and confirm the New PIN and click OK.

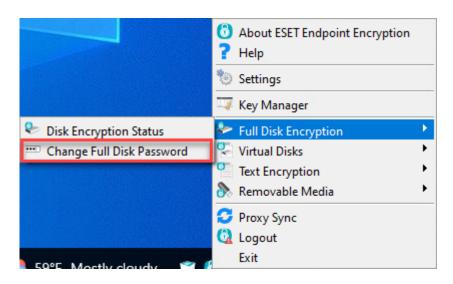


4. Click **OK**. The workstation will restart and you can use your new PIN code.



# **Change encryption password**

- 1 The following feature is only available in Windows.
  - 1. Right-click the icon ESET Endpoint Encryption, select **Full Disk Encryption** and click **Change Full Disk Password**.

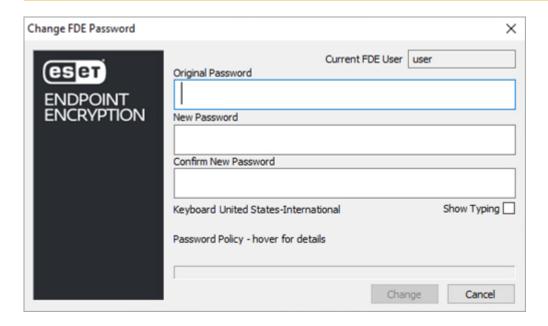


2. Type your original password, new password and retype your new password to confirm it.

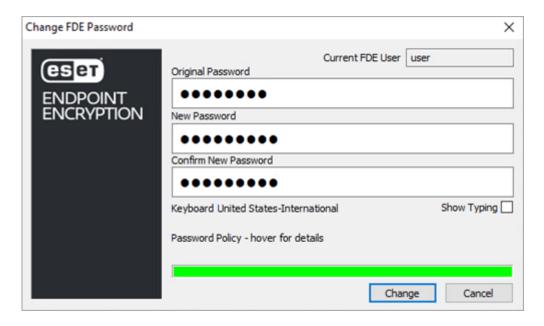
Password policy

As you type, the progress bar turns from red to green, indicating the progress toward meeting the password requirements. The password meets the password policy when the progress bar is completed and green.

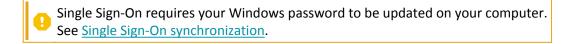
When you hover the mouse pointer over the Password Policy bar, a tooltip dialog shows the details of the policy requirements and which of those requirements have been reached by the current entry (it displays **OK** below the requirements that have been met).



3. Click Change.

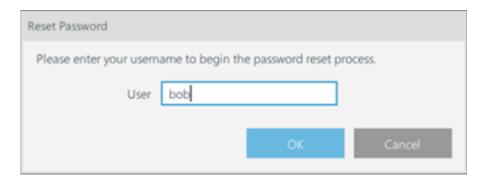


4. Restart your computer and type your new password.

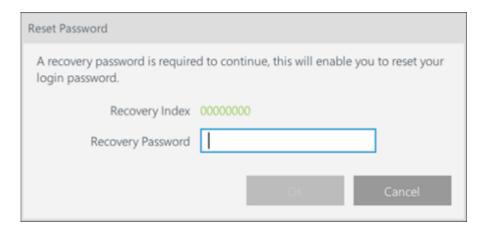


# **Recover encryption password**

- 1 The following feature is only available in Windows.
  - 1. Select Reset Password (Lost details on Legacy systems) from the menu.
  - 2. Type the Full Disk Encryption username and click **OK**.



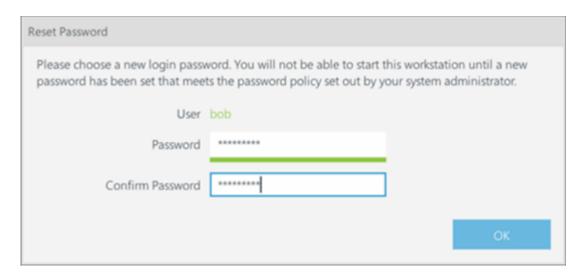
- 3. Provide the **Recovery Index** number displayed on the screen to your administrator.
- 4. You will receive a **Recovery Password** from your administrator. Type the **Recovery Password** and click **OK**.



5. If you are not configured for Single Sign-On, type the new FDE password for future use.

Password policy

The password policy affects the quality of generated recovery login passwords used when you forget your FDE password. You can see the password quality bar at the bottom of the **Password** field.

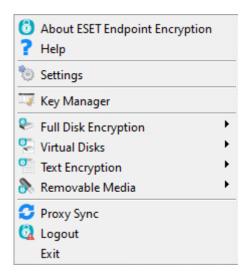


You do not have to change the password if you are configured for <u>Single Sign-On</u>. At the Windows login screen, type your domain password. When you log in successfully, ESET Endpoint Encryption automatically synchronizes with FDE and Windows passwords.

# **Encryption features**

In managed installations, the list of available features in the context menu is controlled by the user's Group Policy as set by the ESET Endpoint Encryption Server Administrator.

Right-click the icon in the Windows notification area to access the notification menu. Depending on the installed version, a variation of the following menu appears:



# **Removable Media Encryption**

The following feature is only available in Windows.

You can fully encrypt removable media (USB, HDD, USB memory sticks) or encrypt files on removable media.

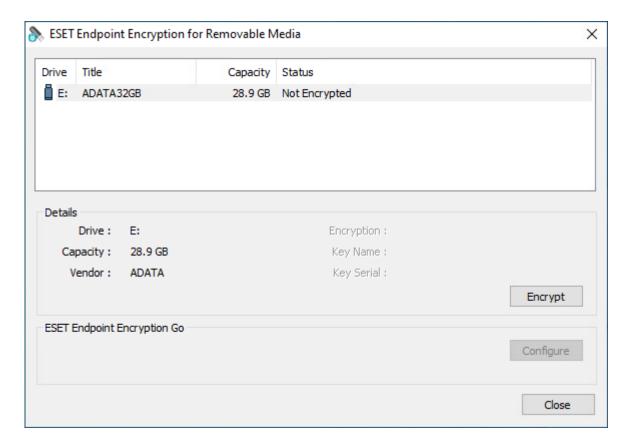
Removable media can only be read or written if the workstation (managed in ESET Endpoint Encryption Server) Removable Media machine policy is set to Open.

## **Removable Media Encryption**

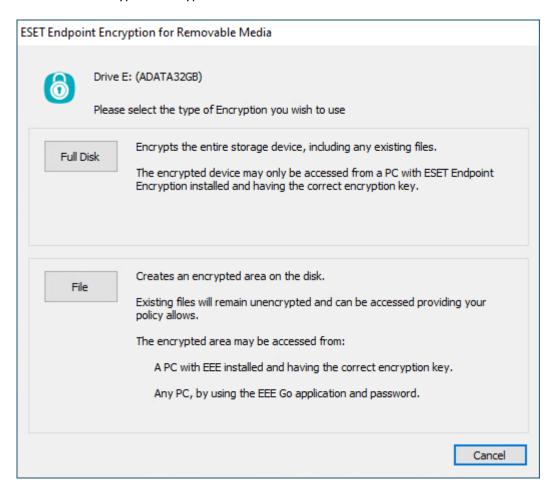
1. In the Windows notification area, right-click the icon ESET Endpoint Encryption icon, select Removable Media and click Removable Media Encryption.



2. Select the device to encrypt and click Encrypt.



3. Select the type of encryption: Full Disk or File.



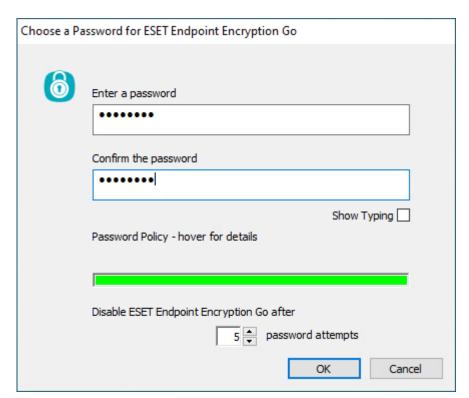
4. Select an encryption key and click **OK**.

If only one encryption key exists, it is selected by default.

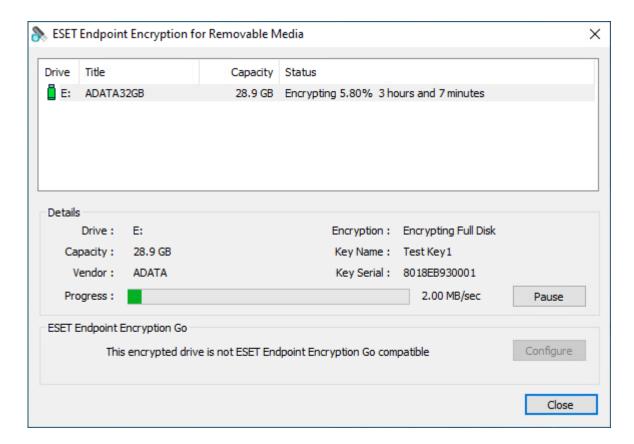
- 5. Based on your encryption type selection:
- If you selected **File**, click **Yes** to enable the **ESET Endpoint Encryption Go** feature.



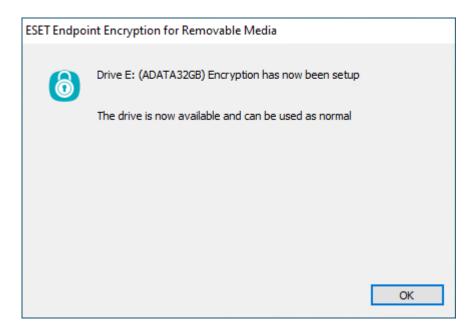
>If you selected to enable ESET Endpoint Encryption Go, type and confirm a password and click OK.



• If you selected **Full Disk**, click **Yes**. The window displays the encryption progress.

