
Salesforce Shield Platform Encryption Implementation Guide



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STRENGTHEN YOUR DATA'S SECURITY WITH SHIELD PLATFORM ENCRYPTION

Shield Platform Encryption gives your data a whole new layer of security while preserving critical platform functionality. It enables you to encrypt sensitive data at rest, and not just when transmitted over a network, so your company can confidently comply with privacy policies, regulatory requirements, and contractual obligations for handling private data.

Shield Platform Encryption builds on the data encryption options that Salesforce offers out of the box. Data stored in many standard and custom fields and in files and attachments is encrypted using an advanced HSM-based key derivation system, so it is protected even when other lines of defense have been compromised.

Your data encryption key is never saved or shared across organizations. Instead, it is derived on demand from a master secret and your organization-specific tenant secret, and cached on an application server.

You can try out Shield Platform Encryption at no charge in Developer Edition orgs. It is available in sandboxes after it has been provisioned for your production org.

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[Filter Encrypted Data with Deterministic Encryption](#)

You can filter data that you have protected with Shield Platform Encryption using deterministic encryption. Your users can filter records in reports and list views, even when the underlying fields are encrypted. You can apply case-sensitive deterministic encryption or exact-match case-insensitive deterministic encryption (beta) to data on a field-by-field basis.

[Cache-Only Key Service](#)

Shield Platform Encryption's Cache-Only Key Service addresses a unique need for non-persisted key material. You can store your key material outside of Salesforce and have the Cache-Only Key Service fetch your key on demand from a key service that you control. Your key service transmits your key over a secure channel that you configure, and the Cache-Only Key Service uses your key for immediate encrypt and decrypt operations. Salesforce doesn't retain or persist your cache-only keys in any system of record or backups. You can revoke key material at any time.

[Manage Shield Platform Encryption](#)

To provide Shield Platform Encryption for your organization, contact your Salesforce account executive. They'll help you provision the correct license so you can get started on creating your own unique tenant secret.

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For another layer of data protection, encrypt files and attachments. If Shield Platform Encryption is on, the body of each file or attachment is encrypted when it's uploaded.

[Get Statistics About Your Encryption Coverage](#)

The Encryption Statistics page provides an overview of all your encrypted data. This information helps you to stay on top of your key rotation and management tasks. You can also use encryption statistics to identify which objects and fields you may want to update after you rotate your key material.

[Synchronize Your Data Encryption with the Background Encryption Service](#)

Periodically, you change your encryption policy. Or you rotate your keys. To get the most protection out of your encryption strategy, it's important to synchronize new and existing encrypted data under your most recent encryption policy and keys. You can do this yourself, or ask Salesforce for help.

[Fix Compatibility Problems](#)

When you select fields or files to encrypt, Salesforce automatically checks for potential side effects and warns you if any existing settings may pose a risk to data access or your normal use of Salesforce. You have some options for how to clear up these problems.

[Use Encrypted Data in Formulas](#)

Use custom formula fields to quickly find encrypted data. You can write formulas with several operators and functions, render encrypted data in text, date, and date/time formats, and reference quick actions.

[Apply Encryption to Fields Used in Matching Rules](#)

Matching rules used in duplicate management help you maintain clean and accurate data. Apply deterministic encryption to the fields to make them compatible with standard and custom matching rules.

[Encrypt Data in Chatter](#)

Enabling Shield Platform Encryption for Chatter adds an extra layer of security to information that users share in Chatter. You can encrypt data at rest in feed posts and comments, questions and answers, link names and URLs, poll questions and choices, and content from your custom rich publisher apps.

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[Encrypt Search Index Files](#)

Sometimes you need to search for personally identifiable information (PII) or data that's encrypted in the database. When you search your org, the results are stored in search index files. You can encrypt these search index files, adding another layer of security to your data.

[Encrypt Einstein Analytics Data](#)

To get started with Einstein Analytics Encryption, generate a tenant secret with Shield Platform Encryption. Once you generate an Analytics tenant secret, Einstein Analytics Encryption uses the Shield Platform Encryption key management architecture to encrypt your Einstein Analytics data.

Encrypt New Data in Standard Fields

You can encrypt standard fields on standard objects from the Encryption policy page. For best results, encrypt the least amount of fields possible.



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Depending on the size of your org, enabling a standard field for encryption can take a few minutes.

1. Make sure that your org has an active encryption key. If you're not sure, check with your administrator.
2. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Encryption Policy**.
3. Click **Encrypt Fields**.
4. Click **Edit**.
5. Select the fields you want to encrypt.
All new data entered in this field is encrypted. By default, data is encrypted using a probabilistic encryption scheme. To apply deterministic encryption to your data, select **Deterministic** from the Encryption Scheme list. For more information, see "How Deterministic Encryption Supports Filtering" in Salesforce Help.
6. Click **Save**.

The automatic Platform Encryption validation service checks for settings in your org that can block encryption. You receive an email with suggestions for fixing incompatible settings.

Field values are automatically encrypted only in records created or updated after you've enabled encryption. Contact Salesforce to update existing records so that their field values are encrypted.



Note: To encrypt standard fields on custom objects, such as Custom Object Name, see [Customize Standard Fields](#).

SEE ALSO:

[Which Standard Fields and Data Elements Can I Encrypt?](#)

[Which Custom Fields Can I Encrypt?](#)

[Field Limits with Shield Platform Encryption](#)

[Data Loader](#)

[Fix Compatibility Problems](#)

[Encrypt New Files and Attachments](#)

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- View Setup and Configuration

To encrypt fields:

- Customize Application

Encrypt Fields on Custom Objects and Custom Fields

You can encrypt standard fields on custom objects, and custom fields on both standard and custom objects. Shield Platform Encryption also supports custom fields in installed managed packages.

Apply encryption to custom fields from the management settings for each object. For best results, encrypt the least number of fields possible. When you add encryption to a field, all new data in that field is encrypted.

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[Encrypt New Data in Custom Fields in Salesforce Classic](#)

Add encryption when you create a field in Salesforce Classic, or add encryption to new data entered in an existing custom field.

[Encrypt New Data in Custom Fields in Lightning Experience](#)

Add encryption when you create a new field in Lightning Experience, or add encryption to new data entered in an existing custom field.

[Encrypt Custom Fields in Installed Managed Packages](#)

If an installed managed package supports Shield Platform Encryption, you can encrypt custom fields in that package. Turn on encryption for custom fields in installed managed packages from the Advanced Settings page, and then apply encryption to custom fields in your installed managed package.

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Encrypt New Data in Custom Fields in Salesforce Classic

Add encryption when you create a field in Salesforce Classic, or add encryption to new data entered in an existing custom field.

To apply deterministic encryption to custom fields, first enable deterministic encryption from the Platform Encryption Advanced Settings page in Setup.

1. From the management settings for the object, go to **Fields**.
2. In the Custom Fields & Relationships section, create a field or edit an existing one.
3. Select **Encrypted**.
All new data entered in this field is encrypted. By default, data is encrypted using a probabilistic encryption scheme. To apply deterministic encryption to your data, select a deterministic option listed under Encrypted.
4. Click **Save**.

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Encrypt New Data in Custom Fields in Lightning Experience

Add encryption when you create a new field in Lightning Experience, or add encryption to new data entered in an existing custom field.

To apply deterministic encryption to custom fields, first enable deterministic encryption from the Platform Encryption Advanced Settings page in Setup.

1. From Setup, select **Object Manager**, and then select your object.
2. Click **Fields & Relationships**.
3. When you create or edit a custom field, select **Encrypted**.
All new data entered in this field is encrypted. By default, data is encrypted using a probabilistic encryption scheme. To apply deterministic encryption to your data, select a deterministic option listed under Encrypted.
4. Click **Save**.

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Encrypt Custom Fields in Installed Managed Packages

If an installed managed package supports Shield Platform Encryption, you can encrypt custom fields in that package. Turn on encryption for custom fields in installed managed packages from the Advanced Settings page, and then apply encryption to custom fields in your installed managed package.

1. From Setup, enter *Platform Encryption* in the Quick Find box, and then select **Advanced Settings**.
2. Turn on **Encrypt Custom Fields in Managed Packages**.
From now on, if an installed managed package supports encryption, you can encrypt custom fields in that package. Don't know if your application supports encrypted fields? Look for the Designed to Work With Salesforce Shield marker in your application's AppExchange listing.



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To enable features on the Advanced Settings page:

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If you don't see this marker, talk to your app vendor.



Note: If Salesforce enabled this feature for you before Spring '19, opt in again on the Advanced Settings page. If you don't opt in, you can't enable or disable encryption on those fields. However, your encrypted custom fields in installed managed packages remain encrypted.

Encrypt New Files and Attachments

For another layer of data protection, encrypt files and attachments. If Shield Platform Encryption is on, the body of each file or attachment is encrypted when it's uploaded.



Note: Before you begin, make sure that your organization has an active encryption key; if you're not sure, check with your administrator.

1. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Encryption Policy**.
2. Select **Encrypt Files and Attachments**.
3. Click **Save**.



Important: Users with access to the file can work normally with it regardless of their encryption-specific permissions. Users who are logged in to your org and have read access can search and view the body content.

Users can continue to upload files and attachments per the usual file size limits. Expansion of file sizes caused by encryption doesn't count against these limits.

Turning on file and attachment encryption affects new files and attachments. It doesn't automatically encrypt files and attachments that were already in Salesforce. To encrypt existing files, contact Salesforce.

To check whether a file or attachment is encrypted, look for the encryption indicator on the detail page of the file or attachment. You can also query the `isEncrypted` field on the ContentVersion object (for files) or on the Attachment object (for attachments).

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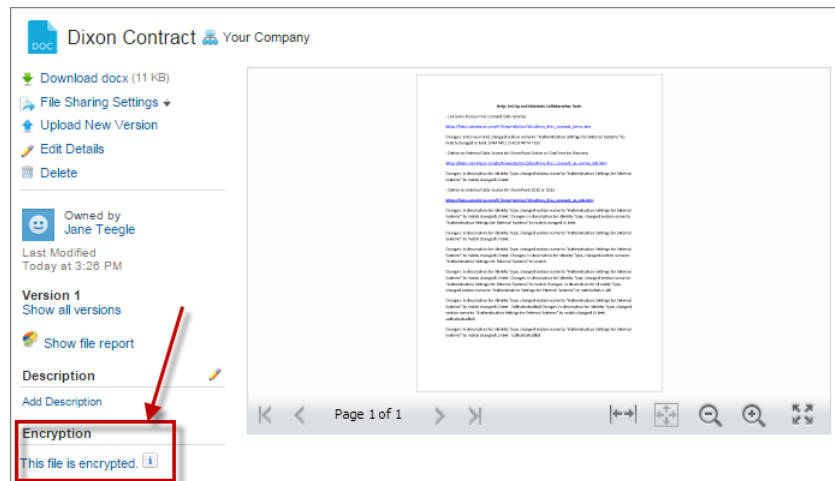
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Here's What It Looks Like When a File Is Encrypted.



SEE ALSO:

[Encrypt New Data in Standard Fields](#)

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[Gather Encryption Statistics](#)

The Encryption Statistics page shows you how much of your data is encrypted by Shield Platform Encryption, and how much of that data is encrypted by active key material. Use this information to inform your key rotation actions and timelines. You can also use the Encryption Statistics page to collect information about the fields and objects you want to synchronize with the background encryption service.

[Interpret and Use Encryption Statistics](#)

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1. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Encryption Statistics**.
2. Select an object type or custom object from the left pane. If you see a “--” in the Data Encrypted or Uses Active Key columns, you haven’t gathered statistics for that object yet.

Object	Data Encrypted	Uses Active Key	Sync Needed
Account	50%	50%	Yes
Case	100%	100%	No
Contact	93%	93%	Yes
Lead	25%	25%	Yes
Opportunity	--	--	Yes
Attachment	--	--	Yes

3. Click **Gather Statistics**.

The gathering process time varies depending on how much data you have in your object. You’re notified by email when the gathering process is finished. Once your statistics are gathered, the page shows updated information about data for each object.

Note:

- You can gather statistics once every 24 hours, either by clicking **Gather Statistics** or running the self-service background encryption service.
- Feed Item doesn't display statistics because it's derived from Feed Post. Gathering statistics for Feed Post is sufficient to confirm the encryption status of both Feed Post and Feed Item.

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The page offers two views of your encrypted data: a summary view and a detail view.

Encryption Summary View

The summary shows all your objects and statistics about the data in those objects.

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- **Object**—Lists your standard and custom objects. Data about standard objects are aggregated for all standard objects of a given type. Data about custom objects are listed for each custom object.
- **Data Encrypted**—The total percentage of data in an object that's encrypted. In the example above, 50% of all data in Account objects are encrypted.
- **Uses Active Key**—The percentage of your encrypted data in that object or object type that is encrypted with your active key material.
- **Sync Needed**—Recommends whether to synchronize your data with the background encryption service. This column displays Yes when you've added or disabled encryption on fields, changed a field's encryption scheme, or rotated key material.

When the numbers in both Data Encrypted and Uses Active Key columns are the same, and Sync Needed column reads No, all your encrypted data is synchronized. In the example above, the Case object is synchronized.


Sometimes the Sync Needed column reads Yes for an object when the Encrypted Data and Uses Active Key columns read have the same values. This combination of values happens when encryption policy settings or keys have changed since the last time you gathered statistics or synchronized your data. This combination also happens when statistics have been gathered for newly encrypted data, but the object has never been synchronized. In the example above, the Account, Contact, Lead, and Opportunity objects meet one or more of these conditions.

A double dash (--) means that statistics haven't been gathered for that object or object type yet. In the example, statistics haven't been gathered for the Opportunity and Attachment objects.

Encryption Detail View


When you select an object, you see detailed statistics about the data stored in the object.

- **Field**—All encryptable standard and custom fields in the object that contain data.

 **Note:** Not all field data is stored in the same field that displays data in the UI. For example, some Person Account field data is stored in the corresponding Contact fields. If you have Person Accounts enabled but don't see encrypted fields under the Account detail view, gather statistics for the Contact object and check there.

Similarly, Chatter data is stored in the Feed Attachment, Feed Comment, Feed Poll Choice, Feed Post, and Feed Revision objects. The Encryption Statistics page lists these objects and all fields that hold encrypted Chatter data in the database. Some fields listed on the Encryption Statistics page aren't visible in the UI by the same name, but they store all encrypted data that's visible in the UI. See [Which Standard Fields and Data Elements Can I Encrypt?](#) on page 58 in Salesforce Help for a list of the encrypted Chatter fields.

- **API Name**—The API name for fields that contain data.
- **Encrypted Records**—The number of encrypted values stored in a field type across all objects of given type. For example, you select the Account object and see "9" in the Encrypted Records column next to Account Name. That means there are nine encrypted records across all Account Name fields.
- **Unencrypted Records**—The number of plaintext values stored in a field type.
- **Mixed Tenant Secret Status**—Indicates whether a mixture of active and archived tenant secrets apply to encrypted data in a field type.
- **Mixed Schemes**—Indicates whether a mixture of deterministic and probabilistic encryption schemes apply to encrypted data in a field type.

 **Note:** The following applies to both encrypted and unencrypted records:

- The records count for a field doesn't include NULL or BLANK values. A field with NULL or BLANK values can show a different (smaller) records count than the actual number of records.
- The records count for compound fields such as Contact.Name or Contact.Address can show a different (larger) records count than the actual number of records. The count includes the two or more fields that are counted for every record.

Usage Best Practices

Use these statistics to make informed decisions about your key management tasks.

- **Update encryption policies**—The encryption statistics detail view shows you which fields in an object contain encrypted data. Use this information to periodically evaluate whether your encryption policies match your organization's encryption strategy.
- **Rotate keys**—You might want to encrypt all your data with your active key material. Review the encryption summary pane on the left side of the page. If the Uses Active Key value is lower than the Data Encrypted value, some of your data uses archived key material. To synchronize your data, click the **Sync** button or contact Salesforce Customer Support.
- **Synchronize data**—Key rotation is an important part of any encryption strategy. When you rotate your key material, you might want to apply the active key material to existing data. To synchronize your data with your active key, click the **Sync** button.

If self-service background encryption is unavailable, review the Uses Active Key and Mixed Tenant Secret Status columns to identify any fields that include data encrypted with an archived key. Make a note of these objects and fields, then contact Salesforce Customer Support to request the background encryption service. Salesforce Customer Support can focus just on those objects and fields you want to synchronize, keeping the background encryption process as short as possible.


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When change happens, you have options for keeping your encryption policy up to date. You can synchronize most standard and custom field data yourself from the Encryption Statistics and Data Sync page in Setup. For all other data, Salesforce is here to help ensure data alignment with your latest encryption policy and tenant secret.

When We Do and Don't Automatically Encrypt Your Data

- When you turn on encryption for specific fields or other data, newly created and edited data are automatically encrypted with the most recent key.
- Data that's already in your org doesn't automatically get encrypted. Our background encryption service takes care of that on request.
- When you change your tenant secret as part of your key rotation strategy, data that's already encrypted remains encrypted with the old tenant secret. Our background encryption service can update it on request. And don't worry, you always have access to your data as long as you don't destroy the old, archived keys.
- If you turn off encryption, data that's already there is automatically decrypted based on the relevant key. Any functionality impacted by having encrypted data is restored.
- If Salesforce support re-encrypts your data with a new key, any data that was encrypted with the destroyed key is skipped. To access data encrypted with a destroyed key, import a backup of the destroyed key.

 **Note:** Note: Synchronizing your data encryption doesn't modify the record LastModifiedDate or LastModifiedById timestamps. It doesn't execute triggers, validation rules, workflow rules, or any other automated service. However, it does modify the SystemModStamp.

What You Can Synchronize Yourself

You can synchronize data in most standard and custom fields yourself from the Encryption Statistics page in Setup. [Self-service background encryption](#) on page 14 lets you synchronize most standard and custom fields. When the **Encrypt Field History and Feed Tracking Values** setting is turned on, synchronizing your data through Setup also encrypts field history and feed tracking changes.

Self-service background encryption isn't available for data in description fields, long and rich text area fields, and other data elements like files and attachments. To synchronize this data, contact Salesforce Customer Support.

