

# Encrypting files

There are countless reasons why you might want to encrypt your files, folders, or drives to secure them from prying eyes. If you do have such a need, there's a great, free, open-source, on-the-fly, encryption program called TrueCrypt that works with your Windows, Mac, or Linux computer.

Your Teky would be happy to set up encryption for you, but here are a few pointers if you want to attempt it yourself.

First, get and install the appropriate download from [www.truecrypt.org/downloads](http://www.truecrypt.org/downloads).

Second, create an encrypted volume on your local, remote, or removable drive. The wizard will step you through your choices, but the end result is a drive letter (e.g. T:) which points to a file at the chosen location. That file holds all the data for your encrypted volume, and is encrypted with a password and a very secure encryption algorithm. The idea is that, if that file should fall into enemy hands, they would not be able to extract the information from it without the encryption password and software.

Third, you need to "mount" your encrypted drive in order to use it. This involves selecting the file, selecting a drive letter, and entering your password. Once this is done, you can access the files within it.

Finally, you might want configure TrueCrypt to mount your encrypted volume whenever you boot up. You do this by mounting your newly-created encrypted volume(s), choosing "Save Currently Mounted Volumes as Favorites", going to "Preferences" and checking "Mount favorite volumes" under "Actions to perform upon log on to Windows".

You will have to enter your password every time you boot up, but that's what keeps your files secure!



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