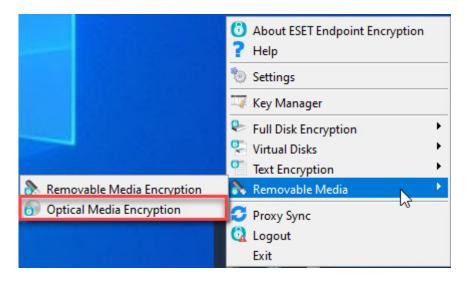


6. When the operation is complete, click **OK**.



## **Optical Media Encryption**

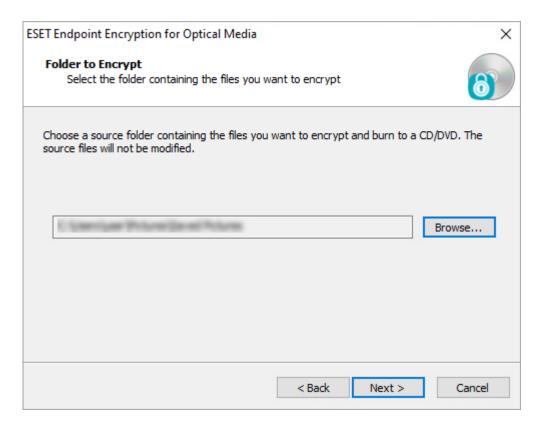
1. Right-click the ESET Endpoint Encryption icon, select Removable Media and click Optical Media Encryption.



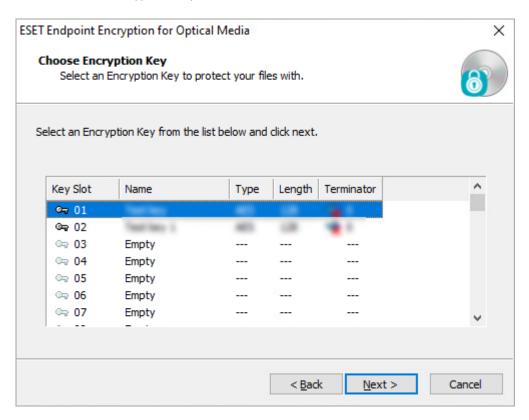
#### 2. Click Next.



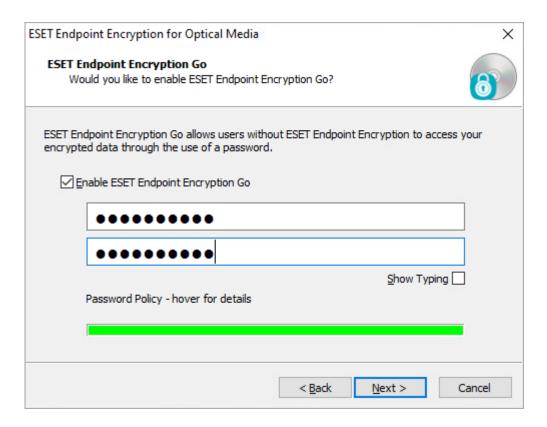
3. Click **Browse** to select the folder containing the files you want to encrypt and click **Next**.



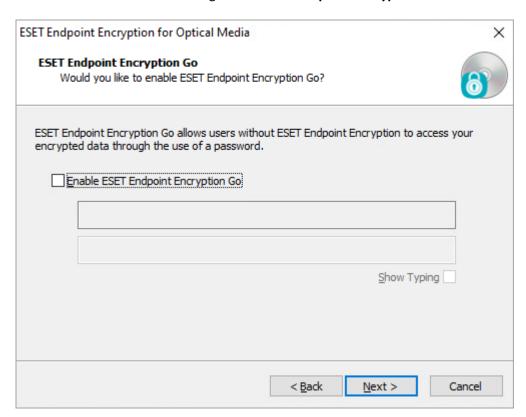
4. Select an encryption key from the list and click **Next**.



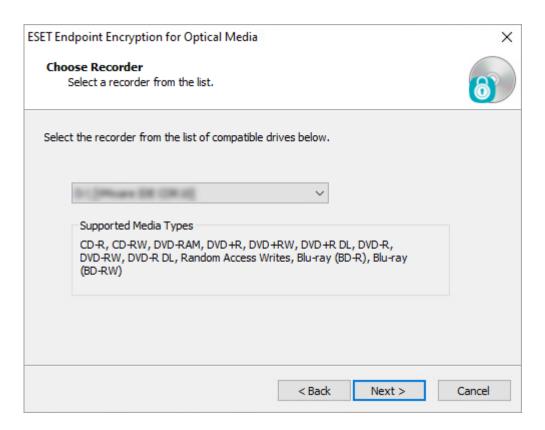
5. If you want to enable **ESET Endpoint Encryption Go**, select **Enable ESET Endpoint Encryption Go** and create a password. Click **Next**.



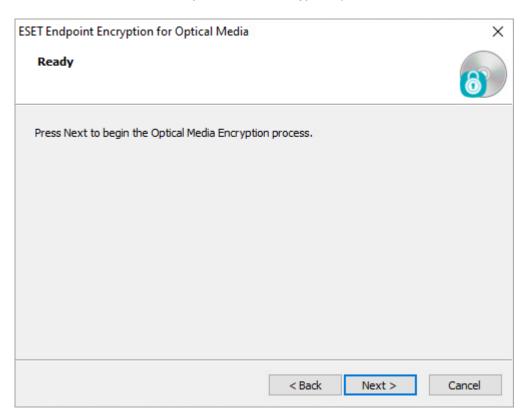
6. Click **Next** without selecting **Enable ESET Endpoint Encryption Go**.



7. Select the recorder of compatible drives from the list and click **Next**.



8. Click **Next** to start the **Optical Media Encryption** process.



9. If necessary, insert a CD into the drive. The **Burning Disc** process begins.

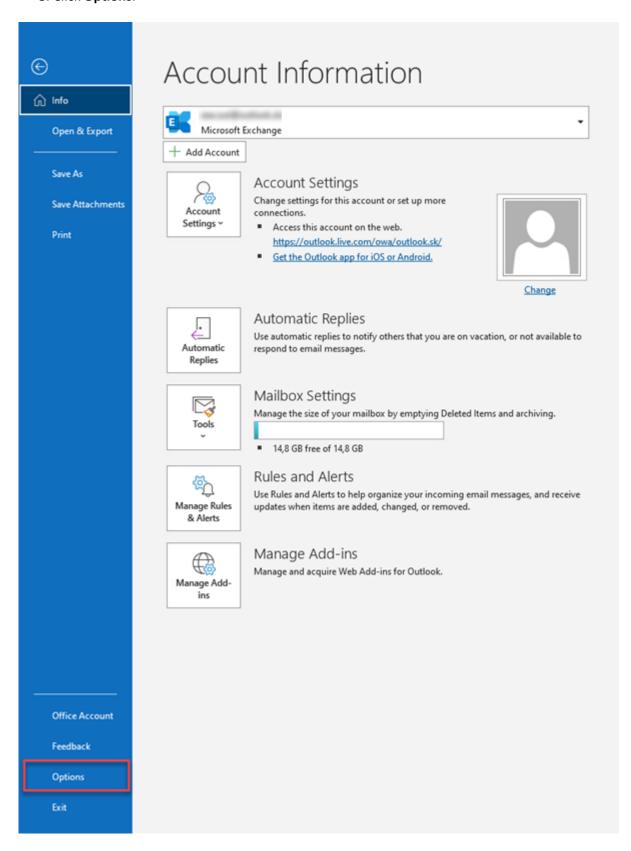
# **Email Encryption**

 $oldsymbol{1}$  The following feature is only available in Windows.

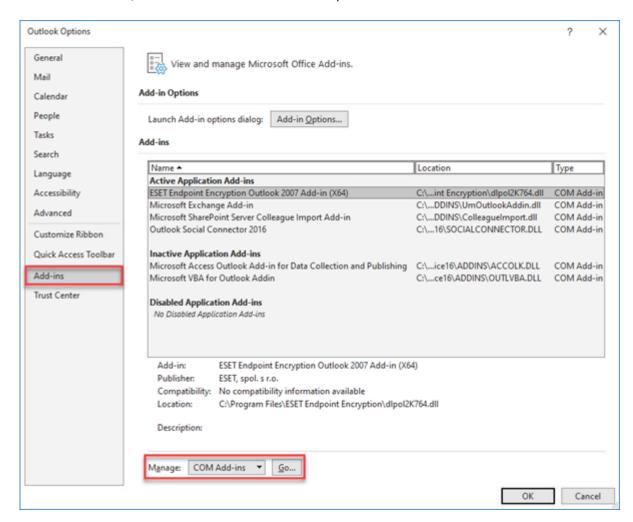
Within Microsoft Outlook, the ESET Endpoint Encryption tab allows users to send encrypted emails.

Verify that the ESET Endpoint Encryption Outlook is enabled:

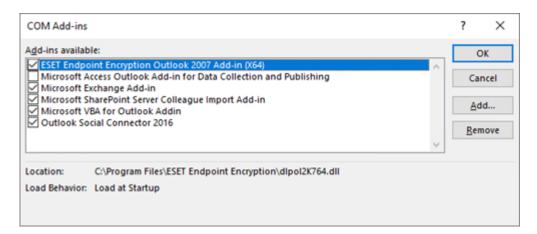
- 1. Open the Microsoft Outlook.
- 2. Click File.
- 3. Click Options.



4. Click Add-ins, select COM Add-ins from the drop-down menu and click Go.

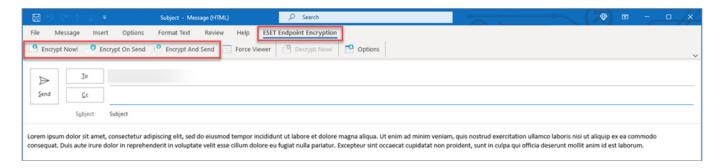


5. Select **ESET Endpoint Encryption Outlook Add-in** to enable the add-in and click **OK**. Optionally, click **Add** to view the available add-in options.

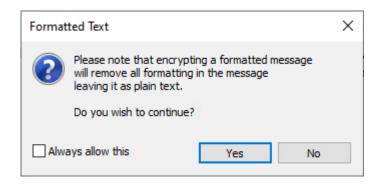


Emails can be completely encrypted or have either an encrypted body and plain text attachment or vice versa. Emails can be encrypted using an encryption key or password.

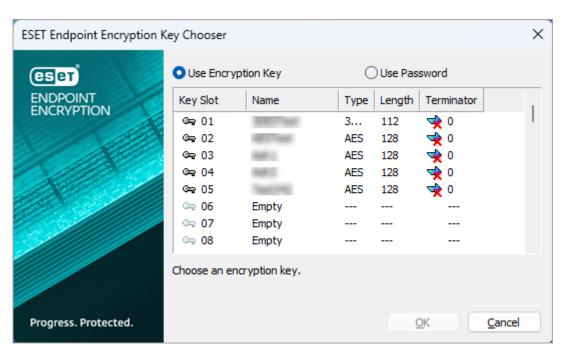
- 1. Open Microsoft Outlook and click New Email.
- 2. Type your email and click the **ESET Endpoint Encryption** tab. Select one of the three encryption options:



- Click **Encrypt Now!** to encrypt the email as is. For example, after you add an attachment, it will encrypt the attachment but any text typed afterward remains unencrypted.
- Click Encrypt On Send to enable sending the message as encrypted after you click Send.
- Click Encrypt And Send to combine the functionality of Encrypt Now and Encrypt on Send.
- 3. Click Yes.