Read more about [self-service background encryption](#) on page 14, and its [considerations](#) on page 75, in Salesforce Help.

How to Request Background Encryption Service from Salesforce Customer Support

Allow lead time

Contact Salesforce support 2–3 business days before you need the background encryption completed. The time to complete the process varies based on the volume of data. It could take several days.

Specify the data

Provide the list of objects, field names, and data elements you want encrypted or re-encrypted.

Verify the list

Verify that this list matches what's encrypted in Setup:

- Data elements selected on the Encryption Policy page
- Standard fields selected on the Encrypt Standard Fields page
- Custom fields you selected for encryption on the Field Definition page

 **Tip:** Also check that your field values aren't too long for encryption.

Include files and attachments?

Encryption for files and attachments is all or nothing. You don't have to specify which ones.

Include history and feed data?

Specify whether you want the corresponding field history and feed data encrypted.

Choose a time

Salesforce Customer Support can run the background encryption service Monday through Friday between 6 AM and 5 PM in your time zone.



Tip: If you're not sure which data is already encrypted, visit the Encryption Statistics page, which keeps a record of all fields that you have encrypted.

What If You Destroyed Your Key?

If your encryption key has been destroyed, your data can't be automatically decrypted. You have some options for handling this data.

- Reimport the destroyed key from a backup, then ask Salesforce Customer Support to synchronize your data with your encryption policy.
- Delete all the data that was encrypted with the destroyed key, then ask Salesforce Customer Support to synchronize your data.
- Ask Salesforce Customer Support to mass overwrite the data that was encrypted with the destroyed key with "?????".



Note: When you disable encryption for files that were encrypted with a key that's been destroyed, the files don't automatically go away. You can ask Salesforce support to delete the files.

IN THIS SECTION:

[Sync Data with Self-Service Background Encryption](#)

Synchronizing your data with your active key material keeps your encryption policy up-to-date. You can sync data in most standard and custom fields, and field history and feed tracking changes, from the Encryption Statistics and Data Sync page in Setup. To synchronize all other encrypted data, contact Salesforce Customer Support.


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Self-service background encryption supports all standard and custom fields except description and long and rich text area fields. For help synchronizing unsupported fields and other encrypted data, contact Salesforce Customer Support.

To include field history and feed tracking values in self-service background encryption processes, first turn on **Encrypt Field History and Feed Tracking Values** on the Advanced Settings page. When this setting is turned on, the self-service background encryption process applies your active key material to your field history and feed tracking values.

1. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Encryption Statistics**.
2. Select an object type or custom object from the left pane.

 **Note:** The Sync Needed column indicates whether you need to synchronize your data. This column displays Yes when you add or disable encryption on fields, rotate key material, or change a field's encryption scheme.

3. Click **Sync**.
Supported standard and custom fields are encrypted with your active key material and encryption policy in the background. After the service syncs your data, it gathers statistics for the object. To view your gathered statistics, wait for your verification email and then refresh the Encryption Statistics and Data Sync page.

 **Note:** The sync process time varies depending on how much data you have in your object. You're notified by email when the sync process is finished. You can sync your data from the Encryption Statistics and Data Sync page once every 7 days.

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If your results include error messages, you're probably running into one or more of these limitations:

Portals

You can't encrypt standard fields, because a customer portal or a partner portal is enabled in your organization. To deactivate a customer portal, go to the Customer Portal Settings page in Setup. To deactivate a partner portal, go to the Partners page in Setup.

 **Note:** Communities are not related to this issue. They are fully compatible with encryption.

Criteria-Based Sharing Rules

You've selected a field that is used in a filter in a criteria-based sharing rule.

SOQL/SOSL queries

You've selected a field that's used in an aggregate function in a SOQL query, or in a WHERE, GROUP BY, or ORDER BY clause.

EDITIONS

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Available in both Salesforce Classic and Lightning Experience.

Formula fields

You've selected a field that's referenced by a custom formula field in an unsupported way. Formulas can use BLANKVALUE, CASE, HYPERLINK, IF, IMAGE, ISBLANK, ISNULL, and NULLVALUE, as well as concatenation (&).

Flows and Processes

You've selected a field that's used in one of these contexts.

- To filter data in a flow
- To sort data in a flow
- To filter data in a process
- To filter data in a record choice set
- To sort data in a record choice set



Note: By default, your results only list the first 250 errors per element. You can increase the number of errors listed in your results to 5000. Contact Salesforce for help.



Note: This page is about Shield Platform Encryption, not Classic Encryption. [What's the difference?](#)

SEE ALSO:

[Encrypt New Data in Standard Fields](#)

Use Encrypted Data in Formulas

Use custom formula fields to quickly find encrypted data. You can write formulas with several operators and functions, render encrypted data in text, date, and date/time formats, and reference quick actions.

Supported Operators, Functions, and Actions

Supported operators and functions:

- & and + (concatenate)
- BLANKVALUE
- CASE
- HYPERLINK
- IF
- IMAGE
- ISBLANK
- ISNULL
- NULLVALUE

Also supported:

- Spanning
- Quick actions

Formulas can return data only in text, date, or date/time formats.

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& And + (Concatenate)

This works:

```
(encryptedField__c & encryptedField__c)
```

Why it works:

This works because & is supported.

This doesn't work:

```
LOWER(encryptedField__c & encryptedField__c)
```

Why it doesn't work:

LOWER isn't a supported function, and the input is an encrypted value.

Case

CASE returns encrypted field values, but doesn't compare them.

This works:

```
CASE(custom_field__c, "1", cf2__c, cf3__c)
```

where either or both cf2__c and cf3__c are encrypted

Why it works:

custom_field__c is compared to "1". If it is true, the formula returns cf2__c because it's not comparing two encrypted values.

This doesn't work:

```
CASE("1", cf1__c, cf2__c, cf3__c)
```

where cf1__c is encrypted

Why it doesn't work:

You can't compare encrypted values.

ISBLANK and ISNULL

This works:

```
OR(ISBLANK(encryptedField__c), ISNULL(encryptedField__c))
```

Why it works:

Both ISBLANK and ISNULL are supported. OR works in this example because ISBLANK and ISNULL return a Boolean value, not an encrypted value.

Spanning

This works:

```
(LookupObject1__r.City & LookupObject1__r.Street) &  
(LookupObject2__r.City & LookupObject2__r.Street) &  
(LookupObject3__r.City & LookupObject3__r.Street) &  
(LookupObject4__r.City & LookupObject4__r.Street)
```

How and why you use it:

Spanning retrieves encrypted data from multiple entities. For example, let's say you work in the customer service department for Universal Containers. A customer has filed a case about a distribution problem, and you want to see the scope of the issue. You want all the shipping addresses related to this particular case. This example returns all the customers' shipping addresses as a single string in your case layout.

Validation

The encryption validation service checks your org to make sure that it's compatible with encrypted formula field types.

When you encrypt a given field, the validation service:

- Retrieves all formula fields that reference the field
- Verifies that the formula fields are compatible with encryption
- Verifies that the formula fields aren't used elsewhere for filtering or sorting

Limits

Up to 200 formula fields can reference a given encrypted custom field. A field that is referenced by more than 200 formula fields can't be encrypted. If you need to reference an encrypted custom field from more than 200 formula fields, contact Salesforce.

When you specify multiple fields to encrypt at one time, the 200-field limit is applied to the whole batch. If you know that you are encrypting fields that have multiple formula fields pointing to them, encrypt those fields one at a time.

Apply Encryption to Fields Used in Matching Rules

Matching rules used in duplicate management help you maintain clean and accurate data. Apply deterministic encryption to the fields to make them compatible with standard and custom matching rules.

Ask an administrator to enable **Deterministic Encryption** from the Platform Encryption Advanced Settings page. If you don't have a Data in Salesforce (Deterministic) type tenant secret, create one from the Platform Encryption Key Management page.



Important: Matching rules used in duplicate management don't support probabilistically encrypted data.

Follow these steps to add encrypted fields to existing custom matching rules.

1. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Matching Rules*, and then select **Matching Rules**.
2. Deactivate the matching rule that reference fields you want to encrypt. If your matching rule is associated with an active duplicate rule, first deactivate the duplicate rule from the Duplicate Rules page. Then return to the Matching Rules page and deactivate the matching rule.
3. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Encryption Policy**.
4. Click **Encrypt Fields**.
5. Click **Edit**.
6. Select the fields you want to encrypt, and select **Deterministic** from the Encryption Scheme list.

7. Click **Save**.



Tip: Standard matching rules are automatically deactivated when encryption is added to a field referenced by that rule. To encrypt fields referenced in standard matching rules, follow steps 3–8.

8. After you get the email verifying encryption's been enabled on your fields, reactivate your matching rule and associated duplicate management rule.
Matching rules used in duplicate management now return exact and fuzzy matches on encrypted data.



Example: Let's say you recently encrypted Billing Address on your Contacts, and you want to add this field to a custom matching rule. First, deactivate the rule or rules you want to add this field to. Make sure that Billing Address is encrypted with the deterministic encryption scheme. Then add Billing Address to your custom matching rule, just like you would add any other field. Finally, reactivate your rule.

When you rotate your key material, you must update custom matching rules that reference encrypted fields. After you rotate your key material, deactivate and then reactivate the affected matching rules. Then contact Salesforce to request the background encryption process. When the background encryption process finishes, your matching rules can access all data encrypted with your active key material.

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USER PERMISSIONS

To view setup:

- View Setup and Configuration

To enable encryption key (tenant secret) management:

- Manage Profiles and Permission Sets

 **Important:** To ensure accurate matching results, customers who used the beta version of this feature must deactivate any matching rules that reference encrypted fields and then reactivate them. If your custom matching rule fails on reactivation, contact Salesforce for help reactivating your match index.

Encrypt Data in Chatter

Enabling Shield Platform Encryption for Chatter adds an extra layer of security to information that users share in Chatter. You can encrypt data at rest in feed posts and comments, questions and answers, link names and URLs, poll questions and choices, and content from your custom rich publisher apps.

We recommend that you test Encryption for Chatter in a dedicated Sandbox environment before enabling it in production.

Unlike encryption for custom and standard fields, enabling encryption for Chatter encrypts all eligible Chatter fields.

1. Make sure that your org has an active encryption key. If you're not sure, check with your administrator.
2. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Encryption Policy**.
3. Click **Encrypt Chatter**.

The automatic Shield Platform Encryption validation service checks for settings that could block encryption. If the service finds potential problems, it sends you an email with suggestions for fixing the problems.

After you activate encryption for Chatter, new data that you enter into Chatter gets encrypted. To encrypt historic Chatter data, contact Salesforce Customer Support to request the background encryption service.

When you edit or update an encrypted Chatter field, the field's revision history is also encrypted. For example, if you update a post, the old version of the post remains encrypted.

If you enabled Encryption for Chatter in Spring '17 and you want to access the most up-to-date features, deselect **Encrypt Chatter** and then reselect **Encrypt Chatter**.

 **Note:** This page is about Shield Platform Encryption, not Classic Encryption. [What's the difference?](#)

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USER PERMISSIONS

To view setup:

- View Setup and Configuration

To encrypt fields:

- Customize Application

Encrypt Search Index Files

Sometimes you need to search for personally identifiable information (PII) or data that's encrypted in the database. When you search your org, the results are stored in search index files. You can encrypt these search index files, adding another layer of security to your data.

1. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Key Management**.
2. Select **Search Index** from the picklist.
3. Select **Generate Tenant Secret**.
This new tenant secret encrypts only the data stored in search index files.
4. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Encryption Policy**.
5. Select **Encrypt Search Indexes**.
Your search indexes are now encrypted with the active Search Index tenant secret.

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Available in both Salesforce Classic and Lightning Experience.

USER PERMISSIONS

To view setup:

- View Setup and Configuration

To enable encryption key (tenant secret) management:

- Manage Profiles and Permission Sets

Encrypt Einstein Analytics Data

To get started with Einstein Analytics Encryption, generate a tenant secret with Shield Platform Encryption. Once you generate an Analytics tenant secret, Einstein Analytics Encryption uses the Shield Platform Encryption key management architecture to encrypt your Einstein Analytics data.

1. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Key Management**.
2. Select **Analytics** from the picklist.
3. Generate a tenant secret or upload key material.
4. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Encryption Policy**.
5. Select **Encrypt Einstein Analytics**.
6. Click **Save**.

New datasets in Einstein Analytics are now encrypted.



Note: Data that was in Einstein Analytics before encryption was enabled is not encrypted. If pre-existing data is imported from Salesforce objects through the dataflow, the data becomes encrypted on the next dataflow run. Other pre-existing data (such as CSV data) must be reimported to become encrypted. Although pre-existing data is not encrypted, it is still accessible and fully functional in its unencrypted state when encryption is enabled.

EDITIONS

Available as an add-on subscription in: **Enterprise**, **Performance**, and **Unlimited** Editions. Requires purchasing Einstein Analytics Platform and either Salesforce Shield or the Platform Encryption add-on.

Available in both Salesforce Classic and Lightning Experience.

USER PERMISSIONS

To view setup:

- View Setup and Configuration

To manage key material:

- Manage Encryption Keys

Filter Encrypted Data with Deterministic Encryption

You can filter data that you have protected with Shield Platform Encryption using deterministic encryption. Your users can filter records in reports and list views, even when the underlying fields are encrypted. You can apply case-sensitive deterministic encryption or exact-match case-insensitive deterministic encryption (beta) to data on a field-by-field basis.

Deterministic encryption supports WHERE clauses in SOQL queries and is compatible with unique and external ID fields. It also supports single-column indexes and single and double-column unique indexes. Shield Platform Encryption uses the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) with 256-bit keys with CBC mode and a static initialization vector (IV).

IN THIS SECTION:

[How Deterministic Encryption Supports Filtering](#)

By default, Salesforce encrypts data using a probabilistic encryption scheme. Each bit of data is turned into a fully random ciphertext string every time it's encrypted. Encryption doesn't generally impact users who are authorized to view the data. The exceptions are when logic is executed in the database or when encrypted values are compared to a string or to each other. In these cases, because the data has been turned into random, patternless strings, filtering isn't possible. For example, you might run a SOQL query in custom Apex code against the Contact object, where LastName = 'Smith'. If the LastName field is encrypted with probabilistic encryption, you can't run the query. Deterministic encryption addresses this problem.

[Encrypt Data with the Deterministic Encryption Scheme](#)

Generate key material specific to data encrypted with deterministic encryption schemes. You can apply either case-sensitive deterministic encryption or case-insensitive deterministic encryption (beta) schemes to your data, depending on the kind of filtering you need to perform. When you apply a deterministic encryption scheme to a field or change between deterministic encryption schemes, synchronize your data. Syncing data makes sure that your filters and queries produce accurate results.

How Deterministic Encryption Supports Filtering

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To be able to use filters when data is encrypted, we have to allow some patterns in our data. Deterministic encryption uses a static initialization vector (IV) so that encrypted data can be matched to a particular field value. The system can't read a piece of data that's encrypted, but it does know how to retrieve the ciphertext that stands for that piece of data thanks to the static IV. The IV is unique for a given field in a given org and can only be decrypted with your org-specific encryption key.

We evaluate the relative strengths and weaknesses of cryptographic approaches based on the types of attacks that can be launched against a particular algorithm. We also consider the length of time that it could take for the attack to succeed. For example, it is commonly said that a brute-force attack against an AES 256-bit key would take a billion billion years given current computing capabilities. Nevertheless, it is common practice to rotate keys regularly.


Certain kinds of attacks become a bit less far-fetched when you get away from purely random ciphertext. For example, an attacker could conceivably analyze deterministically encrypted ciphertext and determine that the cleartext string `Al i c e` always resolves to the ciphertext `YjNkY2JlNjU5M2JkNjk4MGJiNWE2NGQ5NzI5MzU1OTcNCg==`. Given enough time to eavesdrop, an attacker could defeat encryption by building a dictionary of cleartext values to ciphertext values.

The Salesforce Shield approach is to expose just enough determinism to enable bona fide users to filter on encrypted data while limiting it enough to ensure that a given plaintext value does not universally result in the same ciphertext value across all fields, objects, or orgs. Even if an attacker successfully matched cleartext to encrypted values for one field, the attacker would have to do it all over again for any other field, and again for the same field in another object.

In this way, deterministic encryption only decreases encryption strength as minimally necessary to allow filtering.

Encrypt Data with the Deterministic Encryption Scheme

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 **Note:** To access the case-insensitive deterministic encryption (beta) encryption scheme, contact Salesforce Customer Support. Case-insensitive means that a SOQL query against the Lead object, where `Company = Acme`, returns `Acme`, `acme`, or `ACME`. Similarly, when the filter-preserving scheme tests for unicity (uniqueness), each version of `Acme` is considered identical.

1. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Key Management**.
2. From the Choose Tenant Secret Type menu, select **Data in Salesforce**.
3. Generate or upload a tenant secret.
4. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Advanced Settings**.
5. Enable **Deterministic Encryption**.

USER PERMISSIONS

To generate, destroy, export, import, and upload tenant secrets and customer-supplied key material:

- Manage Encryption Keys

To enable Deterministic Encryption:

- Customize Application

6. From Setup, select **Key Management**.
7. Select the **Data in Salesforce (Deterministic)** secret type.
8. Generate a tenant secret.

You can mix and match probabilistic and deterministic encryption, encrypting some fields one way and some fields the other.

Key Management [Help for this Page](#)

Shield Platform Encryption adds another layer of protection to your data, helping you meet compliance requirements. Read more about [Shield Platform Encryption best practices](#) and [tradeoffs](#) before you get started.

Use the dropdown to select which type of tenant secret you want to manage. Then generate a tenant secret with Salesforce, or upload your own key material (BYOK).

Choose Tenant Secret Type: **Data in Salesforce (Deterministic)**

These keys encrypt data with the deterministic encryption scheme.

Key Management [Key Management Help](#)

[Generate Tenant Secret](#) [Bring Your Own Key](#)

9. Enable encryption for each field, and choose a deterministic encryption scheme. How you do that depends on whether it's a standard field or a custom field.
 - For standard fields, from Setup, select **Encryption Policy**, and then select **Encrypt Fields**. For each field you want to encrypt, select the field name, and then choose **Deterministic** from the Encryption Scheme list.

Note: If case-insensitive deterministic encryption (beta) is enabled in your org, you can also choose the **Deterministic—Case Insensitive** scheme. For access to this feature, contact Salesforce Customer Support.

Encrypt Standard Fields [Help for this Page](#)

Select the fields you want to encrypt.

Note: Before you encrypt, [understand the limitations](#) encryption imposes on your organization, even if you disable it later.

Important: When you switch between encryption schemes, contact Salesforce. We'll update your encrypted data to use your chosen scheme.

[Save](#) [Cancel](#)

Account	Encryption Scheme
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Account Name	Probabilistic
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Billing Address	Probabilistic
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shipping Address	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probabilistic <input type="checkbox"/> Deterministic - Case Sensitive <input type="checkbox"/> Deterministic - Case Insensitive </div>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fax	
<input type="checkbox"/> Website	

- For custom fields, open the Object Manager and edit the field you want to encrypt. Select **Encrypt the contents of this field**, and select an encryption scheme.

Custom Field Definition Edit [Save] [Cancel]

Field Information ! = Required Information

Field Label Encrypted Field Data Type Text

Field Name Encrypted_Field

Description

Help Text

General Options

Required ☐ Always require a value in this field in order to save a record

Unique ☐ Do not allow duplicate values

☐ Treat "ABC" and "abc" as duplicate values (case insensitive)
☐ Treat "ABC" and "abc" as different values (case sensitive)

External ID ☐ Set this field as the unique record identifier from an external system

Encrypted ☒ Encrypt the contents of this field i

☐ Use probabilistic encryption
☒ Use case sensitive deterministic encryption

Default Value Show Formula Editor

Use formula syntax: Enclose text and picklist value API names in double quotes : ("the_text"), include numbers without quotes : (25), show percentages as decimals: (0.10), and express date calculations in the standard format: (Today() + 7)

10. To apply full deterministic functionality to your existing data, synchronize your data. When you apply or remove deterministic encryption to a field, existing data in that field might not appear in queries or filters. Synchronize your data from the Encryption Statistics and Data Sync page, or contact Salesforce Customer Support to request the background encryption service. For more information, see [Synchronize Your Data Encryption with the Background Encryption Service](#).

Cache-Only Key Service

Shield Platform Encryption's Cache-Only Key Service addresses a unique need for non-persisted key material. You can store your key material outside of Salesforce and have the Cache-Only Key Service fetch your key on demand from a key service that you control. Your key service transmits your key over a secure channel that you configure, and the Cache-Only Key Service uses your key for immediate encrypt and decrypt operations. Salesforce doesn't retain or persist your cache-only keys in any system of record or backups. You can revoke key material at any time.

IN THIS SECTION:

[How Cache-Only Keys Works](#)

The Cache-Only Key Service lets you use a variety of key services to generate, secure, and store your key material. You can use an on-premises key service, host your own cloud-based key service, or use a cloud-based key brokering vendor.

EDITIONS

Available in: **Enterprise, Performance, Unlimited, and Developer** Editions. Requires purchasing Salesforce Shield or Shield Platform Encryption, and the Cache-Only Key Service.

Available in both Salesforce Classic and Lightning Experience.

[Prerequisites and Terminology for Cache-Only Keys](#)

The Cache-Only Key Service offers you more control over your key material. When you use cache-only keys, you control more of the key management tasks. Before you start using the service, understand how to create and host your key material in a way that's compatible with Salesforce's BYOK service.

[Create and Assemble Your Key Material](#)

The Cache-Only Key Service is compatible with 256-bit AES keys returned in a JSON response, and then wrapped using JSON Web Encryption (JWE).

[Add Replay Detection for Cache-Only Keys](#)

Replay detection protects your cache-only keys if a callout is fraudulently intercepted. When enabled, replay detection inserts an autogenerated, unique marker called a RequestIdentifier into every callout. The RequestIdentifier includes the key identifier, a nonce generated for that callout instance, and the nonce required from the endpoint. The RequestIdentifier serves as a random, one-time identifier for each valid callout request. Once you set up your key service to accept and return the RequestIdentifier, any callout with missing or mismatched RequestIdentifiers is aborted.

[Configure Your Cache-Only Key Callout Connection](#)

Use a named credential to specify the endpoint for your callout, and identify the key that you want to fetch from your endpoint.

[Check Your Cache-Only Key Connection](#)

Because your cache-only key material is stored outside of Salesforce, it's important to maintain a functional callout connection. Use the Callout Check page to monitor your connection and quickly respond to key service interruptions that could prevent the service from fetching your keys.

[Destroy a Cache-Only Key](#)

When you destroy a cache-only key, you're destroying two things: the key in the cache, and the callout connection to the key service.

[Reactivate a Cache-Only Key](#)

If you still have your named credential associated with a key that was destroyed in Salesforce, you can reactivate a destroyed cache-only key from Setup. Cache-only keys can't be reactivated programmatically. Reactivating a destroyed key makes it the active key. Before you reactivate a destroyed key, make sure that the corresponding key service connection is recovered.

[Considerations for Cache-Only Keys](#)

These considerations apply to all data that you encrypt using the Cache-Only Key Service.

[Troubleshoot Cache-Only Keys](#)

One or more of these frequently asked questions may help you troubleshoot any problems that arise.

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Figures 1 and 2 show how Salesforce fetches keys on-demand from your specified key service. Whether you store your keys with an on-premises key service or a cloud-based key service, the flow is the same. When users access encrypted data, or add sensitive data to encrypted data elements, the Cache-Only Key Service makes a callout to your key service. Your key service passes key material, wrapped securely in JSON Web Encryption format, through a secure, authenticated channel that you set up.

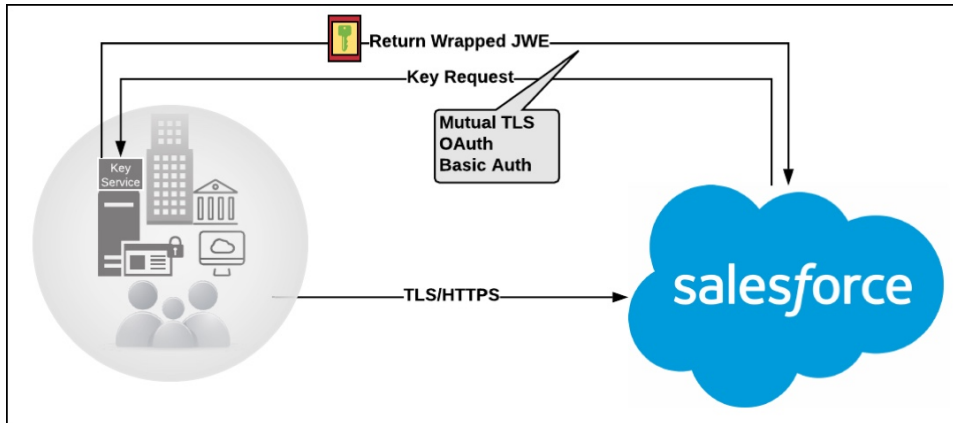


Figure 1: On-premises Key Service

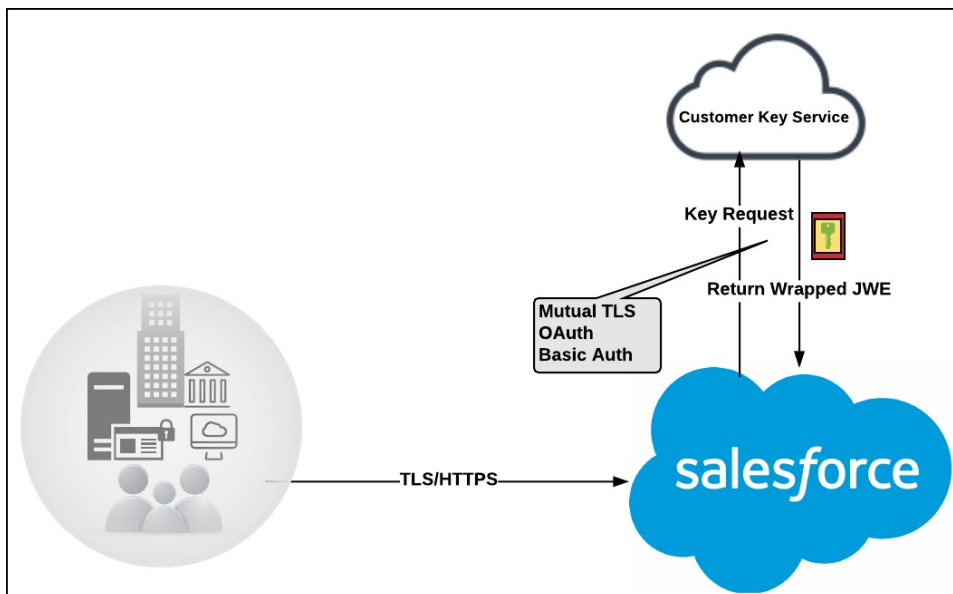


Figure 2: Cloud-Based Key Service

As a core offering of the Shield KMS, enhanced cache controls ensure that key material is stored securely while in the cache. The Shield KMS encrypts the fetched key material with an org-specific AES 256-bit cache encryption key and stores the encrypted key material in the cache for encrypt and decrypt operations. HSM-protected keys secure the cache encryption key in the cache, and the cache encryption key is rotated along with key lifecycle events such as key destruction and rotation.

The enhanced cache controls provide a single source of truth for key material used to encrypt and decrypt your data. Subsequent encryption and decryption requests go through the encrypted key cache until the cache-only key is revoked or rotated, or the cache is flushed. Once the cache is flushed, the Cache-Only Key Service fetches key material from your specified key service. The cache is regularly flushed every 72 hours, and certain Salesforce operations flush the cache on average every 24 hours. Destroying a data encryption key invalidates the corresponding data encryption key that's stored in the cache.

Because cache-only keys bypass the key derivation process, they're used to directly encrypt and decrypt your data.

Prerequisites and Terminology for Cache-Only Keys

The Cache-Only Key Service offers you more control over your key material. When you use cache-only keys, you control more of the key management tasks. Before you start using the service, understand how to create and host your key material in a way that's compatible with Salesforce's BYOK service.

Prerequisites

1. Prepare your Salesforce org. Make sure that your org has at least one active Data in Salesforce key, either Salesforce-generated or customer-supplied. You can create a tenant secret by clicking **Generate Tenant Secret** on the Key Management page in Setup.
2. Generate and Host Key Material. The cache-only key exchange protocol and format requires that keys are wrapped in an opinionated JSON Web Encryption (JWE). This format uses RSAES-OAEP for key encryption and AES GCM for content encryption.

Use a secure, trusted service to generate, store, and back up your key material.

3. Use and maintain a reliable high-availability key service. Choose a high-availability key service with an acceptable service level agreement (SLA), predefined maintenance procedures, and processes to mitigate any potential impact to business continuity.

When the connection between Salesforce and your key service is broken, the Cache-Only Key Service can encrypt and decrypt data as long as your key material is in the cache. However, keys don't stay in the cache for long. The cache is regularly flushed every 72 hours, but some Salesforce operations flush the cache about every 24 hours.

If your key material isn't in the cache, and the connection to your key service is broken, users can't encrypt or decrypt records. Make sure that you use a key service that Salesforce can connect to at any time. This is especially important during busy times like the end of year or end of quarter.

4. Maintain a secure callout endpoint. The cache-only key exchange protocol requires that keys are wrapped in an opinionated JSON format. Host your wrapped key inside the key response at a location Salesforce can request.

To ensure easy IP whitelisting, the Cache-Only Key Service uses named credentials to establish a secure, authenticated, [whitelisted connection](#) to external sites. You can configure your named credentials to use popular authentication formats, such as Mutual TLS and OAuth. You can change these authentication protocols at any time.

5. Actively monitor your key service logs for errors. While Salesforce is here to help you with the Shield Platform Encryption service, you are responsible for maintaining the high-availability key service that you use to host your key material. You can use the [RemoteKeyCalloutEvent](#) object to review or track cache-only key events.



Warning: Because you're in control of your keys, you're responsible for securing and backing up your key material. Salesforce can't retrieve lost key material stored outside of our encrypted key cache.

6. Know how to format and assemble your key material. Format key material hosted outside of Salesforce in a way that's compatible with the Cache-Only Key Service. Make sure that you can generate the following components in the required formats.

Table 1: Cache-Only Key Components

Component	Format
Data encryption key (DEK)	AES 256-bit
Content encryption key (CEK)	AES 256-bit
BYOK-compatible certificate	A 4096-bit RSA certificate whose private key is encrypted with a derived, org-specific tenant secret key
JSON Web Encryption content and header	See a sample in Github

Component	Format
Algorithm for encrypting the CEK	RSA-OAEP
Algorithm for encrypting the DEK	A256GCM
Unique key identifier	Allows numbers, uppercase and lowercase letters, periods, hyphens, and underscores
Initialization vector	Encoded in base64url
JSON web token ID (JTI)	A 128-bit hex encoded, randomly generated identifier

Read more about assembling your key material in the [Generate and Assemble Cache-Compatible Keys](#) section. You can also look at our [Cache-Only Key Wrapper](#) in Github for examples and sample utility.

Terminology

Here are some terms that are specific to the Cache-Only Key Service.

Content Encryption Key

For each key request, your key service endpoint generates a unique content encryption key. The content encryption key wraps the data encryption key, which is in turn encrypted by the key encrypting key and placed in the JWE header of the key response.

JSON Web Encryption

The JSON-based structure that the Shield Platform Encryption service uses to encrypted content. JSON Web Encryption, or JWE, uses RSAES-OAEP for key encryption and AES GCM for content encryption.

JSON Web Token ID

A unique identifier for the JSON web token, which enables identity and security information to be shared across security domains.

Key Identifier

The Key ID, or KID, is the unique identifier for your key. The KID is used as the suffix in the named credential and for validation of the KID in the response. In Setup, enter this identifier in the Unique Key Identifier field.

Create and Assemble Your Key Material

The Cache-Only Key Service is compatible with 256-bit AES keys returned in a JSON response, and then wrapped using JSON Web Encryption (JWE).

Cache-only key material is wrapped in a JSON format. An example cache-only key is used throughout this article to illustrate how key material changes as you assemble it.

1. Generate a 256-bit AES data encryption key. You can use the cryptographically secure method of your choice.
2. Generate a 256-bit AES content encryption key using a cryptographically secure method.
3. Generate and download your BYOK-compatible certificate.

EDITIONS

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Available in both Salesforce Classic and Lightning Experience.

4. Create the JWE protected header. The JWE protected header is a JSON object with 3 claims: the algorithm used to encrypt the content encryption key, the algorithm used to encrypt the data encryption key, and the unique ID of the cache-only key. Here's an example header to get us started.

```
{"alg": "RSA-OAEP", "enc": "A256GCM", "kid": "982c375b-f46b-4423-8c2d-4d1a69152a0b" }
```

5. Encode the JWE protected header as BASE64URL(UTF8(JWE Protected Header)).

```
eyJhbGciOiJSU0EtT0FFUCIsImVuYyI6IkeYNTZHQ00iLCJraWQiOiI5ODJjMzc1Yi1mNDZiLTQ0MjMtOGMyZC00ZDFhbjknNTJhMGIifQ
```

6. Encrypt the content encryption key with the public key from the BYOK certificate using the RSAES-OAEP algorithm. Then encode this encrypted content encryption key as BASE64URL(Encrypted CEK).

```
192QA-R7b6Gtjo0tG4GlylJti1-Pf-519YpStYOp28YToMxgUxPmx4NR_myvft24oBCWkh6hy_dqAL7JlVO449EglAB_i9GRdyVbTKnJQ1OiVKwWUQaZ9jVNxFFUYTWWZ-sVK4pUw0B3lHwWBfpMsl4jf0exp5-5amiTZ5oP0rkW99ugLWJ_7XlyTuMIA6VTLSpL0YqChHlwQjo12TQaWG_tiTwl1SgRd3YohuMVlmCdEmR2TfwTvryLPx4KbFK3Pv5ZSpSiyreFTh12DPpmhLEAVhCBZxR4-HMnZySSs4QorWagOaT8XPjPv46m8mUATZSD4hab8v3Mq4H33CmwngZCJXX-sDHuax2JUejxNC8HT5p6sa_I2gQFM1BC2Sd4yBKyl1DQKcSslCVav4buG8hkOJXY69iW_zhztv3DoJJ901-EvkMoHpw11lU9lFhJMUQRvvocfghs2kzy5QC8QQt4t4Wu3p7IvzeneL5I81QjQlDjMZhblLorFHgcAs9_FMwnFYFrgsHP1_v3Iqy7zJJc60fCfDaxAF8Txj_L0eOMkCF1-9PwrULWYRTLMI7CdZIm7jb8v9ALxCmDgqUi1yvEeBjHgMLezAWtxvGGkej0BdsbWaPFXlI3Uj7C-Mw8LcmpSLKZyEnhj2x-3Vfv5hIVauC6ja1B6Z_UcqXK0c
```

7. Generate an initialization vector for use as input to the data encryption key's AES wrapping. Then encode it in base64url.

```
N2WVMbpAxipAtG90
```

8. Wrap your data encryption key with your content encryption key.

- a. Encode the JWE header as ASCII(BASE64URL(UTF8(JWE Protected Header))).
- b. Reform authenticated encryption on the data encryption key with the AES GCM algorithm. Use the content encryption key as the encryption key, the initialization vector (the bytes, not the base64URL encoded version), and the Additional Authenticated Data value, requesting a 128-bit Authentication Tag output.
- c. Encode the resulting ciphertext as BASE64URL(Ciphertext).
- d. Encode the Authentication Tag as BASE64URL(Authentication Tag).

```
63wRVVKX0ZOxu8cKqN1kqN-7EDa_mnmk32DinS_zFo4
```

and

```
HC7Ev5lmsbTgwyGpeGH5Rw
```

9. Assemble your JWE as a compact serialization of all the preceding values. Concatenate values separated by a period.

```
eyJhbGciOiJSU0EtT0FFUCIsImVuYyI6IkeYNTZHQ00iLCJraWQiOiI5ODJjMzc1Yi1mNDZiLTQ0MjMtOGMyZC00ZDFhbjknNTJhMGIifQ.192QA-R7b6Gtjo0tG4GlylJti1-Pf-519YpStYOp28YToMxgUxPmx4NR_myvft24oBCWkh6hy_dqAL7JlVO449EglAB_i9GRdyVbTKnJQ1OiVKwWUQaZ9jVNxFFUYTWWZ-sVK4pUw0B3lHwWBfpMsl4jf0exp5-5amiTZ5oP0rkW99ugLWJ_7XlyTuMIA6VTLSpL0YqChHlwQjo12TQaWG_tiTwl1SgRd3YohuMVlmCdEmR2TfwTvryLPx4KbFK3Pv5ZSpSiyreFTh12DPpmhLEAVhCBZxR4-HMnZySSs4QorWagOaT8XPjPv46m8mUATZSD4hab8v3Mq4H33CmwngZCJXX-sDHuax2JUejxNC8HT5p6sa_I2gQFM1BC2Sd4yBKyl1DQKcSslCVav4buG8hkOJXY69iW_zhztv3DoJJ901-EvkMoHpw11lU9lFhJMUQRvvocfghs2kzy5QC8QQt4t4Wu3p7IvzeneL5I81QjQlDjMZhblLorFHgcAs9_FMwnFYFrgsHP1_v3Iqy7zJJc60fCfDaxAF8Txj_L0eOMkCF1-9PwrULWYRTLMI7CdZIm7jb8v9ALxCmDgqUi1yvEeBjHgMLezAWtxvGGkej0BdsbWaPFXlI3Uj7C-Mw8LcmpSLKZ
```

```
yEnhj2x-3Vfv5hIVauC6ja1B6Z_UcqXK0c.N2WVMbpAxipAtG9O.63wRVVKX0ZOxu8cKqN1kqN-7EDa_mnmk32DinS_zFo4.HC7Ev5lmsbTgwYGpeGH5Rw
```

For more detailed examples of this process, check out the sample [Cache-Only Key Wrapper](#) in Github. You can use either the utility in this repository or another service of your choosing.