- 4. Select either Use Encryption Key or Use Password in the ESET Endpoint Encryption Key Chooser window.
  - Select the **Use Encryption Key** option for email recipients with ESET Endpoint Encryption installed on their machine.

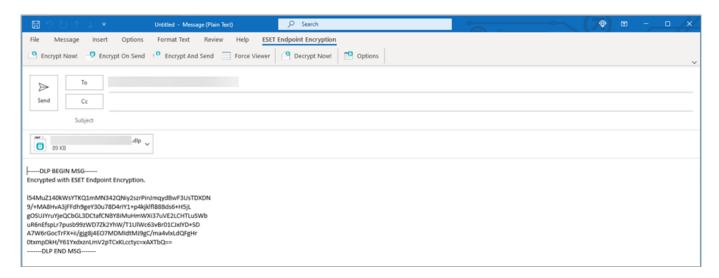


• Select the **Use Password** option for email recipients without ESET Endpoint Encryption installed on their machine. Type and confirm the password and click **OK**. We recommend sharing the password with the

recipient using an alternative communication method (other than email).



#### 5. Click Send.



The recipient can <u>decrypt</u> the email if they are within the same organization as the sender and share the an encryption key. You can set up Microsoft Outlook to automatically decrypt all received emails provided the recipient has access to the encryption key.

If the recipient of the encrypted email is not an ESET Endpoint Encryption customer, they can decrypt the email with the free ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader.

To automatically decrypt email:

- 1. Click **ESET Endpoint Encryption** tab and select **Options**.
- 2. In the **Decrypting** section, select the checkbox next to **Automatically decrypt message text** and select preferred decryption option.
- 3. Click **Apply** and then **OK** to save changes.

# **ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader**

The ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader utility is available for Windows and macOS and enables decryption of files or text encrypted using a password.

**ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader for Windows** 

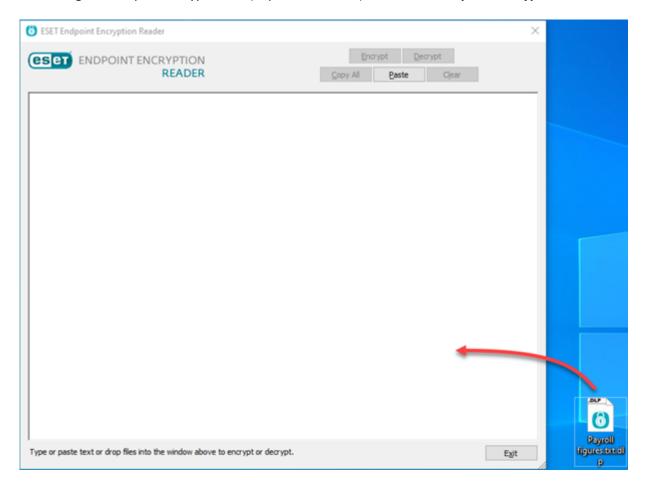
**ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader for macOS** 

# **ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader for Windows**

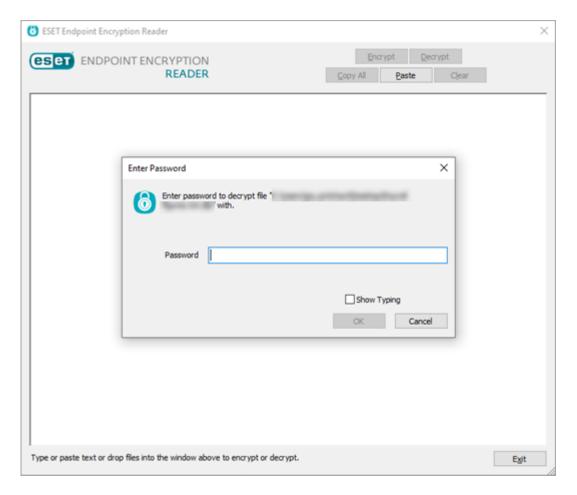
- 1. Download and install the ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader.
- 2. Save it to your desktop.
- 3. Open the **ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader** to use the app.

## **Decrypt files**

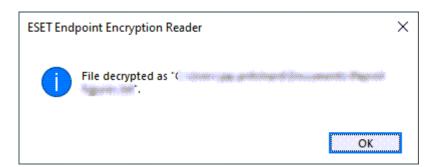
1. Drag-and-drop an encrypted file (.dlp file extension) to the ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader.



2. Click Decrypt.



3. Type the required password and click  $\mathbf{OK}$  to complete the decryption.

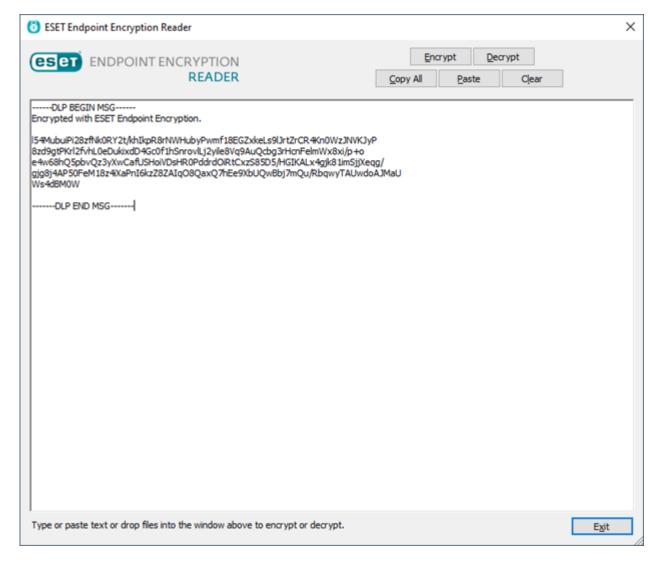


The decrypted file is saved in the same directory as the provided encrypted file.

## **Decrypt text**

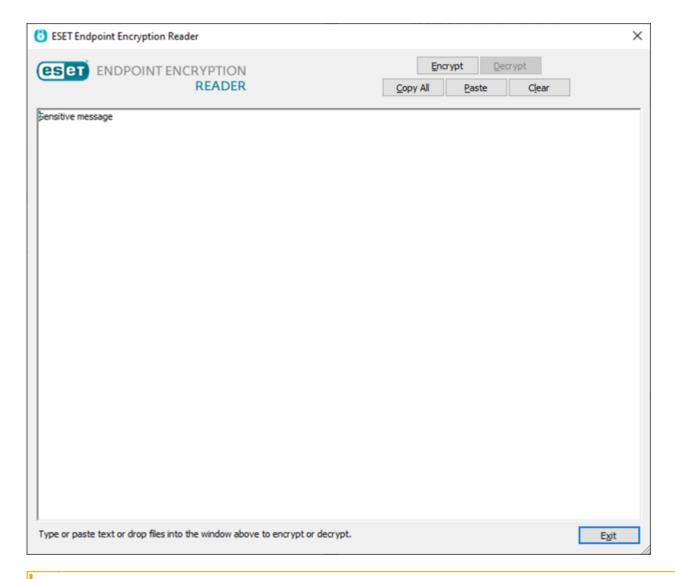
1. Copy/paste an encrypted message into the ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader.

• Ensure you include ---DLP BEGIN MSG--- and ---DLP END MSG--- for the text to be recognized correctly.



- 2. Click **Decrypt**.
- 3. Type the required password and click **OK** to complete the decryption.

The decrypted text shows in the window.

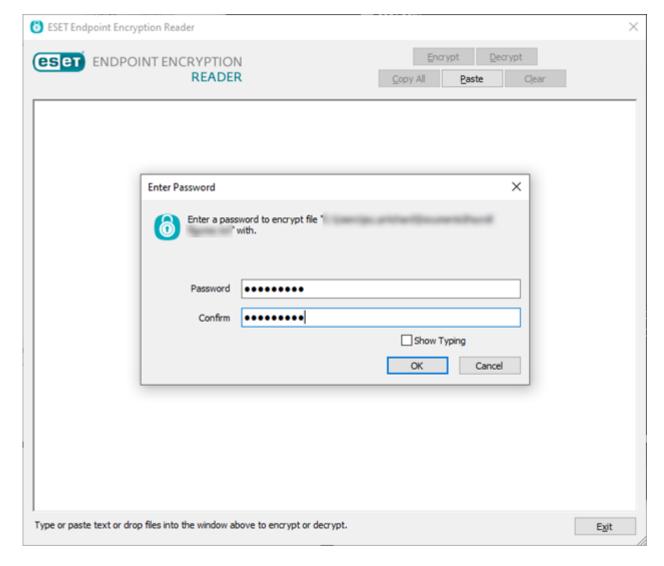


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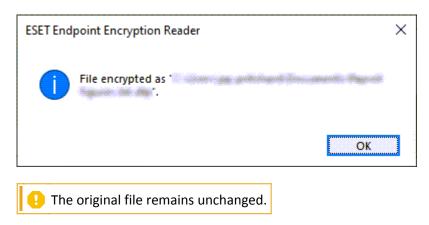
When you receive the error The text could not be decrypted because it is not a supported or valid format, disable mobile device compatibility.

## **Encrypt files**

- 1. Drag-and-drop a file to the ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader.
- 2. Click Encrypt.
- 3. Type the required password and click **OK** to complete the decryption.

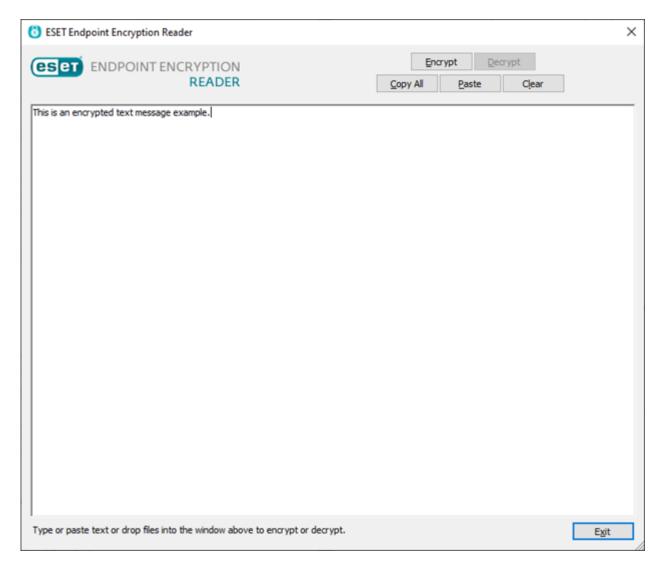


The encrypted version of the file is created in the same directory as the original file.