Add Replay Detection for Cache-Only Keys

Replay detection protects your cache-only keys if a callout is fraudulently intercepted. When enabled, replay detection inserts an autogenerated, unique marker called a RequestIdentifier into every callout. The RequestIdentifier includes the key identifier, a nonce generated for that callout instance, and the nonce required from the endpoint. The RequestIdentifier serves as a random, one-time identifier for each valid callout request. Once you set up your key service to accept and return the RequestIdentifier, any callout with missing or mismatched RequestIdentifiers is aborted.

1. Update your key service to extract the nonce generated for the callout instance from the RequestIdentifier. Here's what the nonce looks like.
e5ab58fd2ced013f2a46d5c8144dd439
2. Echo this nonce in the JWE protected header, along with the algorithm used to encrypt the content encryption key, the algorithm used to encrypt the data encryption key, and the unique ID of the cache-only key. Here's an example.

```
{"alg":"RSA-OAEP","enc":"A256GCM","kid":"982c375b-f46b-4423-8c2d-4d1a69152a0b","jti":"e5ab58fd2ced013f2a46d5c8144dd439"}
```

3. From Setup, enter *Platform Encryption* in the Quick find box, and click **Advanced Settings**.
4. Select **Enable Replay Detection for Cache-Only Keys**.

From now on, every callout to an external key service includes a unique RequestIdentifier.



Warning: If you enable replay detection but don't return the nonce with your cache-only key material, Salesforce aborts the callout connection and displays a POTENTIAL_REPLAY_ATTACK_DETECTED error.

EDITIONS

Available in: **Enterprise, Performance, Unlimited, and Developer** Editions. Requires purchasing Salesforce Shield or Shield Platform Encryption, and the Cache-Only Key Service.

Available in both Salesforce Classic and Lightning Experience.

USER PERMISSIONS

To create, edit, and delete named credentials:

- Customize Application

To enable replay detection for cache-only keys:

- Customize Application

AND

Manage Encryption Keys

To generate, destroy, export, import, upload, and configure tenant secrets and customer-supplied key material:

- Manage Encryption Keys

Configure Your Cache-Only Key Callout Connection

Use a named credential to specify the endpoint for your callout, and identify the key that you want to fetch from your endpoint.

1. Make sure that your org has at least one active Data in Salesforce key, either Salesforce-generated or customer-supplied. You can create a tenant secret by clicking **Generate Tenant Secret** on the Key Management page in Setup.
2. From Setup, enter *Named Credential* in the Quick Find box, then select **Named Credential**.



Tip: A named credential provides an authenticated callout mechanism through which Salesforce can fetch your key material. Because Salesforce whitelists named credentials, they're a secure and convenient channel for key material stored outside of Salesforce.

Learn more about named credentials, how to define a named credential, and how to grant access to authentication settings for named credentials in Salesforce Help.

3. Create a named credential. Specify an HTTPS endpoint from which Salesforce can fetch your key material.
4. From Setup, enter *Platform Encryption* in the Quick Find box and select **Advanced Settings**.
5. Select **Allow Cache-Only Keys with BYOK**.



Note: If you deselect **Allow Cache-Only Keys with BYOK**, data encrypted with cache-only key material remains encrypted and Salesforce continues to invoke secured callouts. However, you can't modify your cache-only key configuration or add new ones. If you don't want to use cache-only keys, rotate your key material to use customer-supplied (BYOK) key material. Then synchronize all your data, and deselect **Allow Cache-Only Keys with BYOK**.

6. From Setup, enter *Platform Encryption* in the Quick Find box, then select **Key Management**.
7. Choose a key type from the Tenant Secret Type dropdown.
8. Select **Bring Your Own Key**.
9. Select a BYOK-compatible certificate from the Choose Certificate dropdown.
10. Select **Use a Cache-Only Key**.
11. For Unique Key Identifier, enter your KID—the unique key identifier for your data encryption key. Your identifier can be a number, a string (2018_data_key), or a UUID (982c375b-f46b-4423-8c2d-4d1a69152a0b).
12. In the Named Credential dropdown, select the named credential associated with your key. You can have multiple keys associated with each named credential.

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USER PERMISSIONS

To create, edit, and delete named credentials:

- Customize Application

To allow cache-only keys with BYOK:

- Customize Application

AND

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Manage Certificates

Create Self-Signed Certificate

Create CA-Signed Certificate

Choose Certificate

certificate1 ▾

Download Certificate

▼ Certificate Details

Name	certificate1	Unique Name	certificate1
Created Date	3/30/2018 2:05 PM	Expiration Date	3/30/2020 5:00 AM
Key Size	4096		

☐ Upload Key Material

☒ Use a Cache-Only Key

Use a Cache-Only Key

Save

Unique Key Identifier

my_data_key1


Named Credential

Named Credential ▾

Salesforce checks the connection to the endpoint specified by the named credential. If Salesforce can reach the endpoint, the key specified for the Unique Key Identifier becomes the active key. All data marked for encryption by your encryption policy is encrypted with your cache-only key.

If Salesforce can't reach the specified endpoint, an error displays to help you troubleshoot the connection.

Cache-only key status is recorded as FETCHED on the Key Management page. In Enterprise API, the TenantSecret `Source` value is listed as REMOTE.

 **Tip:** You can monitor key configuration callouts in the Setup Audit Trail. When a callout to an active or archived cache-only key is successful, the Setup Audit Trail logs an Activated status. Individual callouts are not monitored in Setup Audit Trail.

Check Your Cache-Only Key Connection

Because your cache-only key material is stored outside of Salesforce, it's important to maintain a functional callout connection. Use the Callout Check page to monitor your connection and quickly respond to key service interruptions that could prevent the service from fetching your keys.

The Cache-Only Key: Callout Check page is accessible after you enable the Cache-Only Key Service in your org and make your first callout. Data presented as part of a callout check are never stored in the system of record.

1. From Setup, enter *Platform Encryption* in the Quick Find box, then select **Key Management**.
2. Choose the Certificate Unique Name and Named Credential associated with your Unique Key Identifier.
3. In the Actions column, next to the key material you want to check, click **Details**.
4. On the Cache-Only Key: Callout Check page, click **Check**.
Details about your callout connection display on the page. It can take a few moments for the callout check to complete and display the results.

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Available in both Salesforce Classic and Lightning Experience.

USER PERMISSIONS

To generate, destroy, export, import, upload, and configure tenant secrets and customer-supplied key material:

- Manage Encryption Keys

Cache-Only Key: Callout Check

[Help for this Page](#)

Review and check your cache-only key callout connection. Callout test results aren't saved or logged in Salesforce.

Callout Connection Details

Unique Key Identifier

keyContact2

Named Credential

Named Credential

Certificate Unique Name

certificate2

Start a callout connection check to see results.

Check

Testing callout connection for

Organization ID: 00DR000000013Hj
Tenant Secret ID: 02GR00000001K1G
Unique Key Identifier: keyContact2
Named Credential: Named_Credential
Certificate Unique Name: certificate2


The callout was successful.

5. Review the details about your callout connection. If your callout connection was unsuccessful, you see a descriptive error message at the bottom of the results pane. Use this message to make the appropriate adjustments to your key service.

Destroy a Cache-Only Key

When you destroy a cache-only key, you're destroying two things: the key in the cache, and the callout connection to the key service.

1. From Setup, enter *Platform Encryption* in the Quick Find box, then select **Key Management**.
2. Choose a key type from the Tenant Secret Type dropdown.
3. Click **Destroy**.
Your key material's status is changed to Destroyed, and callouts to this key stop. Data encrypted with this key material is masked with "?????" in the app.

 **Note:** Your cache-only key is unique to your org and to the specific data to which it applies. When you destroy a cache-only key, related data isn't accessible unless you reactivate it and make sure that Salesforce can fetch it.

Reactivate a Cache-Only Key

If you still have your named credential associated with a key that was destroyed in Salesforce, you can reactivate a destroyed cache-only key from Setup. Cache-only keys can't be reactivated programmatically. Reactivating a destroyed key makes it the active key. Before you reactivate a destroyed key, make sure that the corresponding key service connection is recovered.

1. From Setup, enter *Platform Encryption* in the Quick Find box, then select **Key Management**.
2. Next to cache-only key you want to reactivate, click **Activate**.

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To generate, destroy, export, import, upload, and configure tenant secrets and customer-supplied key material:

- Manage Encryption Keys

EDITIONS

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Choose Tenant Secret Type ☒ Data in Salesforce
☐ Search Index
☐ Data in Salesforce (Deterministic)
☐ Analytics
☐ Event Bus


These keys encrypt data stored in Salesforce. These keys encrypt data stored in Salesforce, data in fields, files, and attachments.

Key Management

Generate Tenant Secret Bring Your Own Key [i](#)

Actions	Version	Tenant Secret Type	Status	Key Material Source	Key Derivation	Created By	Last Modified By
Activate	20	Data in Salesforce	DESTROYED	FETCHED	<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Administrator, 5/4/2018 10:51 AM	Security Administrator, 5/30/2018 4:36 PM
Destroy	19	Data in Salesforce	ARCHIVED	FETCHED	<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Administrator, 5/4/2018 10:45 AM	Security Administrator, 5/4/2018 10:51 AM
Destroy	18	Data in Salesforce	ARCHIVED	FETCHED	<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Administrator, 5/2/2018 8:50 AM	Security Administrator, 5/4/2018 10:52 AM
Destroy	17	Data in Salesforce	ARCHIVED	FETCHED	<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Administrator, 5/2/2018 7:50 AM	Security Administrator, 5/4/2018 10:52 AM
Destroy	16	Data in Salesforce	ARCHIVED	FETCHED	<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Administrator, 4/18/2018 7:59 PM	Security Administrator, 5/4/2018 10:52 AM
Activate	15	Data in Salesforce	DESTROYED	FETCHED	<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Administrator, 4/20/2018 12:23 PM	Security Administrator, 5/30/2018 2:21 PM
Destroy Export	7	Data in Salesforce	ARCHIVED	HSM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Security Administrator, 3/26/2018 12:23 AM	Security Administrator, 4/18/2018 7:59 PM

The Shield Key Management Service fetches the reactivated cache-only key from your key service, and uses it to access data that was previously encrypted with it.

 **Note:** You can sync your data to your active cache-only key just like you can with any other key material. When you rotate a cache-only key, contact Salesforce to request the background encryption service.

Considerations for Cache-Only Keys

These considerations apply to all data that you encrypt using the Cache-Only Key Service.

Retry Policy

If Salesforce can't reach your external key service, the callout fails and your active cache-only key's status is set to Destroyed. This prevents excessive loads on both services. The Cache-Only Key Service then periodically retries the callout to help you minimize down time. Retries occur once per minute for five minutes, then once every five minutes for 24 hours. If the Cache-Only Key Service can successfully complete a callout during this retry period, your cache-only key's status is reset to Active.

At any point during a retry period, you can activate your key material through Setup or the API pending remote key service availability. If you reactivate your key material during the retry period, all retry attempts stop.

The RemoteKeyCalloutEvent object captures every callout to your key service. You can subscribe to this event with after insert Apex triggers, and set up real-time alerts that notify you when a callout fails.

EDITIONS

Available as an add-on subscription in: **Enterprise**, **Performance**, and **Unlimited** Editions. Requires purchasing Salesforce Shield. Available in **Developer** Edition at no charge for orgs created in Summer '15 and later.

Available in both Salesforce Classic and Lightning Experience.

401 HTTP Responses

In the event of a 401 HTTP response, Salesforce automatically refreshes any OAuth token associated with your named credential, and retries the request.

Einstein Analytics

Backups of Einstein Analytics data are encrypted with your Shield Platform Encryption keys. If you encrypt data in Einstein Analytics datasets with a cache-only key, make sure that the Analytics cache-only key is in the same state as your Data in Salesforce-type cache-only key.

Setup Audit Trail

Setup Audit Trail records activated cache-only key versions differently depending on whether a cache-only key with the Active status exists when you reactivate the key.

However, if you reactivate a destroyed key and there is already another key with the Active status, the Setup Audit Trail shows the reactivated key with an updated version number.

Cache-Only Keys and Key Types

Use a separate cache-only key for each type of data you want to encrypt. You can't use a cache-only key with multiple key types. For example, you can't use a cache-only key to encrypt both search indexes and Einstein Analytics data.

Service Protections

To protect against Shield KMS interruptions and ensure smooth encryption and decryption processes, you can have up to 10 active and archived cache-only keys of each type.

If you reach your key limit, destroy an existing key so that you can create, upload, reactivate, rearchive, or create a callout to another one. Remember to synchronize your data with an active key before destroying key material.

Troubleshoot Cache-Only Keys

One or more of these frequently asked questions may help you troubleshoot any problems that arise.

The callout to my key service isn't going through. What can I do?

Callouts can fail for various reasons. Review the error message that displays and follow these tips for resolving the problem. All callouts are recorded in the [RemoteKeyCalloutEvent](#) object.

Table 2: Cache-Only Key Service Errors and Status Codes

RemoteKeyCalloutEvent Status Code	Error	Tips for Fixing the Problem
DESTROY_HTTP_CODE	The remote key service returned an HTTP error: {000}. A successful HTTP response will return a 200 code.	To find out what went wrong, review the HTTP response code.
ERROR_HTTP_CODE	The remote key service returned an unsupported HTTP response code: {000}. A successful HTTP response will return a 200 code.	To find out what went wrong, review the HTTP response code.

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Available in both Salesforce Classic and Lightning Experience.

RemoteKeyCalloutEvent Status Code	Error	Tips for Fixing the Problem
MALFORMED_CONTENT_ENCRYPTION_KEY	The remote key service returned a content encryption key in the JWE that couldn't be decrypted with the certificate's private key. Either the JWE is corrupted, or the content encryption key is encrypted with a different key.	Check that you set up your named credential properly and are using the correct BYOK-compatible certificate.
MALFORMED_DATA_ENCRYPTION_KEY	The content encryption key couldn't decrypt the data encryption key that was returned in the remote key service's JWE. The data encryption key is either malformed, or encrypted with a different content encryption key.	Check that you set up your named credential properly and are using the correct BYOK-compatible certificate. Named credentials must call out to an HTTPS endpoint.
MALFORMED_JSON_RESPONSE	We can't parse the JSON returned by your remote key service. Contact your remote key service for help.	Contact your remote key service.
MALFORMED_JWE_RESPONSE	The remote key service returned a malformed JWE token that can't be decoded. Contact your remote key service for help.	Contact your remote key service.
EMPTY_RESPONSE	The remote key service callout returned an empty response. Contact your remote key service for help.	Contact your remote key service.
RESPONSE_TIMEOUT	The remote key service callout took too long and timed out. Try again.	If your key service is unavailable after multiple callout attempts, contact your remote key service.
UNKNOWN_ERROR	The remote key service callout failed and returned an error: {000}.	Contact your remote key service.
INCORRECT_KEYID_IN_JSON	The remote key service returned JSON with an incorrect key ID. Expected: {valid keyID}. Actual: {invalid keyID}.	Check that you set up your named credential properly and are using the correct BYOK-compatible certificate.
INCORRECT_KEYID_IN_JWE_HEADER	The remote key service returned a JWE header with an incorrect key ID. Expected: {valid keyID}. Actual: {invalid keyID}.	Check that you set up your named credential properly and are using the correct BYOK-compatible certificate.
INCORRECT_ALGORITHM_IN_JWE_HEADER	The remote key service returned a JWE header that specified an unsupported algorithm (alg): {algorithm}.	The algorithm for encrypting the content encryption key in your JWE header must be in RSA-OAEP format.
INCORRECT_ENCRYPTION_ALGORITHM_IN_JWE_HEADER	The remote key service returned a JWE header that specified an unsupported encryption algorithm (enc): {your enc}.	The algorithm for encrypting the data encryption key in your JWE header must be in A256GCM format.

RemoteKeyCalloutEvent Status Code	Error	Tips for Fixing the Problem
INCORRECT_DATA_ENCRYPTION_KEY_SIZE	Data encryption keys encoded in a JWE must be 32 bytes. Yours is {value} bytes.	Make sure that your data encryption key is 32 bytes.
ILLEGAL_PARAMETERS_IN_JWE_HEADER	Your JWE header must use alg, enc, and kid parameters, but no others. Found: {parameter}.	Remove the unsupported parameters from your JWE header.
AUTHENTICATION_FAILURE_RESPONSE	Authentication with the remote key service failed with the following error: {error}.	Check the authentication settings for your chosen named credential.
POTENTIAL_REPLAY_ATTACK_DETECTED	The remote key service returned a JWE header with an incorrect nonce value. Expected: {0}. Actual: {1}	Make sure that your JWE header includes the RequestID included in the callout.
UNKNOWN_ERROR	The remote key service callout failed and returned an error: java.security.cert.CertificateExpiredException: NotAfter: {date and time of expiration}	The certificate for your cache-only key expired. Update your cache-only key material to use an active BYOK-compatible certificate.

The following key service errors can prevent the callout from completing. If you see errors related to these problems, contact your key service administrator for help.

- The JWE is corrupt or malformed.
- The data encryption key is malformed.
- The key service returned a malformed JWE token.
- The key service returned an empty response.

For uniform resource use, Salesforce limits the amount of time for each key service callout to 3 seconds. If the callout takes more than the allotted time, Salesforce fails the callout with a timeout error. Check that your key service is available. Make sure that your named credential references the correct endpoint—check the URL, including the IP address.

Can I execute a remote callout in Apex?

Yes. Salesforce manages all authentication for Apex callouts that specify a named credential as the callout endpoint so that your code doesn't have to. To reference a named credential from a callout definition, use the named credential URL. A named credential URL contains the scheme callout, the name of the named credential, and an optional path. For example:
callout:My_Named_Credential/some_path.

See [Named Credentials as Callout Endpoints](#) in the Apex Developer Guide.

Can I monitor my callout history?

If you want to review or track cache-only key events, use the RemoteKeyCalloutEvent standard object. Either use the `describeSObjects()` call to view event information, or an after insert Apex trigger to perform custom actions after each callout. For example, you can write a trigger that stores RemoteKeyCallout events in a custom object. When you store RemoteKeyCallout events in a custom object, you can monitor your callout history. See the [RemoteKeyCalloutEvent](#) entry in the SOAP API Developer Guide for more information.

The Setup Audit Trail tracks changes in key material state and named credential settings. Callout history isn't recorded in log files.

When I try to access data encrypted with a cache-only key, I see "?????" instead of my data. Why?

Masking means one of two things. Either the connection to your key service is broken and we can't fetch your key, or the data is encrypted with a destroyed key. Check that your key service is available and that your named credential references the correct endpoint. If any key versions are marked as Destroyed as a result of a key service failure, recover the connection and manually activate the key version.

Do I have to make a new named credential every time I rotate a key?

Nope. You can use a named credential with multiple keys. As long as you host your key material at the endpoint specified in an existing named credential, you're all set. When you rotate your key material, change the key ID in the Unique Key Identifier field. Double-check that your new key is stored at the specified endpoint URL in your named credential.

I'm still having problems with my key. Who should I talk to?

If you still have questions, contact your account executive or Salesforce Customer Support. They'll put you in touch with a support team specific to this feature.

Manage Shield Platform Encryption

To provide Shield Platform Encryption for your organization, contact your Salesforce account executive. They'll help you provision the correct license so you can get started on creating your own unique tenant secret.

Assign the Manage Encryption Keys, Manage Certificates, and Customize Application permissions to people you trust to manage tenant secrets and certificates. Users with the Manage Encryption Keys permission can generate, export, import, and destroy organization-specific keys. It's a good idea to monitor the key management activities of these users regularly with the setup audit trail.

Users with both Manage Certificates and Manage Encryption Keys permissions can manage certificates and tenant secrets with the Shield Platform Encryption Bring Your Own Key (BYOK) service. You can also monitor these users' key and certificate management activities with the setup audit trail.

Authorized developers can generate, rotate, export, destroy, and reimport tenant secrets by coding a call to the TenantSecret object in the Salesforce API.

IN THIS SECTION:

[Generate a Tenant Secret](#)

You can have Salesforce generate a unique tenant secret for your organization, or you can generate your own tenant secret using your own external resources. In either case, you manage your own tenant secret: you can rotate it, archive it, and designate other users to share responsibility for it.

[Rotate Your Encryption Tenant Secrets](#)

You control the life cycle of your data encryption keys by controlling the life cycle of your tenant secrets. It's recommended to regularly generate a new tenant secret and archive the previously active one.

[Back Up Your Tenant Secret](#)

Your tenant secret is unique to your organization and to the specific data to which it applies. Salesforce recommends that you export your secret to ensure continued data access in cases where you need to gain access to the related data again.

EDITIONS

Available as an add-on subscription in: **Enterprise**, **Performance**, and **Unlimited** Editions. Requires purchasing Salesforce Shield. Available in **Developer** Edition at no charge for orgs created in Summer '15 and later.

Available in both Salesforce Classic and Lightning Experience.

USER PERMISSIONS

To manage tenant secrets:

- **Manage Encryption Keys**

[Destroy A Tenant Secret](#)

Only destroy tenant secrets in extreme cases where access to related data is no longer needed. Your tenant secret is unique to your organization and to the specific data to which it applies. Once you destroy a tenant secret, related data is not accessible unless you previously exported the key and then import the key back into Salesforce.

[Disable Encryption on Fields](#)

At some point, you may need to disable Shield Platform Encryption for fields, files, or both. You can turn field encryption on or off individually, but file encryption is all or nothing.

[Require Two-Factor Authentication for Key Management](#)

Two-factor authentication is a powerful tool for securing access to data and resources. You can require two-factor authentication for key management tasks like generating, rotating, or uploading key material and certificates.

[How Shield Platform Encryption Works](#)

Shield Platform Encryption relies on a unique tenant secret that you control and a master secret that's maintained by Salesforce. We combine these secrets to create your unique data encryption key. We use that key to encrypt data that your users put into Salesforce, and to decrypt data when your authorized users need it.

[Shield Platform Encryption Best Practices](#)

Take the time to identify the most likely threats to your organization. This process helps you distinguish data that needs encryption from data that doesn't, so that you can encrypt only what you need to. Make sure that your tenant secret and keys are backed up, and be careful who you allow to manage your secrets and keys.

[Tradeoffs and Limitations of Shield Platform Encryption](#)

A security solution as powerful as Shield Platform Encryption doesn't come without some tradeoffs. When your data is encrypted, some users may see limitations to some functionality, and a few features aren't available at all. Consider the impact on your users and your overall business solution as you design your encryption strategy.

SEE ALSO:

[Which User Permissions Does Shield Platform Encryption Require?](#)

[The TenantSecret Object](#)

Generate a Tenant Secret

You can have Salesforce generate a unique tenant secret for your organization, or you can generate your own tenant secret using your own external resources. In either case, you manage your own tenant secret: you can rotate it, archive it, and designate other users to share responsibility for it.

When you generate a new tenant secret, any new data is encrypted using this key. However, existing sensitive data remains encrypted using previous keys. In this situation, we strongly recommend re-encrypting these fields using the latest key. Contact Salesforce for help with this.



Note: This page is about Shield Platform Encryption, not Classic Encryption. [What's the difference?](#)

IN THIS SECTION:

[Generate a Tenant Secret with Salesforce](#)

Salesforce makes it easy to generate a unique tenant secret from the Setup menu.

[Manage Tenant Secrets by Type](#)

Tenant secret types allow you to specify which kind of data you want to encrypt with a tenant secret. You can apply different key rotation cycles or key destruction policies to tenant secrets that encrypt different kinds of data. You can apply a tenant secret to search index files or other data stored in tenant secret.

[Generate Your Own Tenant Secret \(BYOK\)](#)

When you supply your own tenant secret, you get the benefits of built-in Salesforce Shield Platform Encryption plus the extra assurance that comes from exclusively managing your tenant secret.

SEE ALSO:

[Permission Sets](#)

[Profiles](#)

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USER PERMISSIONS

To manage tenant secrets:

- [Manage Encryption Keys](#)

Generate a Tenant Secret with Salesforce


Salesforce makes it easy to generate a unique tenant secret from the Setup menu.

Only authorized users can generate tenant secrets from the Platform Encryption page. Ask your Salesforce admin to assign you the Manage Encryption Keys permission.

1. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Key Management**.
2. In the Choose Tenant Secret Type dropdown list, choose a data type.
3. Click **Generate Tenant Secret**.

How often you can generate a tenant secret depends on the tenant secret type.

- You can generate tenant secrets for the Data in Salesforce type once every 24 hours in production orgs, and once every 4 hours in Sandbox orgs.
- You can generate tenant secrets for the Search Index type once every 7 days.

 **Note:** You can have up to 50 active and archived tenant secrets of each type. For example, you can have one active and 49 archived Data in Salesforce tenant secrets, and the same number of Analytics tenant secrets. This limit includes Salesforce-generated and customer-supplied key material.

If you run into this limit, destroy an existing key before reactivating, rearchiving, or creating a callout to another one. Before destroying a key, synchronize the data it encrypts with an active key.

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USER PERMISSIONS

To manage tenant secrets:

- Manage Encryption Keys

Manage Tenant Secrets by Type

Tenant secret types allow you to specify which kind of data you want to encrypt with a tenant secret. You can apply different key rotation cycles or key destruction policies to tenant secrets that encrypt different kinds of data. You can apply a tenant secret to search index files or other data stored in tenant secret.

Tenant secrets are categorized according to the kind of data they encrypt.

Data in Salesforce

Encrypts data using the probabilistic encryption scheme, including data in fields, attachments, and files other than search index files.

Data in Salesforce (Deterministic)

Encrypts data using the deterministic encryption scheme, including data in fields, attachments, and files other than search index files.

Search Index

Encrypts search index files.

Analytics

Encrypts Einstein Analytics data.

Event Bus

Encrypts data changes and the corresponding Change Data Capture event that contains them.



Note:

- Tenant secrets that were generated or uploaded before the Spring '17 release are categorized as the Data in Salesforce type.
- You can have up to 50 active and archived tenant secrets of each type. For example, you can have one active and 49 archived Data in Salesforce tenant secrets, and the same number of Analytics tenant secrets. This limit includes Salesforce-generated and customer-supplied key material.

If you run into this limit, destroy an existing key before reactivating, rearchiving, or creating a callout to another one. Before destroying a key, synchronize the data it encrypts with an active key.

1. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Key Management**.
2. In the Choose Tenant Secret Type dropdown list, choose a data type.

The Key Management page displays all tenant secrets of each data type. If you generate or upload a tenant secret while viewing tenant secrets of a particular type, it becomes the active tenant secret for that data.



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USER PERMISSIONS

To manage tenant secrets:

- Manage Certificates
- AND
- Manage Encryption Keys

Generate Your Own Tenant Secret (BYOK)

When you supply your own tenant secret, you get the benefits of built-in Salesforce Shield Platform Encryption plus the extra assurance that comes from exclusively managing your tenant secret.

Controlling your own tenant secret entails contacting Salesforce Customer Support to enable Bring Your Own Keys, generating a BYOK-compatible certificate, using that certificate to encrypt and secure your self-generated tenant secret, then granting the Salesforce Shield Platform Encryption key management machinery access to your tenant secret.

IN THIS SECTION:

1. [Generate a BYOK-Compatible Certificate](#)
To encrypt customer-supplied key material, use Salesforce to generate a 4096-bit RSA certificate. You can generate a self-signed or certificate-authority (CA) signed certificate. Each BYOK-compatible certificate's private key is encrypted with a derived, org-specific tenant secret key.
2. [Generate and Wrap Your Tenant Secret](#)
Generate a random number as your tenant secret. Then calculate an SHA256 hash of the secret, and encrypt it with the public key from the certificate you generated.
3. [Upload Your Tenant Secret](#)
After you have your tenant secret, upload it to Salesforce. The Shield Key Management Service (KMS) uses your tenant secret to derive your org-specific data encryption key.
4. [Opt-Out of Key Derivation with BYOK](#)
If you don't want Salesforce to derive a data encryption key for you, you can opt out of key derivation and upload your own final data encryption key. Opting out gives you even more control of the key material used to encrypt and decrypt your data.

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USER PERMISSIONS

To generate, destroy, export, import, and upload tenant secrets and customer-supplied key material:

- Manage Encryption Keys

To edit, upload, and download HSM-protected certificates with the Shield Platform Encryption Bring Your Own Key service:

- Manage Encryption Keys
AND
Manage Certificates
AND
Customize Application

Generate a BYOK-Compatible Certificate

To encrypt customer-supplied key material, use Salesforce to generate a 4096-bit RSA certificate. You can generate a self-signed or certificate-authority (CA) signed certificate. Each BYOK-compatible certificate's private key is encrypted with a derived, org-specific tenant secret key.

To create a self-signed certificate:

1. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Key Management**.
2. Click **Bring Your Own Key**.
3. Click **Create Self-Signed Certificate**.
4. Enter a unique name for your certificate in the Label field. The Unique Name field automatically assigns a name based on what you enter in the Label field.

The Exportable Private Key (1), Key Size (2), and Use Platform Encryption (3) settings are pre-set. These settings ensure that your self-signed certificate is compatible with Salesforce Shield Platform Encryption.

5. When the Certificate and Key Detail page appears, click **Download Certificate**.

If you're not sure whether a self-signed or CA-signed certificate is right for you, consult your organization's security policy. See [Certificates and Keys](#) in Salesforce Help for more about what each option implies.

To create a CA-signed certificate, follow the instructions in the [Generate a Certificate Signed By a Certificate Authority](#) topic in Salesforce Help. Remember to manually change the **Exportable Private Key**, **Key Size**, and **Platform Encryption** settings to ensure that your certificate is BYOK-compatible.

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USER PERMISSIONS

To generate, destroy, export, import, upload, and configure tenant secrets and customer-supplied key material:

- Manage Encryption Keys

Edit, upload, and download HSM-protected certificates with the Shield Platform Encryption Bring Your Own Key service

- Manage Certificates

AND

Customize Application

AND

Manage Encryption Keys

Generate and Wrap Your Tenant Secret

Generate a random number as your tenant secret. Then calculate an SHA256 hash of the secret, and encrypt it with the public key from the certificate you generated.

1. Generate a 256-bit tenant secret using the method of your choice.

You can generate your tenant secret in one of 2 ways:

- Use your own on-premises resources to generate a tenant secret programmatically, using an open-source library such as Bouncy Castle or OpenSSL.



Tip: We've provided a script on page 56 that may be useful as a guide to the process.

- Use a key brokering partner that can generate, secure, and share access to your tenant secret.
2. Wrap your tenant secret with the public key from the BYOK-compatible certificate you generated. Specify the OAEP padding scheme. Make sure the resulting encrypted tenant secret and hashed tenant secret files are encoded using base64.
 3. Encode this encrypted tenant secret to base64.
 4. Calculate an SHA-256 hash of the plaintext tenant secret.
 5. Encode the SHA-256 hash of the plaintext tenant secret to base64.

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USER PERMISSIONS

Edit, upload, and download HSM-protected certificates with the Shield Platform Encryption Bring Your Own Key service:

- Manage Certificates
AND
Customize Application
AND
Manage Encryption Keys

Upload Your Tenant Secret

After you have your tenant secret, upload it to Salesforce. The Shield Key Management Service (KMS) uses your tenant secret to derive your org-specific data encryption key.

1. Make sure that your org has the Bring Your Own Keys feature enabled. To enable this feature, contact Salesforce Customer Support.
2. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Key Management**.
3. Click **Bring Your Own Key**.
4. In the Upload Tenant Secret section, attach both the encrypted key material and the hashed plaintext key material. Click **Upload**.

Bring Your Own Keys

Upload a tenant secret by first selecting or creating an active 4096-bit certificate in the Manage Certificates section. Then upload an encrypted secret and hashed tenant secret in the Upload Tenant Secret section.

[Back to Platform Encryption](#)

Manage Certificates [Create Self-Signed Certificate](#) [Create CA-Signed Certificate](#)

Choose Certificate: my.cert [Download Certificate](#)

Certificate Details	
Name	my.cert
Unique Name	my_cert
Created Date	8/18/2016 4:32 PM
Expiration Date	8/17/2018 5:00 PM
Key Size	4096


Upload Tenant Secret [Upload](#)

Encrypted Tenant Secret	Choose File No file chosen
Hashed Tenant Secret	Choose File No file chosen

This tenant secret automatically becomes the active tenant secret.

Your tenant secret is now ready to be used for key derivation. From here on, the Shield KMS uses your tenant secret to derive an org-specific data encryption key. The app server then uses this key to encrypt and decrypt your users' data.

If you don't want Salesforce to derive a data encryption key for you, you can opt out of key derivation and upload your own final data encryption key. For more information, see "Opt-Out of Key Derivation with BYOK" in Salesforce Help.

 **Note:** You can have up to 50 active and archived tenant secrets of each type. For example, you can have one active and 49 archived Data in Salesforce tenant secrets, and the same number of Analytics tenant secrets. This limit includes Salesforce-generated and customer-supplied key material.

If you reach the limit, destroy an existing key before reactivating, rearchiving, or creating a callout to another one. Before destroying a key, synchronize the data that it encrypts with an active key.

5. Export your tenant secret, and back it up as prescribed in your organization's security policy.

To restore a destroyed tenant secret, reimport it. The exported tenant secret is different from the tenant secret you uploaded. It's encrypted with a different key and has additional metadata embedded in it. See [Back Up Your Tenant Secret](#) in Salesforce Help.

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USER PERMISSIONS

To generate, destroy, export, import, and upload tenant secrets and customer-supplied key material:

- Manage Encryption Keys

Opt-Out of Key Derivation with BYOK

If you don't want Salesforce to derive a data encryption key for you, you can opt out of key derivation and upload your own final data encryption key. Opting out gives you even more control of the key material used to encrypt and decrypt your data.