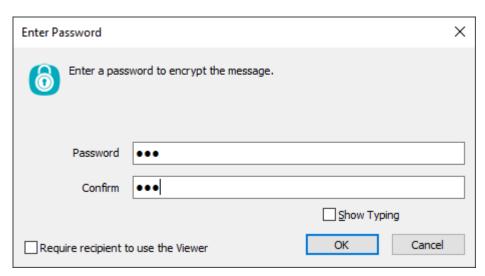


### **Encrypt text**

1. Type or copy/paste a message into the **ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader**.



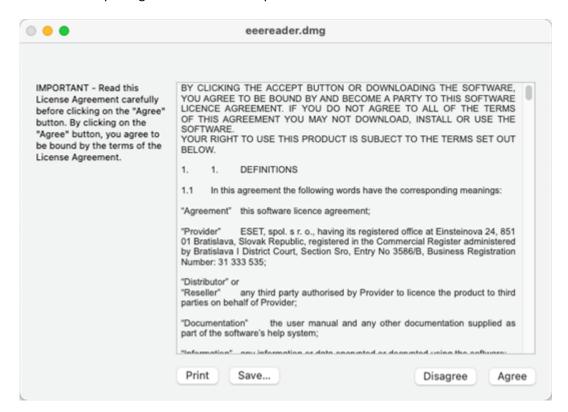
- 2. Click Encrypt.
- 3. Type the required password and click  $\mbox{\bf OK}.$



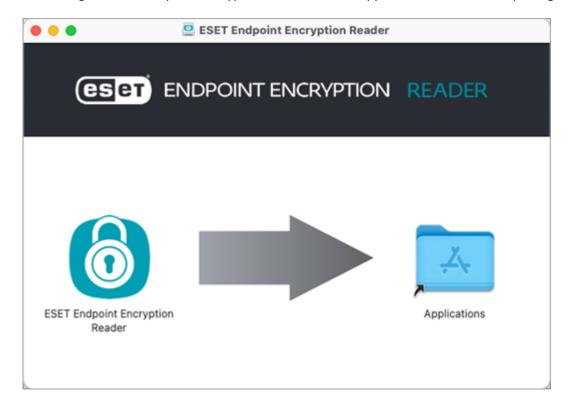
# **ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader for macOS**

1. Download the ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader.

2. Run the package and follow the steps.

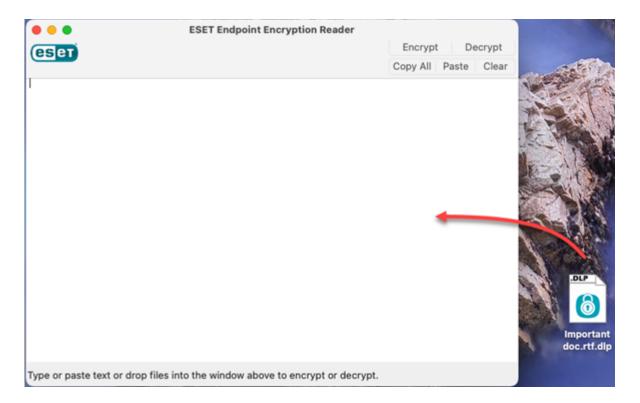


3. Drag the ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader icon to Applications to install the package.

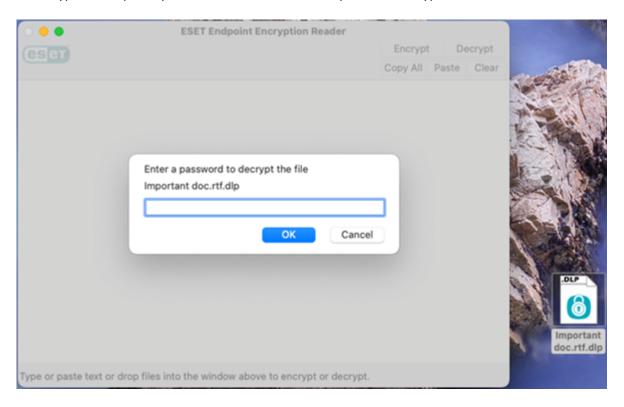


### **Decrypt files**

1. Drag-and-drop an encrypted file (.dlp file extension) to the ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader.



- 2. Click Decrypt.
- 3. Type the required password and click **OK** to complete the decryption.

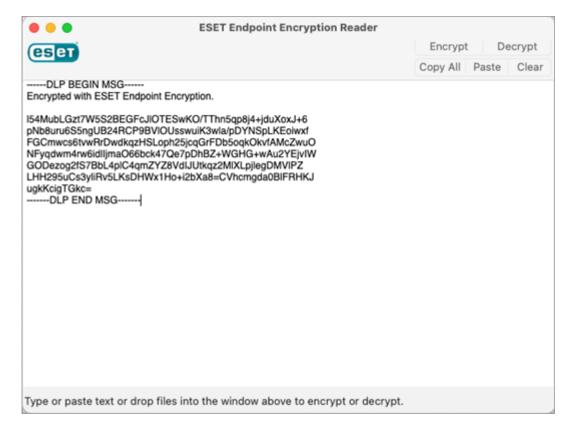


The decrypted file is saved in the same directory as the provided encrypted file.

### **Decrypt text**

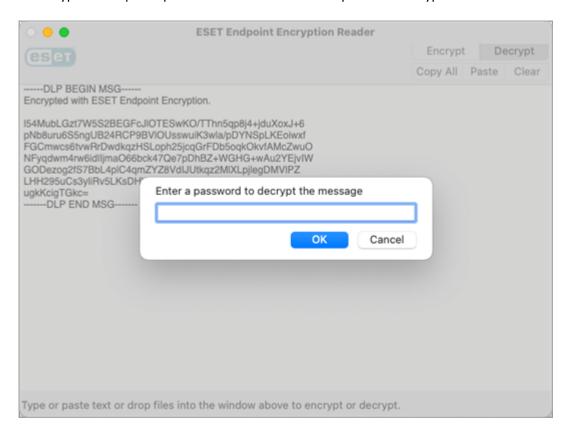
1. Copy/paste an encrypted message into the ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader.

[] Ensure you include ---DLP BEGIN MSG--- and ---DLP END MSG--- for the text to be recognized correctly.



#### 2. Click **Decrypt**.

3. Type the required password and click **OK** to complete the decryption.

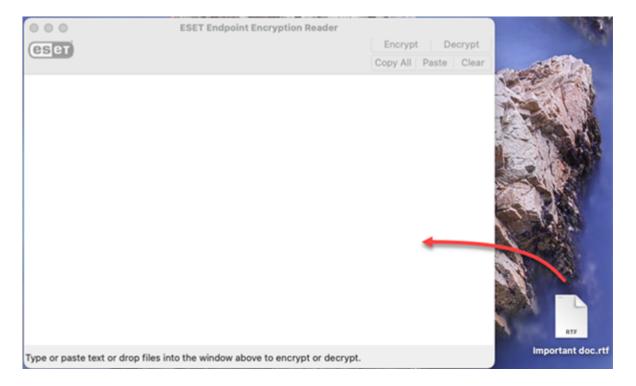


The decrypted text shows in the window.

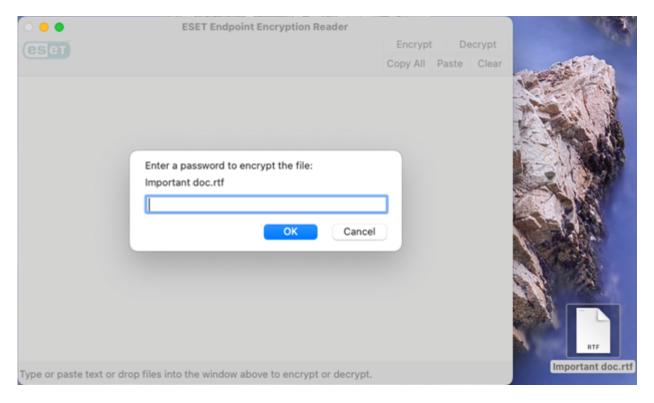


### **Encrypt files**

1. Drag-and-drop a file to the **ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader**.



- 2. Click **Encrypt**.
- 3. Type the required password and click  $\mathbf{OK}$  to complete the decryption.



The encrypted version of the file is created in the same directory as the original file.

1 The original file remains unchanged.

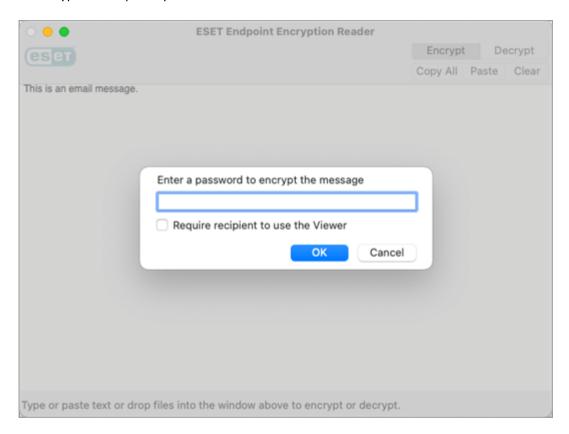
#### **Encrypt text**

1. Type or copy/paste a message into the **ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader**.



2. Click Encrypt.

3. Type the required password and click **OK**.



The text is encrypted, and you can copy it.

# **File and Folder Encryption**

1 The following feature is only available in Windows.

You can encrypt files and entire folders. Any files in a folder and also files placed in it later are encrypted. Subfolders are also encrypted. The decryption/encryption process is transparent because files are opened normally (by their application).