Generate your customer-supplied data encryption key using a method of your choice. Then calculate an SHA256 hash of the key, and encrypt it with the public key from a BYOK-compatible certificate. See [Upload Your Tenant Secret](#) for details about how to prepare customer-supplied key material.

1. Make sure that your org has the Bring Your Own Keys feature enabled. To enable this feature, contact Salesforce Customer Support.
2. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Advanced Settings**.
3. Enable Allow BYOK to Opt-Out of Key Derivation.
You can now opt out of key derivation when you upload key material.
4. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Key Management**.
5. Click **Bring Your Own Key**.
6. Deselect **Use Salesforce key derivation**.

7. In the Upload Tenant Secret section, attach both your encrypted data encryption key and your hashed plaintext data encryption key.
8. Click **Upload**.
This data encryption key automatically becomes the active key.

Actions	Version	Tenant Secret Type	Status	Key Material Source	Key Derivation	Created By	Last Modified By
Export	38	Data in Salesforce	ACTIVE	HSM	✓	Arthur Brookes, 5/1/2018 4:29 PM	Arthur Brookes, 5/1/2018 4:29 PM
Destroy Export	37	Data in Salesforce	ARCHIVED	HSM	✓	Arthur Brookes, 5/1/2018 11:29 AM	Arthur Brookes, 5/1/2018 4:29 PM
Destroy Export	36	Data in Salesforce	ARCHIVED	HSM	✓	Arthur Brookes, 4/26/2018 9:21 PM	Arthur Brookes, 5/1/2018 4:30 PM
Destroy Export	35	Data in Salesforce	ARCHIVED	HSM	✓	Arthur Brookes, 4/20/2018 5:31 PM	Arthur Brookes, 5/1/2018 4:30 PM
Destroy Export	34	Data in Salesforce	ARCHIVED	UPLOADED	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arthur Brookes, 3/22/2018 8:48 AM	Arthur Brookes, 4/20/2018 5:31 PM

From now on, the Shield Key Management Service (KMS) skips the derivation process and uses your data encryption key to directly encrypt and decrypt your data. You can review the derivation status of all key material on the Key Management page.

9. Export your data encryption key and back it up as prescribed in your organization's security policy.

To restore your data encryption key, reimport it. The exported data encryption key is different from the data encryption key you uploaded. It is encrypted with a different key and has additional metadata embedded in it. See [Back Up Your Tenant Secret](#) in Salesforce Help.

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USER PERMISSIONS

To generate, destroy, export, import, and upload tenant secrets and customer-supplied key material:

- Manage Encryption Keys

To allow BYOK to opt out of key derivation:

- Customize Application

AND

Manage Encryption Keys

 **Note:** This page is about Shield Platform Encryption, not Classic Encryption. [What's the difference?](#)

Rotate Your Encryption Tenant Secrets

You control the life cycle of your data encryption keys by controlling the life cycle of your tenant secrets. It's recommended to regularly generate a new tenant secret and archive the previously active one.

Consult your organization's security policies to decide how often to rotate your tenant secrets. You can rotate a tenant secret once every 24 hours in production orgs and every 4 hours in sandbox environments.

The key derivation function uses a master secret, which is rotated with each major Salesforce release. Master secret rotation doesn't impact your encryption keys or your encrypted data until you rotate your tenant secret.

1. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Key Management**.
2. From the Choose Tenant Secret Type dropdown, choose a data type.
3. Check the status of the data type's tenant secrets. Existing tenant secrets are listed as active, archived, or destroyed.

ACTIVE

Can be used to encrypt and decrypt new or existing data.


ARCHIVED

Can't encrypt new data. Can be used to decrypt data previously encrypted with this key when it was active.

DESTROYED


Can't encrypt or decrypt data. Data encrypted with this key when it was active can no longer be decrypted. Files and attachments encrypted with this key can no longer be downloaded.

4. Click **Generate New Tenant Secret** or **Bring Your Own Key**. If uploading a customer-supplied tenant secret, upload your encrypted tenant secret and tenant secret hash.

 **Note:** You can have up to 50 active and archived tenant secrets of each type. For example, you can have one active and 49 archived Data in Salesforce tenant secrets, and the same number of Analytics tenant secrets. This limit includes Salesforce-generated and customer-supplied key material.

If you run into this limit, destroy an existing key before reactivating, rearchiving, or creating a callout to another one. Before destroying a key, synchronize the data it encrypts with an active key.

5. If you want to re-encrypt field values with your active key material, contact Salesforce Customer Support. We'll help you encrypt existing data in the background to ensure data alignment with your latest encryption policy and key material configuration.

 **Warning:** For clean and consistent results, we recommend that you contact Salesforce Customer Support for help reencrypting your data. You can apply your active key material to existing records by editing them through Setup, or programmatically through the API. Editing a record triggers the encryption service to encrypt the existing data again using the newest key material. This update changes the record's timestamp, and the update is recorded in the field history or Feed History. However, the field history in the History related list and Feed History aren't reencrypted with the new key material.

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USER PERMISSIONS

To generate, destroy, export, import, upload, and configure tenant secrets and customer-supplied key material:

- Manage Encryption Keys

Back Up Your Tenant Secret

Your tenant secret is unique to your organization and to the specific data to which it applies. Salesforce recommends that you export your secret to ensure continued data access in cases where you need to gain access to the related data again.

1. In Setup, use the **Quick Find** box to find the Platform Encryption setup page.
2. In the table that lists your keys, find the tenant secret you want and click **Export**.
3. Confirm your choice in the warning box, then save your exported file.

The file name is `tenant-secret-org-<organization ID>-ver-<tenant secret version number>.txt`. For example, `tenant-secret-org-00DD00000007eTR-ver-1.txt`.

4. Note the specific version you're exporting, and give the exported file a meaningful name. Store the file in a safe location in case you need to import it back into your organization.



Note: Your exported tenant secret is itself encrypted.

5. To import your tenant secret again, click **Import > Choose File** and select your file. Make sure you're importing the correct version of the tenant secret.



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USER PERMISSIONS

To generate, destroy, export, import, upload, and configure tenant secrets and customer-supplied key material:

- [Manage Encryption Keys](#)

Destroy A Tenant Secret

Only destroy tenant secrets in extreme cases where access to related data is no longer needed. Your tenant secret is unique to your organization and to the specific data to which it applies. Once you destroy a tenant secret, related data is not accessible unless you previously exported the key and then import the key back into Salesforce.

You are solely responsible for making sure your data and tenant secrets are backed up and stored in a safe place. Salesforce can't help you with deleted, destroyed, or misplaced tenant secrets.

1. In Setup, use the **Quick Find** box to find the Platform Encryption setup page.
2. In the table that lists your tenant secrets, go to the row that contains the one you want to destroy and click **Destroy**.
3. A warning box appears. Type in the text as shown and select the checkbox acknowledging that you're destroying a tenant secret, then click **Destroy**.

File previews and content that was already cached in the user's browser may still be visible in cleartext after you destroy the key that encrypted that content, until the user logs in again.

If you create a sandbox organization from your production organization and then destroy the tenant secret in your sandbox organization, the tenant secret still exists in the production organization.



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USER PERMISSIONS

To generate, destroy, export, import, upload, and configure tenant secrets and customer-supplied key material:

- Manage Encryption Keys

Disable Encryption on Fields

At some point, you may need to disable Shield Platform Encryption for fields, files, or both. You can turn field encryption on or off individually, but file encryption is all or nothing.

When you turn off Shield Platform Encryption for a field, most encrypted data is automatically mass-decrypted. The decryption starts automatically after you disable encryption for specific fields and save your changes. When data is decrypted, any functionality that was limited or unavailable when the data was encrypted is also restored. Salesforce notifies you by email when the decryption process is complete.

Long text area and rich text area field types can't be automatically decrypted. If you decrypt data encrypted with a destroyed key, that data can't be mass-decrypted.

 **Note:** If you disable Shield Platform Encryption and can't access data in fields that were previously encrypted, contact Salesforce for help.

1. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Encryption Policy**.
2. Click **Encrypt Fields**, then click **Edit**.
3. Deselect the fields you want to stop encrypting, then click **Save**.
Users can see data in these fields.
4. To disable encryption for files or Chatter, deselect those features from the **Encryption Policy** page and click **Save**.

The functionality that was limited or changed by Platform Encryption is restored for your data after it's decrypted.

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USER PERMISSIONS

To view setup:


- View Setup and Configuration

To disable encryption:

- Customize Application

Require Two-Factor Authentication for Key Management

Two-factor authentication is a powerful tool for securing access to data and resources. You can require two-factor authentication for key management tasks like generating, rotating, or uploading key material and certificates.

 **Important:** Make sure that you provide security administrators a way to get a time-based, one-time password. This password is their second authentication factor. Otherwise, they can't complete encryption key-related tasks.

1. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Identity Verification*, and then select **Identity Verification**.
2. Select **Raise session to high-assurance** from the Manage Encryption Keys dropdown. All admins with the Manage Encryption Keys permission must use a second form of authentication to complete key management tasks through Setup and the API.

EDITIONS

Available in: **Enterprise**, **Performance**, **Unlimited**, and **Developer** Editions

USER PERMISSIONS

To assign identity verification for key management tasks:

- Manage Encryption Keys

How Shield Platform Encryption Works

Shield Platform Encryption relies on a unique tenant secret that you control and a master secret that's maintained by Salesforce. We combine these secrets to create your unique data encryption key. We use that key to encrypt data that your users put into Salesforce, and to decrypt data when your authorized users need it.

Encrypting files, fields, and attachments has no effect on your organization's storage limits.



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IN THIS SECTION:

[Can I Bring My Own Encryption Key?](#)

Yes. You can generate and store your customer-supplied key material outside of Salesforce using your own crypto libraries, enterprise key management system, or hardware security module (HSM). You then grant the Salesforce Shield Platform Encryption key management machinery access to those keys. You can choose to encrypt your keys with a public key from a self-signed or CA-signed certificate.

[Which Standard Fields and Data Elements Can I Encrypt?](#)

You can encrypt certain fields on standard and custom objects, data in Chatter, and search index files. With some exceptions, encrypted fields work normally throughout the Salesforce user interface, business processes, and APIs.

[Which Custom Fields Can I Encrypt?](#)

You can encrypt the contents of fields that belong to one of these custom field types, on either standard or custom objects.

[Which Files Are Encrypted?](#)

When you enable Shield Platform Encryption for files and attachments, all files and attachments that can be encrypted are encrypted. The body of each file or attachment is encrypted when it's uploaded.

[Which User Permissions Does Shield Platform Encryption Require?](#)

Assign permissions to your users according to their roles regarding encryption and key management. Some users need permission to select data for encryption, while other users require combinations of permissions to work with certificates or key material. Enable these permissions for user profiles just like you would any other user permission.

[Why Isn't My Encrypted Data Masked?](#)

If the encryption service isn't available, data is masked in some types of encrypted fields. This is to help you troubleshoot encryption key issues, not to control user access to data. If you have data that you don't want some users to see, revisit those users' field-level security settings, record access settings, and object permissions.

[Behind the Scenes: The Shield Platform Encryption Process](#)

When users submit data, the application server looks for the org-specific data encryption key in its cache. If it isn't there, the application server gets the encrypted tenant secret from the database and asks the key derivation server to derive the key. The encryption service then encrypts the data on the application server.

[Behind the Scenes: The Search Index Encryption Process](#)

The Salesforce search engine is built on the open-source enterprise search platform software Apache Solr. The search index, which stores tokens of record data with links back to the original records stored in the database, is housed within Solr. Partitions divide the search index into segments to allow Salesforce to scale operations. Apache Lucene is used for its core library.

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[How Do I Deploy Shield Platform Encryption?](#)

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Encryption has its own specialized vocabulary. To get the most out of your Shield Platform Encryption features, it's a good idea to familiarize yourself with the key terms, such as hardware security module, key rotation, and master secret.

[What's the Difference Between Classic Encryption and Shield Platform Encryption?](#)

With Shield Platform Encryption, you can encrypt a variety of widely used standard fields, along with some custom fields and many kinds of files. Shield Platform Encryption also supports person accounts, cases, search, approval processes, and other key Salesforce features. Classic encryption lets you protect only a special type of custom text field, which you create for that purpose.

Can I Bring My Own Encryption Key?

Yes. You can generate and store your customer-supplied key material outside of Salesforce using your own crypto libraries, enterprise key management system, or hardware security module (HSM). You then grant the Salesforce Shield Platform Encryption key management machinery access to those keys. You can choose to encrypt your keys with a public key from a self-signed or CA-signed certificate.

To work with our key management machinery, your customer-supplied key material needs to meet these specifications:

- 256-bit size
- Encrypted with a public RSA key that is extracted from the downloaded BYOK certificate, then padded using OAEP padding
- Once it's encrypted, it must be encoded in standard base64

To work with encryption keys, you'll need the Manage Encryption Keys permission. To generate BYOK-compatible certificates, you'll need the Customize Application permission.

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Shield Platform Encryption enables Salesforce administrators to manage the lifecycle of their data encryption keys while protecting these keys from unauthorized access. By controlling the lifecycle of your organization's tenant secrets, you control the lifecycle of the data encryption keys derived from them. Alternatively, you can opt out of key derivation altogether and upload a final data encryption key.

Data encryption keys aren't stored in Salesforce. Instead, they're derived from the master secret and tenant secret on demand whenever a key is needed to encrypt or decrypt customer data. The master secret is generated once per release for everyone by a hardware security module (HSM). The tenant secret is unique to your org, and you control when it is generated, activated, revoked, or destroyed.

You have three options for setting up your key material.

- Use the Shield Key Management Service (KMS) to generate your org-specific tenant secret for you.
- Use the infrastructure of your choice, such as an on-premises HSM, to generate and manage your tenant secret outside of Salesforce. Then upload that tenant secret to the Salesforce KMS. This option is popularly known as "Bring Your Own Key," although the element you're really bringing is the tenant secret from which the key is derived.
- Opt out of the Shield KMS key derivation process with the Bring Your Own Key service. Use the infrastructure of your choice to create a data encryption key instead of a tenant secret. Then upload this data encryption key to the Shield KMS. When you opt out of derivation on a key-by-key basis, the Shield KMS bypasses the derivation process and uses this key material as your final data encryption key. You can rotate customer-supplied data encryption keys just like you would rotate a customer-supplied tenant secret.

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Back up all imported key material after you upload them to Salesforce. This ensures that you have copies of your active key material. See [Back Up Your Tenant Secret](#) in Salesforce Help.

Review your company policy on key rotation. You can rotate and update your keys on your own schedule. See [Rotate Your Encryption Keys](#).


 **Important:** If you accidentally destroy a tenant secret that isn't backed up, Salesforce won't be able to help you retrieve it.

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1. Download the script from the [Salesforce Knowledge Base](#). Save it in the same directory as the certificate.
2. Run the script specifying the certificate name, like this: `./secretgen.sh my_certificate.crt`

Replace this certificate name with the actual filename of the certificate you downloaded.

 **Tip:** If needed, use `chmod +w secretgen.sh` to make sure you have write permission to the file and use `chmod 775` to make it executable.

3. The script generates a number of files. Look for the two files that end with the .b64 suffix. The files ending in .b64 are your base 64-encoded encrypted tenant secret and base 64-encoded hash of the plaintext tenant secret. You'll need both of these files for the next step.

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I'm trying to use the script you provide, but it won't run.

Make sure that you are running the right script for your operating system. If you are working on a Windows machine, you can install a Linux emulator and use the Linux script. These issues can also prevent the script from running:

- You don't have write permission in the folder you're trying to run the script from. Try running the script from a folder that you have write permission for.
- The certificate that the script references is missing. Make sure you've properly generated the certificate.
- The certificate is missing or is not being referenced by the correct name. Make sure you've entered the correct file name for your certificate in the script.

I want to use the script you provide, but I also want to use my own random number generator.

The script we provide uses a random number generator to create a random value that is then used as your tenant secret. If you would like to use a different generator, replace `head -c 32 /dev/urandom | tr '\n' =` (or, in the Mac version, `head -c 32 /dev/urandom > $PLAINTEXT_SECRET`) with a command that generates a random number using your preferred generator.

What if I want to use my own hashing process to hash my tenant secret?

No problem. Just make sure that the end result meets these requirements:

- Uses an SHA-256 algorithm.
- Results in a base64 encoded hashed tenant secret.
- Generates the hash of the random number BEFORE encrypting it.

If any of these three criteria aren't met, you won't be able to upload your tenant secret.

How should I encrypt my tenant secret before I upload it to Salesforce?

If you're using the script provided, the encryption process is taken care of. If you do not use the script, specify the OAEP padding scheme when you encrypt your tenant secret. Make sure the resulting encrypted tenant secret and hashed tenant secret files are encoded using base64. If either of these criteria are not met, you won't be able to upload your tenant secret.

If you choose to not use the script provided, follow the instructions in the Generate And Wrap Your Tenant Secret Help topic.

I can't upload my Encrypted tenant secret and Hashed tenant secret.

A handful of errors can prevent your files from uploading. Use the chart to make that sure your tenant secrets and certificates are in order.

Possible cause	Solution
Your files were generated with an expired certificate.	Check the date on your certificate. If it has expired, you can renew your certificate or use another one.
Your certificate is not active, or is not a valid Bring Your Own Key certificate.	Ensure that your certificate settings are compatible with the Bring Your Own Key feature. Under the Certificate and Key Edit section of the Certificates page, select a 4096-bit certificate size, disable Exportable Private Key, and enable Platform Encryption.
You haven't attached both the encrypted tenant secret and the hashed tenant secret.	Make sure that you attach both the encrypted tenant secret and hashed tenant secret. Both of these files should have a .b64 suffix.

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Possible cause	Solution
Your tenant secret or hashed tenant secret wasn't generated properly.	<p>Several problems can cause this error. Usually, the tenant secret or hashed tenant secret wasn't generated using the correct SSL parameters. If you are using OpenSSL, you can refer to the script for an example of the correct parameters you should use to generate and hash your tenant secret. If you are using a library other than OpenSSL, check that library's support page for help finding the correct parameters to both generate and hash your tenant secret.</p> <p>Still stuck? Contact your Salesforce account executive. They'll put you in touch with someone at Salesforce who can help.</p>

I'm still having problems with my key. Who should I talk to?