ESET Endpoint Encryption can encrypt all folders, excluding the following folders:

- C:\Windows
- C:\Program Files
- C:\Program Files (x86) (64-bit systems only)
- C:\Documents and Settings (Windows XP)
  - C:\Users (Windows Vista or later)

Avoid encrypting redirected folders

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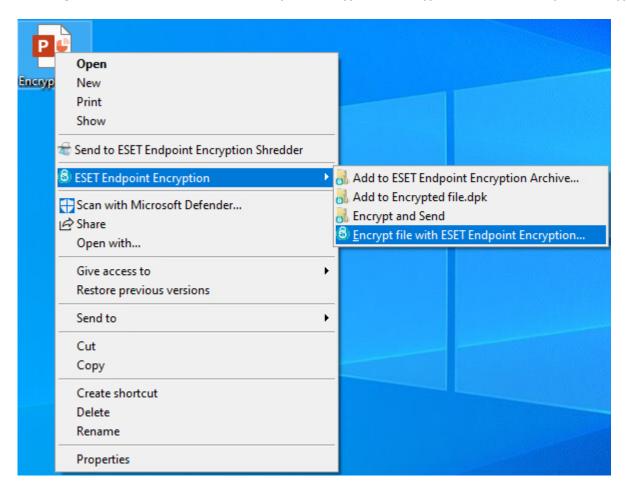
Do not encrypt redirected folders located with the User profile to prevent Windows from loading your profile correctly or to cause problems accessing the application when ESET Endpoint Encryption is not logged in to your Key-File.

There are few exclusions to the the excluded folders list:

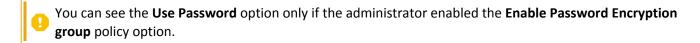
- Folders with C:\Users or C:\Documents and Settings can be encrypted.
- Sub-folders on the Desktop can be encrypted; however, the Desktop itself cannot be encrypted.
- Sub-folders in My Documents/Documents can be encrypted.

## **Encrypt a file**

1. Right-click the file and select **ESET Endpoint Encryption** > **Encrypt file with ESET Endpoint Encryption**.



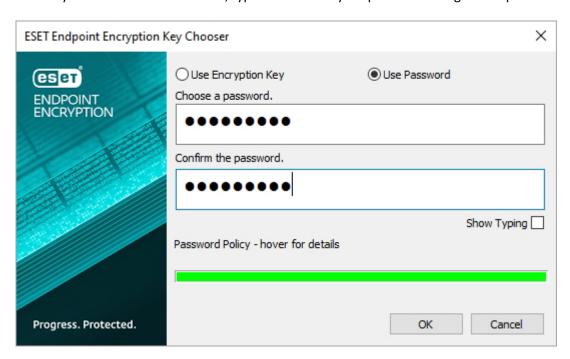
2. Select a file encryption option: Use Encryption Key or Use Password.



3. If you selected **Use Encryption Key**, select the **Encryption Key** and go to step 5.



4. If you selected **Use Password**, type and confirm your password and go to step 5.

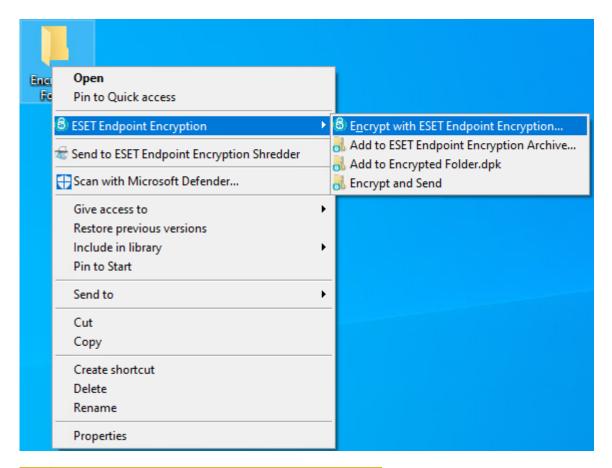


5. Click OK.

When the file is encrypted, the file icon changes to indicate encryption, and the *.dlp* suffix is added to the filename. The encrypted file copy is created in the original folder.

## **Encrypt a folder**

1. Right-click the folder you want to encrypt and select **ESET Endpoint Encryption** > **Encrypt with ESET Endpoint Encryption**.

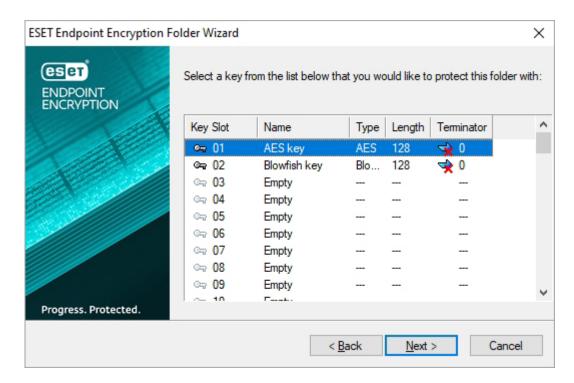


Ensure you have backed up all data before encrypting.

2. Select I have backed up my data and wish to continue and click Next.



3. Select the Encryption Key for folder encryption and click **Next**.



- 1 If only one encryption key exists, it is selected by default.
  - 4. Optionally, select **Hide folder when encryption key not available** to hide the encrypted folder while you are logged out of ESET Endpoint Encryption and click **Next**.



5. Optionally, select **Leave plain text backup?** to leave a plain text (unencrypted) backup of the folder and click **Finish**.



When the folder is encrypted, all data stored inside the folder is automatically encrypted and protected.



- You cannot encrypt folders on a network drive or copy encrypted folders to a network drive. However, you can create a virtual encrypted drive on a network drive.
- If the recipient of a encrypted document is not an ESET Endpoint Encryption customer, they can decrypt the document with the free ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader.

To encrypt multiple files:

- create a .zip file and encrypt the file
  - create an encrypted archive

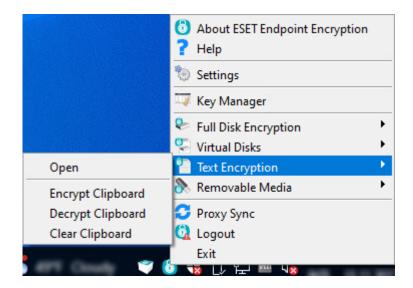
# **Text Encryption**

† The following feature is only available in Windows.

You can encrypt or decrypt selected text or a whole document manually with ESET Endpoint Encryption Text Encryption tools.

## **Encrypt a text**

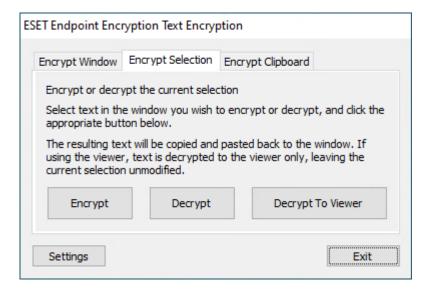
1. Right-click the ESET Endpoint Encryption icon, select **Text Encryption** and click **Open**.



- 2. Select one of the encryption options:
  - Select the **Encrypt Window** tab to encrypt all the text in the window.



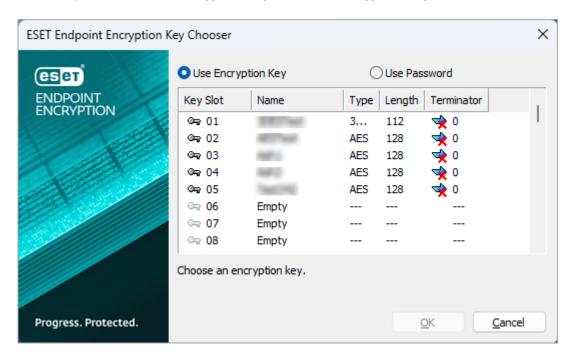
• Select the **Encrypt Selection** tab to encrypt the selected text in the window.



• Select the **Encrypt Clipboard** tab to encrypt text in the clipboard.



- 3. Click Encrypt.
- 4. Select a text encryption option: Use Encryption Key or Use Password.
- 5. Select the encryption method:
  - If you selected **Use Encryption Key**, select the **Encryption Key**.



• If you selected **Use Password**, type and confirm your password.



6. Click OK.

## Decrypt a text

- 1. Right-click the ESET Endpoint Encryption icon, select Text Encryption and click Open.
- 2. Select one of the decryption options:
  - Select **Encrypt Window** tab to decrypt full text in the current window.
  - Select **Encrypt Selection** tab to decrypt the selected text in the window.
  - Select **Encrypt Clipboard** tab to decrypt text in the clipboard.
- 3. Click **Decrypt** or click **Decrypt to Viewer**.
  - The **Decrypt to Viewer** option will only decrypt the text to the viewer; selected or clipboard data remain unmodified.

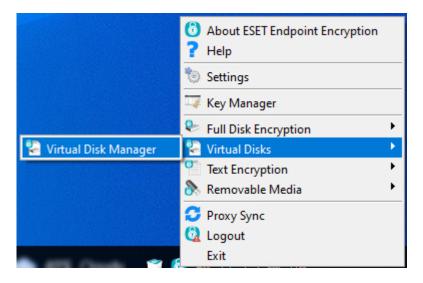
## **Virtual Disks**

† The following feature is only available in Windows.

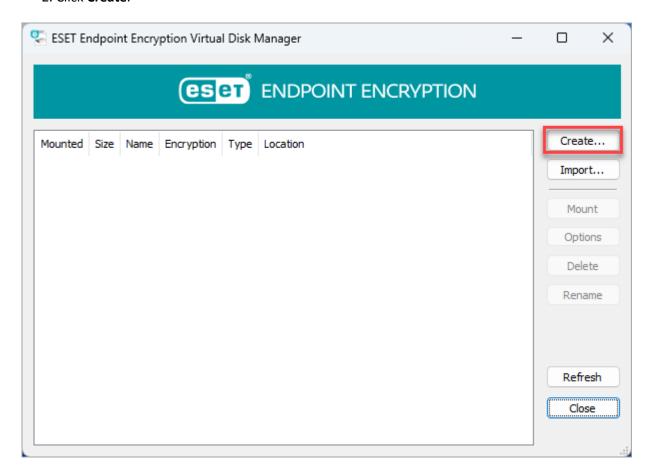
Virtual disks are encrypted containers that provide access through a mapped drive letter to the files within the virtual disks.

### **Create a new Virtual Disk**

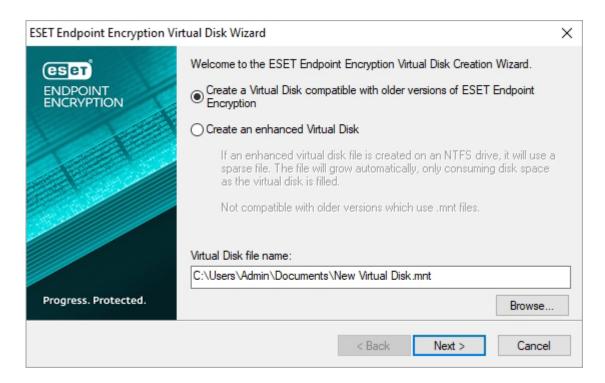
1. Right-click the ESET Endpoint Encryption icon, select Virtual Disks and click Virtual Disk Manager.



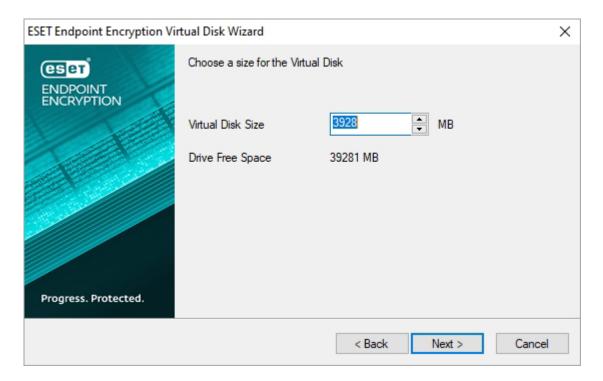
2. Click Create.



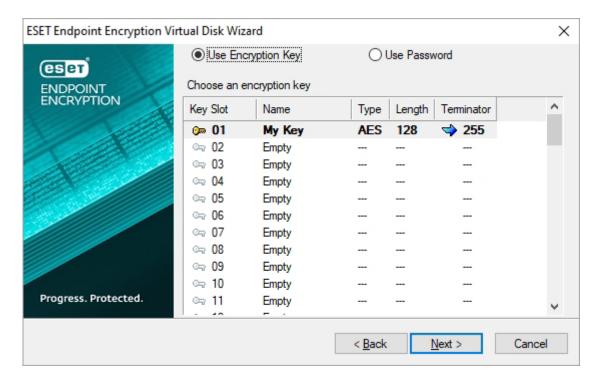
3. Select the Virtual Disk type.



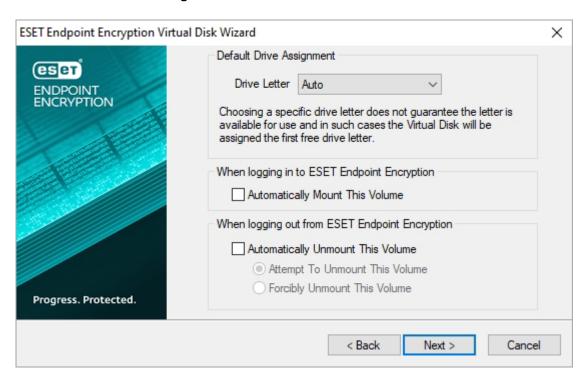
- 4. Click **Browse** to select the destination path for the newly created Virtual Disk.
- 5. Click Next.
- 6. Set the size of the Virtual Disk and click Next.



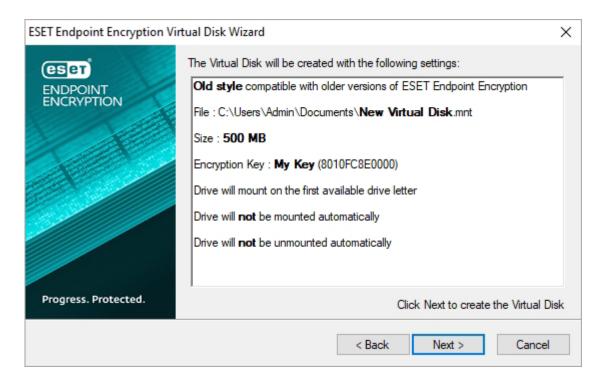
7. Select the encryption method and click **Next**.



8. Set **Default Drive Assignment** and click **Next**.



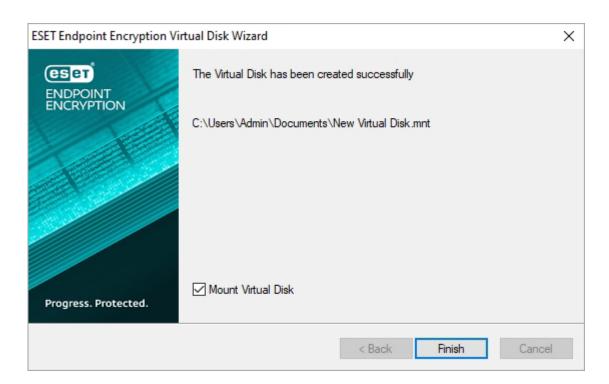
9. An overview of the selected settings displays. Click **Next** to create the Virtual Disk.



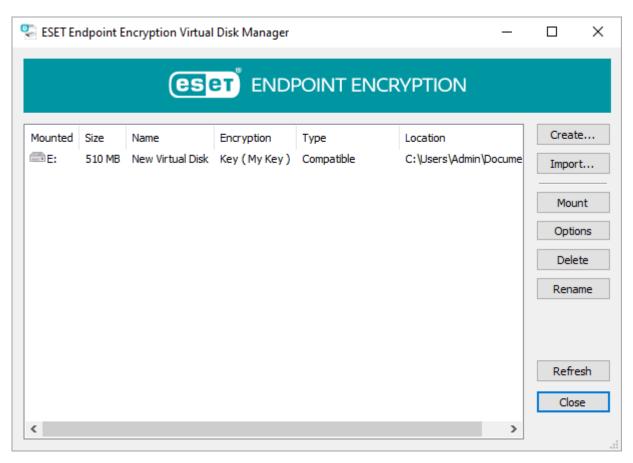
10. A progress bar of the Virtual Disk creation displays.

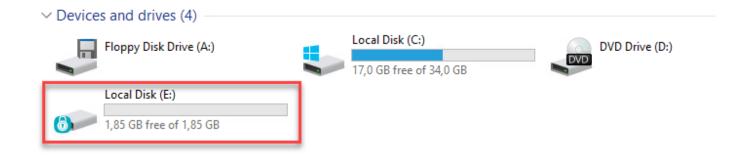


11. After the Virtual Disk has been created, select **Mount Virtual Disk** to access the new Virtual Disk and click **Finish**.



The drive letter used to access the container is displayed within the Virtual Disk Manager interface, and you can see the mapped drive letter with ESET Endpoint Encryption icon.

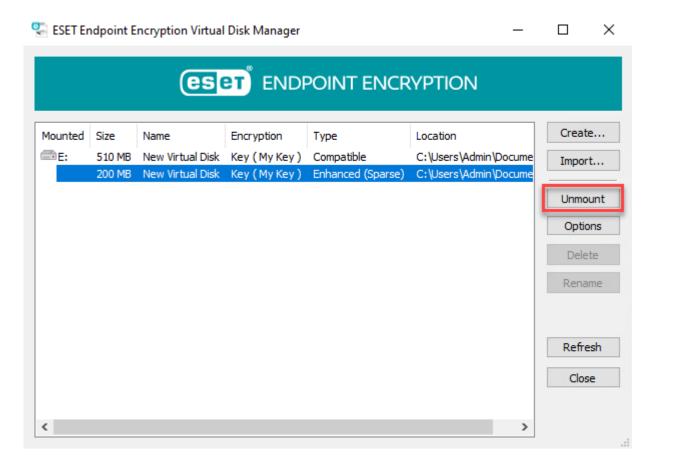




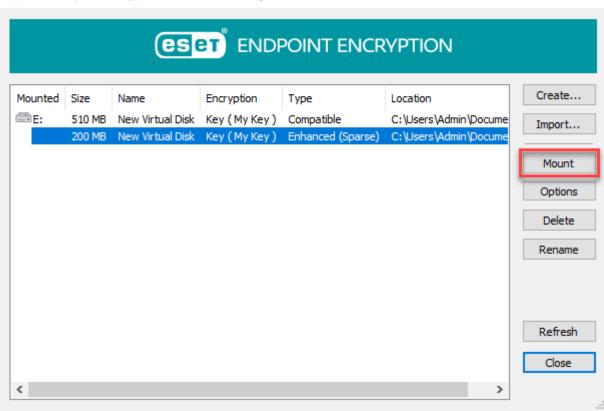
## **Unmount/Mount the Virtual Disk**

There are two methods to unmount/mount a virtual disk.

• Using the Virtual Disk Manager:

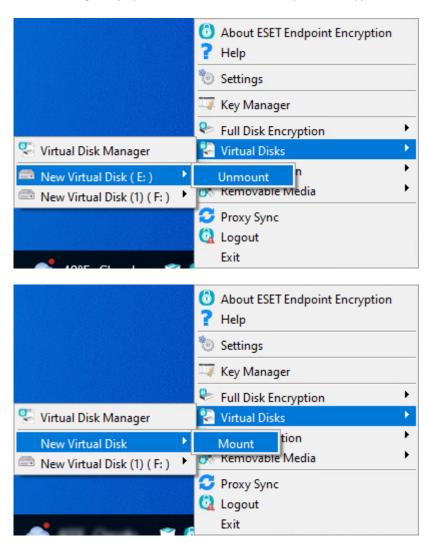






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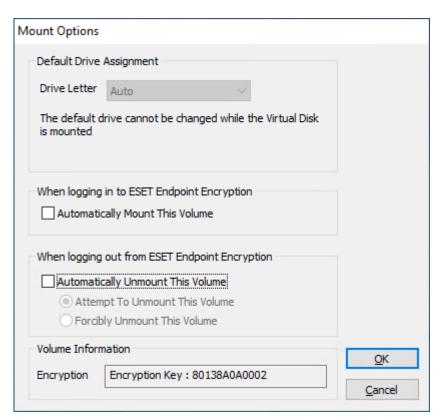
• Using the pop-out menu from ESET Endpoint Encryption icon in the notification area:



### **Options**

The Virtual Disk has configurable options to mount to a preferred drive letter and automatically mount/unmount when you log in or out of ESET Endpoint Encryption.

In the Virtual Disk Manager, click **Options** to change the settings.