If you still have questions, contact your account executive. They'll put you in touch with a support team specific to this feature.

Which Standard Fields and Data Elements Can I Encrypt?

You can encrypt certain fields on standard and custom objects, data in Chatter, and search index files. With some exceptions, encrypted fields work normally throughout the Salesforce user interface, business processes, and APIs.

When you encrypt a field, existing values aren't encrypted immediately. Values are encrypted only after they are touched. Contact Salesforce for help encrypting existing data.

Encrypted Standard Fields

You can encrypt the contents of these standard field types.

Accounts

- Account Name
- Account Site
- Billing Address (encrypts Billing Street and Billing City)
- Description
- Fax
- Phone
- Shipping Address (encrypts Shipping Street and Shipping City)
- Website



Note: If your org has enabled Person Accounts, certain account and contact fields are combined into one record. In that case, you can enable encryption for a different set of Account fields.

Accounts (if Person Accounts enabled for your org)

- Account Name
- Account Site
- Assistant
- Assistant Phone
- Billing Address (encrypts Billing Street and Billing City)
- Description

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- Email
- Fax
- Home Phone
- Mailing Address (encrypts Mailing Street and Mailing City)
- Mobile
- Other Address (encrypts Other Street and Other City)
- Other Phone
- Phone
- Shipping Address (encrypts Shipping Street and Shipping City)
- Title
- Website

Activities

- Description—Event



Note: Selecting Description—Event encrypts descriptions on standalone events, event series (Lightning Experience), recurring events (Salesforce Classic), and comments on tasks.

Cases

- Description
- Subject

Case Comments

- Body (including internal comments)

Contacts

- Assistant
- Assistant Phone
- Description
- Email
- Fax
- Home Phone
- Mailing Address (encrypts Mailing Street and Mailing City)
- Mobile
- Name (encrypts First Name, Middle Name, and Last Name)
- Other Address (encrypts Other Street and Other City)
- Other Phone
- Phone
- Title

Contracts

- Billing Address (encrypts Billing Street and Billing City)
- Shipping Address (encrypts Shipping Street and Shipping City)

Custom Objects

- Name

Email Messages (beta)

- From Name
- From Address
- To Address
- CC Address
- BCC Address
- Subject
- Text Body
- HTML Body
- Headers

If you use Email-to-Case, these fields are also encrypted on the customer emails that generate cases.

Email Message Relations (beta)

- Relation Address

Leads

- Address (Encrypts Street and City)
- Company
- Description
- Email
- Fax
- Mobile
- Name (Encrypts First Name, Middle Name, and Last Name)
- Phone
- Title
- Website

List Emails

- From Name
- From Address
- Reply To Address

List Email Sent Results

- Email

Opportunities

- Description
- Next Step
- Opportunity Name

Service Appointments

- Address (Encrypts Street and City)
- Description
- Subject

Work Orders

- Address (Encrypts Street and City)
- Description
- Subject

Work Order Line Items

- Address (Encrypts Street and City)
- Description
- Subject

Other Encrypted Fields and Data Elements

Individual

- Name



Note: The Individual object is available only if you enable the org setting to make data protection details available in records.

Chatter Feed

Encrypted Chatter data includes data in feed posts and comments, questions and answers, link names and URLs, poll choices and questions, and content from your custom rich publisher apps.

The revision history of encrypted Chatter fields is also encrypted. If you edit or update an encrypted Chatter field, the old information remains encrypted.

Chatter data is stored in the Feed Attachment, Feed Comment, Feed Poll Choice, Feed Post, and Feed Revision objects. The database fields on these objects that house encrypted data are visible from the Encryption Statistics page in Setup.

- ChatterExtensionInstance—Payload
- ChatterExtensionInstance—PayloadVersion
- ChatterExtensionInstance—TextRepresentation
- ChatterExtensionInstance—ThumbnailUrl
- ChatterExtensionInstance—Title
- FeedAttachment—Title
- FeedAttachment—Value
- FeedComment—RawCommentBody
- FeedPollChoice—ChoiceBody
- FeedPost—LinkUrl
- FeedPost—RawBody
- FeedPost—Title
- FeedRevision—RawValue

Some fields listed in the Encryption Statistics aren't visible in the UI by the same name, but they store all encrypted data that's visible in the UI.



Note: Enabling Encryption for Chatter encrypts all eligible Chatter fields. You can't choose to encrypt only some Chatter fields.

Search Indexes

When you encrypt search indexes, each file created to store search results is encrypted.

Einstein Analytics

Encrypts new Einstein Analytics datasets.



Note: Data that was in Einstein Analytics before encryption was enabled is not encrypted. If existing data is imported from Salesforce objects through the dataflow, the data becomes encrypted on the next dataflow run. Other existing data (such as CSV data) must be reimported to become encrypted. Although existing data is not encrypted, it is still accessible and fully functional in its unencrypted state when encryption is enabled.

Change Data Capture

Change Data Capture provides near-real-time changes of Salesforce records, enabling you to synchronize corresponding records in an external data store. If a Salesforce record field is encrypted with Shield Platform Encryption, changes to encrypted field values generate change events. You can encrypt these change events by selecting **Encrypt and deliver Change Data Capture events** on the Encryption Policy page in Setup.

Salesforce B2B Commerce

With Shield Platform Encryption for B2B Commerce (version 4.10 and later), you can add an extra layer of security to the data your customers enter in Salesforce B2B Commerce e-commerce storefronts. For a list of the supported fields, see [Shield Platform Encryption for B2B Commerce](#).

Health Cloud



Note: Health Cloud standard objects and fields are available to users who have the Health Cloud Platform permission set license.

Care Request

- Admission Notes
- Disposition Notes
- Facility Record Number
- First Reviewer Notes
- Medical Director Notes
- Member First Name
- Member Last Name
- Member ID
- Member Group Number
- Resolution Notes
- Root Cause Notes

Care Request Drug

- Prescription Number

Coverage Benefit

- Benefit Notes
- Coinsurance Notes
- Copay Notes
- Deductible Notes
- Lifetime Maximum Notes
- Out-of-Pocket Notes
- Source System Identifier

Coverage Benefit Item

- Coverage Level
- Notes
- Service Type
- Service Type Code
- Source System Identifier

Member Plan


- Affiliation
- Group Number
- Issuer Number
- Member Number
- Primary Care Physician
- Source System Identifier

Purchaser Plan

- Plan Number
- Service Type
- Source System
- Source System Identifier

Purchaser Plan Association

- Purchaser Plan Association ID
- Status
- Source System
- Source System Identifier

 **Note:** Deterministic encryption is not available for long text fields. This includes any field with "Notes" in its name.

SEE ALSO:

[Encrypt New Data in Standard Fields](#)


Which Custom Fields Can I Encrypt?

You can encrypt the contents of fields that belong to one of these custom field types, on either standard or custom objects.

- Email
- Phone
- Text
- Text Area
- Text Area (Long)
- Text Area (Rich)
- URL
- Date

- Date/Time

After a custom field is encrypted, you can't change the field type. For custom phone and email fields, you also can't change the field format.

 **Important:** When you encrypt the Name field, enhanced lookups are automatically enabled. Enhanced lookups improve the user's experience by searching only through records that have been looked up recently, and not all existing records. Switching to enhanced lookups is a one-way change. You can't go back to standard lookups, even if you disable encryption.

You can't use Schema Builder to create an encrypted custom field.

To encrypt custom fields that have the `Unique` or `External ID` attribute, you can only use deterministic encryption.

Some custom fields can't be encrypted:

- Fields on external data objects
- Fields that are used in an account contact relation

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SEE ALSO:

[Encrypt New Data in Standard Fields](#)

Which Files Are Encrypted?

When you enable Shield Platform Encryption for files and attachments, all files and attachments that can be encrypted are encrypted. The body of each file or attachment is encrypted when it's uploaded.

These kinds of files are encrypted when you enable file encryption:

- Files attached to email
- Files attached to feeds
- Files attached to records
- Images included in Rich Text Area fields
- Files on the Content, Libraries, and Files tabs (Salesforce Files, including file previews, and Salesforce CRM Content files)
- Files managed with Salesforce Files Sync and stored in Salesforce
- Files attached to Chatter posts, comments, and the sidebar
- Notes body text using the new Notes tool
- Files attached to Knowledge articles
- Quote PDFs

These file types and attachments aren't encrypted:

- Chatter group photos
- Chatter profile photos
- Documents
- Notes previews in the new Notes tool
- Notes and Notes previews in the old Notes tool

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Which User Permissions Does Shield Platform Encryption Require?

Assign permissions to your users according to their roles regarding encryption and key management. Some users need permission to select data for encryption, while other users require combinations of permissions to work with certificates or key material. Enable these permissions for user profiles just like you would any other user permission.

	Manage Encryption Keys	Customize Application	View Setup and Configuration	Manage Certificates
View Platform Encryption Setup pages		✓	✓	
Edit Encryption Policy page settings	✓ (Optional)	✓		
Generate, destroy, export, import, and upload tenant secrets and customer-supplied key material	✓			
Query the TenantSecret object via the API	✓			
Edit, upload, and download HSM-protected certificates with the Shield Platform Encryption Bring Your Own Key service	✓	✓		✓
Enable features on the Advanced Settings page	✓ (for BYOK features)	✓		

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The Customize Application and Manage Certificates permissions are automatically enabled for users with the System Administrator profile.

Restrict Access to Encryption Policy Settings

You can require admins to also have the Manage Encryption Keys permission to complete encryption policy tasks. These tasks include changing the encryption scheme on fields, enabling and disabling encryption on fields, files, and attachments, and other data elements.

To opt in to this feature, you need the Manage Encryption Keys permission. Then opt in from the Advanced Settings page.

1. From Setup, in the Quick Find box, enter *Platform Encryption*, and then select **Advanced Settings**.
2. Select **Restrict Access to Encryption Policy Settings**.

This restriction applies to actions taken through the API or from Setup pages, such as the Encryption Policy page or the Object Manager.



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SEE ALSO:

[Manage Shield Platform Encryption](#)

Why Isn't My Encrypted Data Masked?

If the encryption service isn't available, data is masked in some types of encrypted fields. This is to help you troubleshoot encryption key issues, not to control user access to data. If you have data that you don't want some users to see, revisit those users' field-level security settings, record access settings, and object permissions.

Encryption prevents outsiders from using your Salesforce data even if they manage to get it. It is not a way to hide data from authenticated users. User permissions are the only way to control data visibility for authenticated users. Encryption at rest is about logins, not permissions.

With Shield Platform Encryption, if a user is authorized to see a given set of data, that user sees that data whether it's encrypted or not.

- Authentication means that making sure only legitimate users can get into your system. For example, a company's Salesforce org is only for use by active employees of that company. Anyone who is not an employee is not authenticated; that is, they are barred from logging in. If they do somehow get their hands on the data, it's useless to them because it is encrypted.
- Authorization defines which data or features an authenticated user can use. For example, a sales associate can see and use data in the Leads object, but can't see the regional forecasts, which are intended for sales managers. Both the associate and the manager are properly logged in (authenticated), but their permissions (authorization) are different. That the data is encrypted doesn't make any difference to them.

In general, data can be masked but not encrypted, or encrypted but not masked. For example, regulators often require that only the last four digits of a credit card number be visible to users. Applications typically mask the rest of the number, meaning they replace the digits with asterisks on the user's screen. Without encryption, you can still read the digits that are masked if you can get to the database where they are stored.

Masking might not be enough for your credit card numbers. You may or may not want to encrypt them in the database as well. (You probably should.) If you do, authenticated users will still see the same masked values.

In this way, masking and encryption are different solutions for different problems. You mask data to hide it from users who are authenticated but not authorized to see that data. You encrypt data to prevent someone from stealing the data. (Or, more precisely, to make the data useless if someone does steal it.)

The following table shows the fields that use masking. All others don't.

Field Type	Mask	What It Means
Email, Phone, Text, Text Area, Text Area (Long), URL	?????	This field is encrypted, and the encryption key has been destroyed.
	!!!!	This service is unavailable right now. For help accessing this service, contact Salesforce.
Custom Date	08/08/1888	This field is encrypted, and the encryption key has been destroyed.
	01/01/1777	This service is unavailable right now. For help accessing this service, contact Salesforce.
Custom Date/Time	08/08/1888 12:00 PM	This field is encrypted, and the encryption key has been destroyed.
	01/01/1777 12:00 PM	This service is unavailable right now. For help accessing this service, contact Salesforce.

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You can't enter these masking characters into an encrypted field. For example, if a Date field is encrypted and you enter 07/07/1777, you must enter a different value before it can be saved.

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Behind the Scenes: The Shield Platform Encryption Process

When users submit data, the application server looks for the org-specific data encryption key in its cache. If it isn't there, the application server gets the encrypted tenant secret from the database and asks the key derivation server to derive the key. The encryption service then encrypts the data on the application server.

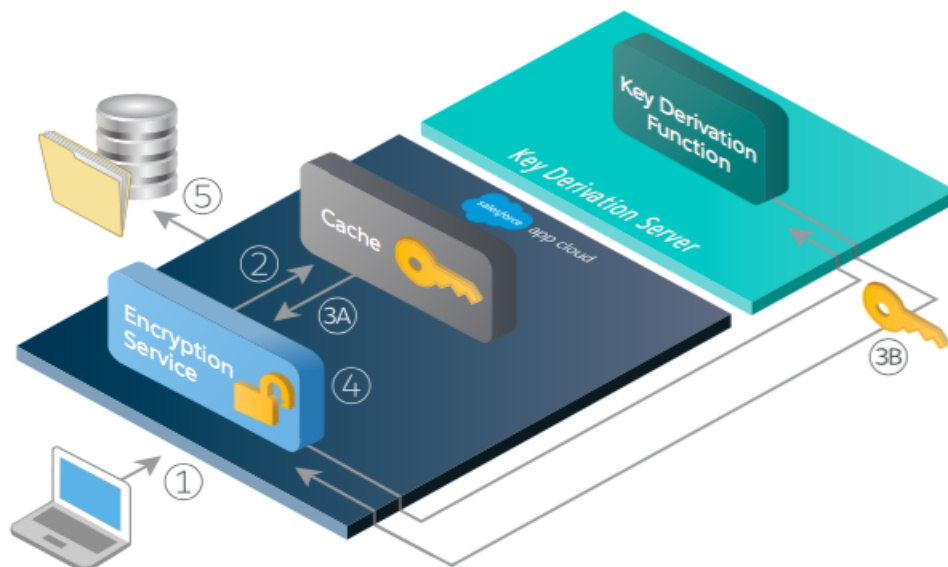
Salesforce securely generates the master and tenant secrets by using Hardware Security Modules (HSMs). The unique key is derived by using PBKDF2, a Key Derivation Function (KDF), with the master and tenant secrets as inputs.

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Shield Platform Encryption Process Flow



1. When a Salesforce user saves encrypted data, the runtime engine determines from metadata whether to encrypt the field, file, or attachment before storing it in the database.
2. If so, the encryption service checks for the matching data encryption key in cached memory.
3. The encryption service determines whether the key exists.
 - a. If so, the encryption service retrieves the key.

- Salesforce generates a new master secret at the start of each release.

1. When a user searches for a term, the term is passed to the search index, along with which Salesforce objects to search.
2. When the search index executes the search, the encryption service opens the relevant segment of the search index in memory and reads the key ID and IV.
3. Steps 3 through 5 of the process when a user creates or edits records are repeated.
4. The search index processes the search and returns the results to the user seamlessly.

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If Salesforce admins disable encryption on a field, all index segments that were encrypted are unencrypted and the key ID is set to null. This process can take up to seven days.

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Regardless of how you deploy, Salesforce automatically checks to see if the implementation violates Shield Platform Encryption guidelines.

Source Organization	Target Organization	Result
Shield Platform Encryption enabled	Shield Platform Encryption enabled	The source Encrypted field attribute indicates enablement
Shield Platform Encryption enabled	Shield Platform Encryption not enabled	The Encrypted field attribute is ignored
Shield Platform Encryption not enabled	Shield Platform Encryption enabled	The target Encrypted field attribute indicates enablement

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Once a sandbox is refreshed, tenant secret changes are confined to your current organization. This means that when you rotate or destroy a tenant secret on sandbox, it doesn't affect the production organization.

As a best practice, rotate tenant secrets on sandboxes after a refresh. Rotation ensures that production and sandbox use different tenant secrets. Destroying tenant secrets on a sandbox renders encrypted data unusable in cases of partial or full copies.

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Data Encryption

The process of applying a cryptographic function to data that results in ciphertext. The platform encryption process uses symmetric key encryption and a 256-bit Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) algorithm using CBC mode, and a randomized, 128-bit initialization vector (IV) to encrypt field-level data and files stored on the Salesforce Platform. Both data encryption and decryption occur on the application servers.

Data Encryption Keys

Shield Platform Encryption uses data encryption keys to encrypt and decrypt data. Data encryption keys are derived on the Shield Key Management Service (KMS) using keying material split between a per-release master secret and an organization-specific tenant secret stored encrypted in the database as a part of your organization. The 256-bit derived keys exist in memory until evicted from the cache.

Encrypted Data at Rest

Data that is encrypted when persisted on disk. Salesforce supports encryption for fields stored in the database; documents stored in files, content, libraries, and attachments; search index files; Einstein Analytics datasets; and archived data.

Encryption Key Management

Refers to all aspects of key management, such as key generation, processes, and storage. Tenant secret management is performed by administrators or users who have the "Manage Encryption Keys" permission.

Hardware Security Module (HSM)

Used to provide cryptography processing as well as key management for authentication. Shield Platform Encryption uses HSMs to generate and store secret material and run the function that derives data encryption keys used by the encryption service to encrypt and decrypt data.

Initialization Vector (IV)

A random sequence used with a key to encrypt data.

Shield Key Management Service (KMS)

Generates, wraps, unwraps, derives, and secures key material. When deriving key material, the Shield KMS uses a pseudorandom number generator and input such as a password to derive keys. Shield Platform Encryption uses PBKDF2 (Password-based Key Derivation Function 2) with HMAC-SHA-256.