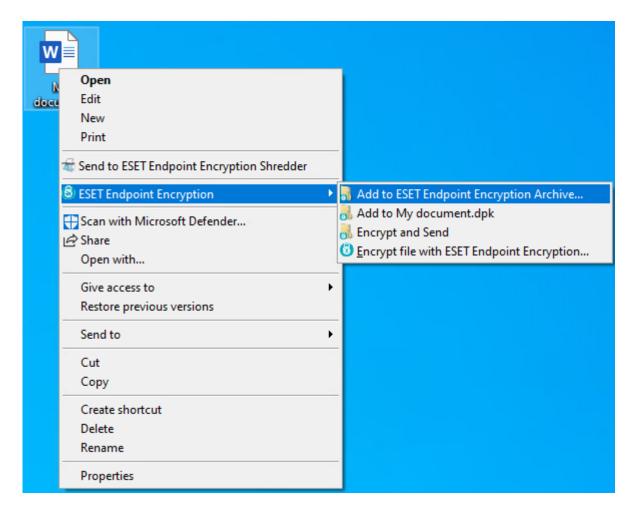
# **Encrypted Archives**

1 The following feature is only available in Windows.

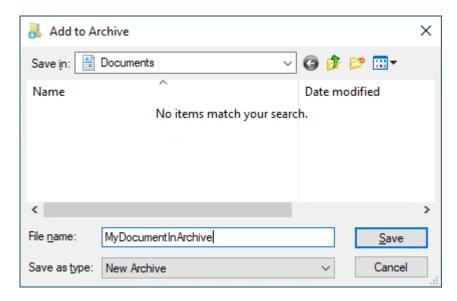
The ESET Endpoint Encryption Archive compresses and stores sensitive data and is similar to a ZIP folder. All data stored inside the ESET Endpoint Encryption Archive is encrypted.

## **Create the ESET Endpoint Encryption Archive**

1. Right-click the file you want to store inside an Encrypted Archive; select **ESET Endpoint Encryption** and click **Add to ESET Endpoint Encryption Archive**.



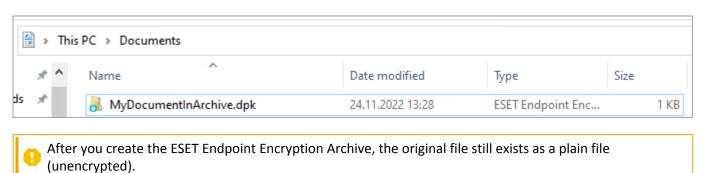
2. Select a destination folder for your ESET Endpoint Encryption Archive; type a name and click **Save**.



3. Select an encryption option: **Use Encryption Key** or **Use Password**. If you selected **Use Password**, type and confirm your password and click **OK**.

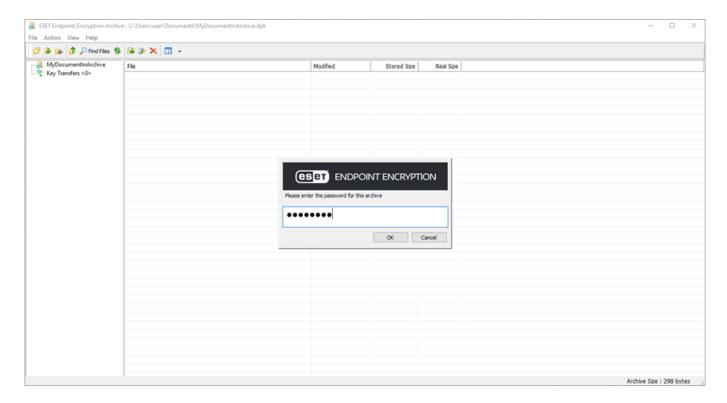


ESET Endpoint Encryption Archive is saved in the specified location and contains the selected file.

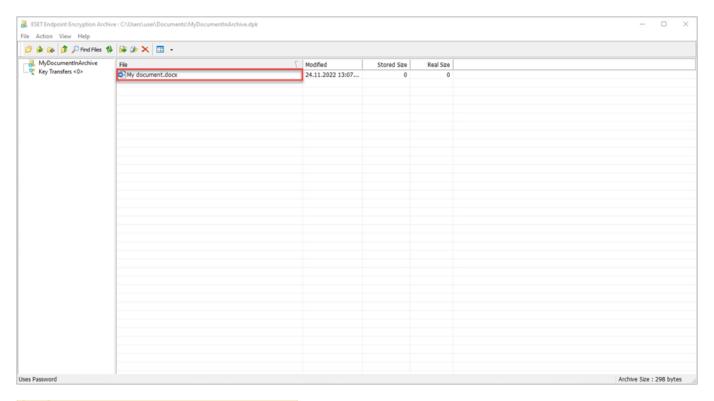


### Open files from the ESET Endpoint Encryption Archive

- 1. Double-click the ESET Endpoint Encryption Archive.
- 2. If your ESET Endpoint Encryption Archive is password-protected, type the password. If your ESET Endpoint Encryption Archive is protected by an Encryption Key, you must log in to ESET Endpoint Encryption and have access to the Encryption Key.



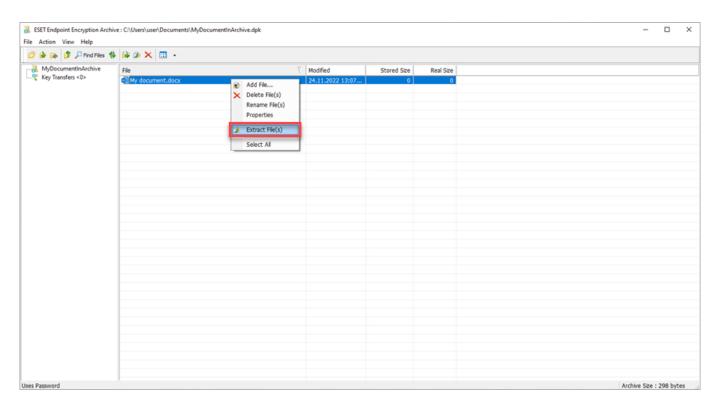
3. You can see Archive contents. To select a file to view, double-click the file.



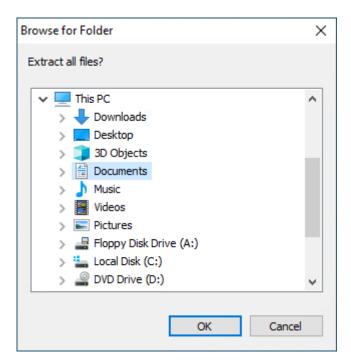
• To edit files, you must extract them first.

### **Extract files from the ESET Endpoint Encryption Archive**

- 1. Open the ESET Endpoint Encryption Archive.
- 2. Right-click the file and click Extract File(s).



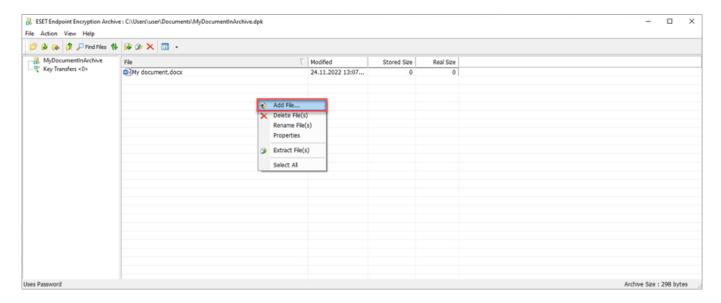
3. Select the extraction location for the decrypted file and click **OK**.



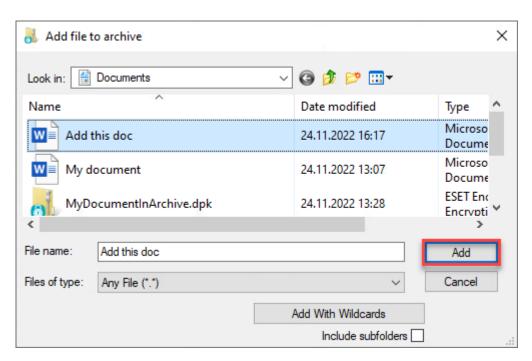
You can now edit the document from the specified location. After extraction, the file remains stored inside the ESET Endpoint Encryption Archive.

### Add files to the ESET Endpoint Encryption Archive

- 1. Open the ESET Endpoint Encryption Archive.
- 2. Right-click in the blank space of the opened Archive and click Add File.



3. Locate the file and click Add.



4. The file is now displayed in the Archive window.

# **Key-File**

The Key-File is an encryption key container that can hold up to 64 unique encryption keys.

These keys encrypt your computer, USB flash drive/hard drive, emails and files. The Key-File stores encryption keys, software settings, and organizational security policy.

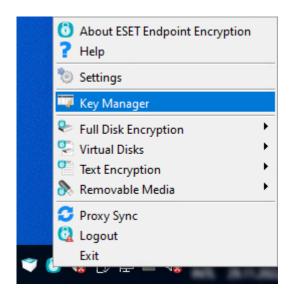
The Key-File is important because it is unique to your computer and organization; it acts as an identifier to allow communication between devices and parties via the same encryption key.

1 Your ESET Endpoint Encryption Server administrator manages encryption key distribution for users.

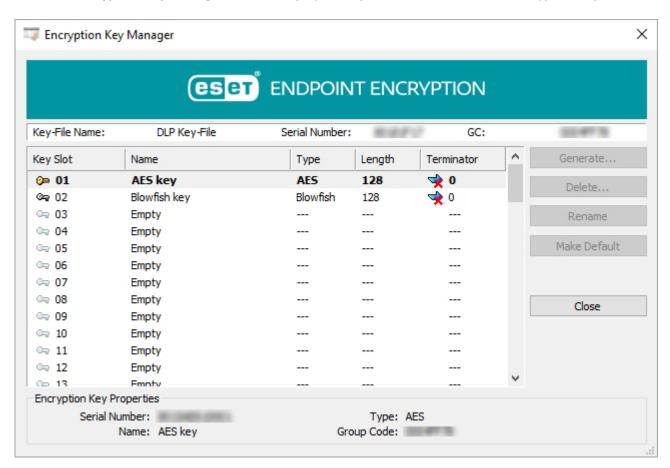
The Key-File is encrypted with your ESET Endpoint Encryption user password.

# **Encryption Key Manager**

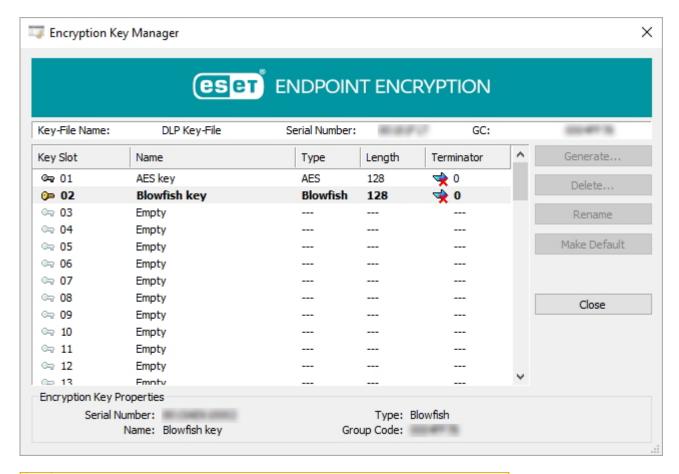
1. Right-click ESET Endpoint Encryption and click **Key Manager**.



2. The Encryption Key Manager window displays, and you can see the available encryption keys.



3. Select the Key and click Make Default. The Key Slot icon will change.



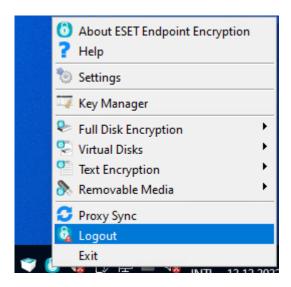
Managed users are not able to generate, delete or rename encryption keys.

# Log in and out of the Key-File

Logging out of the Key-File protects all granular encrypted data, and the Workstation Policy settings resume. The group policy is only active while you are logged in to the Key-File. You cannot access the granular encrypted data, as the encryption key is only available when you log in again.

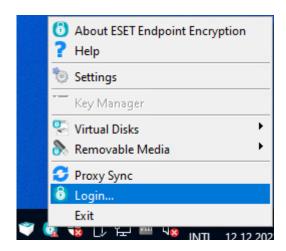
## Logging out

Right-click the ESET Endpoint Encryption icon and click Logout.

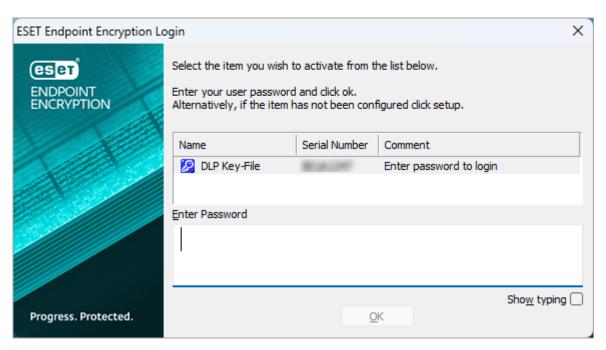


## Logging in

1. Right-click the ESET Endpoint Encryption icon and click Login.



2. Type your Windows password and click **OK**.



In the default Group policy settings, the Key-File password is synchronized with your Windows password, so you must type your Windows password.

## **Pre-boot screen shortcuts**

| Keyboard shortcut |   |
|-------------------|---|
| F2                | Press F2 to change the keyboard layout used by the FDE pre-boot. You can see the selected layout in the bottom left corner. |
| F5                | Press F5 while entering your pre-boot password to reveal it in plain text.  |
| F7                | Press F7 to adjust the zoom.  |
| F8                | Press F8 to rotate the screen.  |
| F10               | Press F10 to shut down your machine.  |

# **Troubleshooting**

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# Single Sign-On (SSO) does not log in to Windows

ESET Endpoint Encryption Full Disk Encryption configured for Single Sign-On is not logging in to Windows as expected.

### Solution

#### Hibernate

When you hibernate your PC, the Full Disk Encryption Pre-boot authentication shows as expected. However, when Windows resumes, the login screen appears. This behavior is normal. When you return from Hibernate, Windows does not process its Automatic Logic feature. As a result, ESET Endpoint Encryption Single Sign-On is ignored.

#### **Hard boot**

If you shut down your PC and start it from a "cold" state, the Full Disk Encryption Pre-Boot authentication shows as expected. However, when Windows reaches the logic screen, nothing happens.

On Windows 8 and later, this behavior is caused by the **fast startup** feature. When **fast startup** is enabled, Windows uses Hibernate mode to speed up the loading process. This makes Windows behave as if you hibernate the PC instead of shutting it down.

In Windows 8, you can disable fast startup, and Single Sign-On will work as expected.

To verify that fast startup is the issue, restart immediately after you set the Single Sign-On. If you are logged in to Windows automatically, fast startup is the issue. If you still experience the issue, submit a support ticket.

# Single Sign-On (SSO) and network password

And SSO-enabled user cannot log in after their network password has been changed. **Access Denied** appears on their pre-boot login screen.

If a Single Sign-On (SSO) enabled user cannot log in after their network password has been changed, the user's password has been changed on their Windows account externally. This can happen for several reasons:

- A user changed their password on another workstation.
- A user had their password changed on a server, such as when using Active Directory on the Domain server.
- A user attempted to change their password but has not been authenticated at the FDE login screen.

TheESET Endpoint Encryption Full Disk Encryption login page is a pre-operating system and will not receive the change until the user has successfully logs in to their Windows account. When the user has successfully logged in to their Windows account, SSO will automatically re-sync during the Windows login process. The user changing their password must be successfully authenticated to start the workstation at the FDE login screen. The user must also have used their credentials to boot the machine.

### **Solution**

At the pre-start login screen you should type your previous password. When you start Windows, you must log in to Windows manually, as SSO will not work. When you log into Windows, SSO will automatically re-sync, and you can use the new password on the next restart.

If you change your Windows account, the pre-boot login will be automatically updated, so SSO will still work.

# Single Sign-On (SSO) synchronization

ESET Endpoint Encryption SSO synchronization is out of sync.

ESET Endpoint Encryption will automatically synchronize your Windows password with the ESET Endpoint Encryption Full Disk Encryption (FDE) pre-boot password when:

- you change your Windows password locally from your machine (using CTRL + ALT + DEL Change Password)
- you sign into the Windows profile on your machine

The password can become out-of-sync when:

- you change your Windows password on another workstation
- an administrator changes your Windows password on a server (for example, using Active Directory on the Domain server)
- you attempt to change your Windows password, but the machine was booted using a different user's preboot credentials

### **Solution**

You need to re-sync your machines individually, because SSO is controlled locally.

- 1. Go to the FDE pre-boot screen.
- 2. Type the old password and then the new password at the Windows screen (the sync will be performed when you log in to Windows).

Known SSO issue with ESET Endpoint Encryption version 4.9.4
Following the Windows Feature update installation, you may find that SSO does not re-sync automatically after changing your Windows password. If you have been affected by this problem, <a href="mailto:upgrade">upgrade</a> to version 5.0.0 or later, follow the password recovery steps above, and log in to Windows manually to allow SSO to re-sync automatically.

## **Glossary**

### **3DES (Triple DES)**

3DES is a variant form of the DES (Data Encryption Standard) algorithm, originally developed by IBM in 1974. It uses 2 x 56-bit keys, giving an effective key length of 112 bits, and performs DES encryption three times using these keys.

#### **AES**

The Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) algorithm was developed under the name Rijndael by Joan Daemen and Vincent Rijmen, Belgian Ph.D. cryptographers from the computer security and industrial cryptography labs at Universiteit Leuvenas. Rijndael was accepted in October 2000 as the AES, which replaces the Data Encryption Standard (DES) algorithm. ESET Endpoint Encryption supports AES with a key length of up to 256 bits.

#### **Blowfish**

Blowfish was developed in 1993 by Bruce Schneier, a cryptographer, computer security specialist and author of several books on general security topics, computer security and cryptography. Blowfish is a 64-bit block cipher with a single 128-bit encryption key.

#### Complete security

ESET Endpoint Encryption Full Disk Encryption (FDE) provides security for unintended and unexpected events, such as theft or loss of a computer, laptop or USB flash drive.

When used on your computer, your hard drive, including the free space, is protected while the system is shut down. You must first enter pre-boot security before starting from this state.

All data remains encrypted if the drive is removed and read from another system.

ESET Endpoint Encryption for removable media also provides FDE for USB drives.

#### Data in transit versus Data at rest

Data in transit is information shared from one user to another via a trusted (private) network or an untrusted

(public) network, such as the internet, that can be protected with some form of granular encryption.

Data at rest is the information stored on your hard drive, backup drive or removable media when not in use.

### **ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader**

The ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader is a free utility you can <u>download</u>. ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader allows anyone, regardless of whether or not they are a ESET Endpoint Encryption customer, to decrypt any email, file or text that has been encrypted with ESET Endpoint Encryption using a password.

- The ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader utility is generally used on machines where ESET Endpoint Encryption is not installed.
- To decrypt an encrypted message, copy/paste the encrypted email body or text into the Reader and click the Decrypt button. Then, provide the password used to encrypt the text as decryption authentication.
- To decrypt an encrypted file, save the encrypted file to your machine. When saved, drag the encrypted file into the reader window, and you will be prompted for the password to decrypt it.
- The ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader is only for standalone files, and does not support archives.
- Files encrypted using a Key-File are not supported. Only files encrypted using the password are supported.
- See detailed information on how to Encrypt or decrypt a document or email using the ESET Endpoint Encryption Reader.

#### **Full Disk Encryption (FDE)**

When using FDE to encrypt a computer disk, ESET Endpoint Encryption uses the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) algorithm with a 256-bit key. This encryption is generated when FDE is started.

### **Granular encryption**

Granular encryption refers to the protection of individual items like files, folders and emails.

File and email encryption allows users to share data and collaborate securely when data is in transit.

ESET Endpoint Encryption can encrypt folders on your hard drive or removable media. ESET Endpoint Encryption can also create encrypted virtual disks and compressed archives.

When you are logged in to ESET Endpoint Encryption, you can transparently access the files within encrypted folders and virtual disks.

Only encrypted data is protected if your computer hard drive is removed or removable media is read from another system.

#### Managed users

If you are a managed user, you can only view encryption keys that have been made available to you by your ESET Endpoint Encryption Server Administrator. Administrator can create new keys and allocate them via ESET Endpoint Encryption Server.

### **Password encryption**

Password encryption uses a 192-bit AES key, not to be confused with Removable Media Encryption (RME).

### Removable Media Encryption (RME)

All data on removable media is encrypted by the AES algorithm with a 256-bit key, whether using Full Disk Encryption or File and Folder RME.

When you encrypt removable media, you select an encryption key from key-file using either AES, 3DES or Blowfish algorithms. An AES 256-bit key that will encrypt the data is then derived from the key you select. We recommend to use an encryption key to generate the AES 256-bit key. This method is more secure than a password or a pass-phrase as it and enables ESET Endpoint Encryption to provide seamless access to data on encrypted removable media when the end-use is logged into the key file.

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