Key (Tenant Secret) Rotation

The process of generating a new tenant secret and archiving the previously active one. Active tenant secrets are used for both encryption and decryption. Archived ones are used only for decryption until all data has been re-encrypted using the new, active tenant secret.

Master HSM

The master HSM consists of a USB device used to generate secure, random secrets each Salesforce release. The master HSM is "air-gapped" from Salesforce's production network and stored securely in a bank safety deposit box.

Master Secret

Used in conjunction with the tenant secret and key derivation function to generate a derived data encryption key (customers can opt out of key derivation). The master secret is rotated each release by Salesforce and encrypted using the per-release master wrapping key, which is in turn encrypted with the Shield KMS's public key so it can be stored encrypted on the file system. Only HSMs can decrypt it. *No Salesforce employees have access to these keys in cleartext.*

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Master Wrapping Key

A symmetric key is derived and used as a master wrapping key, also known as a key wrapping key, encrypting all the per-release keys and secrets bundle.

Tenant Secret

An organization-specific secret used in conjunction with the master secret and key derivation function to generate a derived data encryption key. When an organization administrator rotates a key, a new tenant secret is generated. To access the tenant secret via the API, refer to the TenantSecret object. *No Salesforce employees have access to these keys in cleartext.*

What's the Difference Between Classic Encryption and Shield Platform Encryption?

With Shield Platform Encryption, you can encrypt a variety of widely used standard fields, along with some custom fields and many kinds of files. Shield Platform Encryption also supports person accounts, cases, search, approval processes, and other key Salesforce features. Classic encryption lets you protect only a special type of custom text field, which you create for that purpose.

Feature	Classic Encryption	Platform Encryption
Pricing	Included in base user license	Additional fee applies
Encryption at Rest	✓	✓
Native Solution (No Hardware or Software Required)	✓	✓
Encryption Algorithm	128-bit Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)	256-bit Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)
HSM-based Key Derivation		✓
Manage Encryption Keys Permission		✓
Generate, Export, Import, and Destroy Keys	✓	✓
PCI-DSS L1 Compliance	✓	✓
Masking	✓	
Mask Types and Characters	✓	
View Encrypted Data Permission Required to Read Encrypted Field Values	✓	
Encrypted Standard Fields		✓
Encrypted Attachments, Files, and Content		✓
Encrypted Custom Fields	Dedicated custom field type, limited to 175 characters	✓
Encrypt Existing Fields for Supported Custom Field Types		✓

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Feature	Classic Encryption	Platform Encryption
Search (UI, Partial Search, Lookups, Certain SOSL Queries)		✓
API Access	✓	✓
Available in Workflow Rules and Workflow Field Updates		✓
Available in Approval Process Entry Criteria and Approval Step Criteria		✓

Shield Platform Encryption Best Practices

Take the time to identify the most likely threats to your organization. This process helps you distinguish data that needs encryption from data that doesn't, so that you can encrypt only what you need to. Make sure that your tenant secret and keys are backed up, and be careful who you allow to manage your secrets and keys.

1. Define a threat model for your organization.

To identify the threats that are most likely to affect your organization, walk through a formal threat modeling exercise. Use your findings to create a data classification scheme, which can help you decide what data to encrypt.

2. Encrypt only where necessary.

- Not all data is sensitive. Focus on information that requires encryption to meet your regulatory, security, compliance, and privacy requirements. Unnecessarily encrypting data impacts functionality and performance.
- Evaluate your data classification scheme early and work with stakeholders in security, compliance, and business IT departments to define requirements. Balance business-critical functionality against security and risk measures and challenge your assumptions periodically.

3. Create a strategy early for backing up and archiving keys and data.

If your tenant secrets are destroyed, reimport them to access your data. You are solely responsible for making sure that your data and tenant secrets are backed up and stored in a safe place. Salesforce cannot help you with deleted, destroyed, or misplaced tenant secrets.

4. Read the Shield Platform Encryption considerations and understand their implications on your organization.

- Evaluate the impact of the considerations on your business solution and implementation.
- Test Shield Platform Encryption in a sandbox environment before deploying to a production environment. Encryption policy settings can be deployed using change sets.
- Before enabling encryption, fix any violations that you uncover. For example, if you reference encrypted fields in a SOQL ORDER BY clause, a violation occurs. Fix the violation by removing references to the encrypted fields.
- When requesting feature enablement, such as pilot features, give Salesforce Customer Support several days lead time. The time to complete the process varies based on the feature and how your org is configured.

5. Analyze and test AppExchange apps before deploying them.

- If you use an app from the AppExchange, test how it interacts with encrypted data in your organization and evaluate whether its functionality is affected.

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- If an app interacts with encrypted data that's stored outside of Salesforce, investigate how and where data processing occurs and how information is protected.
- If you suspect Shield Platform Encryption could affect the functionality of an app, ask the provider for help with evaluation. Also discuss any custom solutions that must be compatible with Shield Platform Encryption.
- Apps on the AppExchange that are built exclusively using Lightning Platform inherit Shield Platform Encryption capabilities and limitations.

6. Use out-of-the-box security tools.

Shield Platform Encryption is not a user authentication or authorization tool. To control which users can see which data, use out-of-the-box tools such as field-level security settings, page layout settings, and sharing rules, rather than Shield Platform Encryption.

7. Grant the Manage Encryption Keys user permission to authorized users only.

Users with the Manage Encryption Keys permission can generate, export, import, and destroy organization-specific keys. Monitor the key management activities of these users regularly with the setup audit trail.

8. Synchronize your existing data with your active key material.

Existing field and file data is not automatically encrypted when you turn on Shield Platform Encryption. To encrypt existing field data, update the records associated with the field data. This action triggers encryption for these records so that your existing data is encrypted at rest. To encrypt existing files or get help updating other encrypted data, contact Salesforce. We can encrypt existing file data in the background to ensure data alignment with the latest encryption policy and key material.

When you contact Salesforce support to request the background encryption service, allow at least a week before you need the background encryption completed. The time to complete the process varies based on the volume of data involved. It could take several days.

9. Handle currency and number data with care.

Currency and Number fields can't be encrypted because they could have broad functional consequences across the platform, such as disruptions to roll-up summary reports, report timeframes, and calculations. You can often keep private, sensitive, or regulated data of this variety safe in other encryption-supported field types.

10. Communicate to your users about the impact of encryption.

Before you enable Shield Platform Encryption in a production environment, inform users about how it affects your business solution. For example, share the information described in Shield Platform Encryption considerations, where it's relevant to your business processes.

11. Encrypt your data using the most current key.

When you generate a new tenant secret, any new data is encrypted using this key. However, existing sensitive data remains encrypted using previous keys. In this situation, Salesforce strongly recommends re-encrypting these fields using the latest key. Contact Salesforce for help with re-encrypting your data.

12. Use discretion when granting login as access to users or Salesforce Customer Support.

If you grant login access to a user, and they have field level security access to an encrypted field, that user is able to view encrypted data in that field in plaintext.

If you want Salesforce Customer Support to follow specific processes around asking for or using login as access, you can create special handling instructions. Salesforce Customer Support follows these instructions in situations where login as access may help them resolve your case. To set up these special handling instructions, contact your account executive.

SEE ALSO:

[Tradeoffs and Limitations of Shield Platform Encryption](#)

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A security solution as powerful as Shield Platform Encryption doesn't come without some tradeoffs. When your data is encrypted, some users may see limitations to some functionality, and a few features aren't available at all. Consider the impact on your users and your overall business solution as you design your encryption strategy.

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Leads

Lead and Case assignment rules, workflow rules, and validation rules work normally when Lead fields are encrypted. Matching and de-duplication of records during lead import works with deterministically encryption, but not probabilistic encryption. Einstein Lead Scoring is not available. Apex Lead Conversion works normally, but PL-SQL-based lead conversion is not supported.

Flows and Processes

You can reference encrypted fields in most places in your flows and processes. However, you can't reference encrypted fields in these filtering or sorting contexts.

Tool	Filtering Availability	Sorting Availability
Process Builder	Update Records action	n/a
Flow Builder	Record Choice Set resource Get Records element Delete Records element Update Records element	Record Choice Set resource Get Records element

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You can store the value from an encrypted field in a variable and operate on that value in your flow's logic. You can also update the value for an encrypted field.

Paused flow interviews can result in data being saved in an unencrypted state. When a flow or process is waiting to resume, the associated flow interview is serialized and saved to the database. The flow interview is serialized and saved when:

- Users pause a flow
- Flows execute a Pause element
- Processes are waiting to execute scheduled actions

If the flow or process loads encrypted fields into a variable during these processes, that data might not be encrypted at rest.

Custom Fields

You can't use encrypted custom fields in criteria-based sharing rules.

Some custom fields can't be encrypted.

- Fields that have the `Unique` or `External ID` attributes or include these attributes on previously encrypted custom fields (applies only to fields that use the probabilistic encryption scheme)
- Fields on external data objects
- Fields that are used in an account contact relation

You can't use Schema Builder to create an encrypted custom field.

You can't use Shield Platform Encryption with Custom Metadata Types.

SOQL/SOSL

- Encrypted fields that use the probabilistic encryption scheme can't be used with the following SOQL and SOSL clauses and functions:
 - Aggregate functions such as MAX(), MIN(), and COUNT_DISTINCT()
 - WHERE clause
 - GROUP BY clause
 - ORDER BY clause

For information about SOQL and SOSL compatibility with deterministic encryption, see [Considerations for Using Deterministic Encryption in Salesforce Help](#).



Tip: Consider whether you can replace a WHERE clause in a SOQL query with a FIND query in SOSL.

- When you query encrypted data, invalid strings return an `INVALID_FIELD` error instead of the expected `MALFORMED_QUERY`.

Pardot

Pardot supports contact email addresses encrypted by Shield Platform Encryption as long as your Pardot instance meets a few conditions. Your org must allow multiple prospects with the same email address. Once this feature is enabled, you can add the contact email address field to your encryption policy.

Because the contact email address displays in the Permission object, users must have permission to view the Prospect object.

If you encrypt the contact email address field, the Salesforce-Pardot Connector can't use the email address as a secondary prospect match criteria. For more information, read [Salesforce-Pardot Connector Settings](#).

Portals

If a portal is enabled in your organization, you can't encrypt standard fields. Deactivate all customer portals and partner portals to enable encryption on standard fields. (Communities are supported.)

To deactivate a customer portal, go to the Customer Portal Settings page in Setup. To deactivate a partner portal, go to the Partners page in Setup.

Salesforce B2B Commerce

Shield Platform Encryption supports version 4.10 and later of the Salesforce B2B Commerce managed package, with some behavior differences. For a complete list of considerations, see [Shield Platform Encryption for B2B Commerce](#).

Search

If you encrypt fields with a key and then destroy the key, the corresponding search terms remain in the search index. However, you can't decrypt the data associated with the destroyed key.

Accounts, Person Accounts, and Contacts

When Person Accounts are turned on, encrypting any of the following Account fields encrypts the equivalent Contact fields, and vice versa.

- Name
- Description
- Phone

- Fax

When you encrypt any of the following Account or Contact fields, the equivalent fields in Person Accounts are also encrypted.

- Name
- Description
- Mailing Address
- Phone
- Fax
- Mobile
- Home Phone
- Other Phone
- Email

When the Account Name or Contact Name field is encrypted, searching for duplicate accounts or contacts to merge doesn't return any results.

When you encrypt the First Name or Last Name field on a contact, that contact appears in the Calendar Invite lookup only if you haven't filtered by First Name or Last Name.

Email to Salesforce

When the standard Email field is encrypted, the detail page for Contacts, Leads, or Person Accounts doesn't flag invalid email addresses. If you need bounce processing to work as expected, don't encrypt the standard Email field.

Salesforce for Outlook

If you encrypt the same fields that you filter in Salesforce for Outlook data sets, Salesforce for Outlook doesn't sync. To get Salesforce for Outlook to sync again, remove the encrypted fields from your filters in your data sets.

Campaigns

Campaign member search isn't supported when you search by encrypted fields.

Notes

You can encrypt the body text of Notes created with the new Notes tool. However, the Preview file and Notes created with the old Notes tool aren't supported.

Field Audit Trail

Data in a previously archived Field Audit Trail isn't encrypted when you turn on Platform Encryption. For example, say that your org uses Field Audit Trail to define a data history retention policy for an account field, such as the phone number field. When you turn on encryption for that field, new phone number records are encrypted as they are created. Previous updates to the phone number field that are stored in the Account History related list are also encrypted. However, phone number history data that is already archived in the `FieldHistoryArchive` object is stored without encryption. To encrypt previously archived data, contact Salesforce.

Communities

If you encrypt the Account Name field and you're not using Person Accounts, encryption affects how users' roles are displayed to admins. Normally, a community user's role name is displayed as a combination of their account name and the name of their user profile. When you encrypt the Account Name field, the account ID is displayed instead of the account name.

For example, when the Account Name field is not encrypted, users belonging to the Acme account with the Customer User profile would have a role called `Acme Customer User`. When Account Name is encrypted (and Person Accounts aren't in use), the role is displayed as something like `001D000000IRt53 Customer User`.

Data Import

You can't use the Data Import Wizard to perform matching using master-detail relationships or update records that contain fields that use the probabilistic encryption scheme. You can use it to add new records, however.

Reports, Dashboards, and List Views

- Report charts and dashboard components that display encrypted field values might be cached unencrypted.
- You can't sort records in list views by fields that contain encrypted data.

Encryption for Chatter

When you embed a custom component in your Chatter feed using Rich Publisher Add-Ons, the data related to those add-ons is encoded, but it isn't encrypted with the Shield Platform Encryption service. Unencrypted data in Rich Publisher Add-Ons includes data stored in the Extension ID, Text Representation, Thumbnail URL, Title, Payload, and PayloadVersion fields.

Encryption for Custom Matching Rules Used in Duplicate Management

Custom matching rules can only reference fields encrypted with the deterministic encryption scheme. Probabilistic encryption isn't supported. When you rotate your keys, you must deactivate and then reactivate custom matching rules that reference encrypted fields. If you don't take this step after updating your key material, matching rules don't find all your encrypted data.

Standard matching rules that include fields with Shield Platform Encryption don't detect duplicates. If you encrypt a field included in standard matching rules, deactivate the standard rule.

Service protections ensure that loads are balanced across the system. The matching service searches for match candidates until they find all matches or up to 200 matches. With Shield Platform Encryption, the service search maximum is 100 candidates. With encryption, you could find fewer or no possible duplicate records.

Duplicate jobs aren't supported.

Self-Service Background Encryption

Self-service background encryption supports most standard and custom fields. It doesn't support description fields, long and rich text area fields, and other data elements such as files and attachments. For help synchronizing this data, contact Salesforce Customer Support.

Self-service background encryption can encrypt data once every 7 days. This includes synchronization processes initiated from the Encryption Statistics and Data Sync page, synchronization that automatically runs when you disable encryption on a field, and synchronization completed by Salesforce Customer Support at your request.

Some conditions prevent the self-service background encryption from running:

- There are more than 10 million records in an object
- The org has destroyed key material

- An object's data is already synchronized
- The synchronization process is already running, initiated either by the customer or by Salesforce Customer Support at the customer's request
- Statistics are being gathered
- An encryption policy change is being processed, such as enabling encryption on a field or data element
- An object has encrypted data not supported by self-service background encryption. To synchronize data in description, long text area, and rich text area fields, contact Salesforce Customer Support.

After you begin the synchronization processes, wait until it finishes before changing your encryption policy or generating, uploading, or deleting key material. These actions abort the synchronization process.

General

- Encrypted fields can't be used in:
 - Criteria-based sharing rules
 - Similar opportunities searches
 - External lookup relationships
 - Filter criteria for data management tools
- Live Agent chat transcripts are not encrypted at rest.
- Web-to-Case is supported, but the Web Company, Web Email, Web Name, and Web Phone fields are not encrypted at rest.

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Which Salesforce Apps Don't Support Shield Platform Encryption?

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These apps don't support data encrypted with Shield Platform Encryption. However, you can enable Shield Platform Encryption for other apps when these apps are in use.

- Connect Offline
- Commerce Cloud (Salesforce B2B Commerce version 4.10 and later is supported)
- Data.com
- Einstein Engine
- Heroku (but Heroku Connect does support encrypted data)
- Marketing Cloud (but Marketing Cloud Connect does support encrypted data)
- Salesforce CPQ
- Salesforce IQ
- Social Customer Service
- Thunder
- Quip
- Salesforce Billing

Legacy portals (customer, self-service, and partner) don't support data encrypted with Shield Platform Encryption. If legacy portals are active, Shield Platform Encryption can't be enabled.

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Key Rotation and Filter Availability

When you rotate key material or change a field's encryption scheme to case-sensitive deterministic encryption or case-insensitive deterministic encryption (beta), synchronize your data. Syncing applies the active Data in Salesforce (Deterministic) key material to existing and new data. If you don't sync your data, filtering and queries on fields with unique attributes don't return accurate results.

You can sync most data yourself from the Encryption Statistics and Data Sync page in Setup. See [Synchronize Your Data Encryption with the Background Encryption Service](#).

Available Fields and Other Data

Deterministic encryption is available for custom URL, email, phone, text, and text area field types. It isn't available for the following types of data:

- Custom date, date/time, long text area, rich text area, or description field types
- Chatter
- Files and attachments

Filter Operators

In reports and list views, the operators "equals" and "not equal to" are supported with case-sensitive deterministic encryption. Other operators, like "contains" or "starts with," don't return an exact match and aren't supported. Refine By filters and other features that use "contains", "starts with" operators also aren't supported.

Case-insensitive deterministic encryption (beta) supports list views and reports. However, the user interface displays all operators, including operators that aren't supported for encrypted data. To review the list of supported operators, see [Use Encrypted Data in Formulas](#).

Case Sensitivity

When you use case-sensitive deterministic encryption, case matters. In reports, list views, and SOQL queries on encrypted fields, the results are case-sensitive. Therefore, a SOQL query against the Contact object, where LastName = 'Jones', returns only Jones, not jones nor JONES. Similarly, when the case-sensitive deterministic scheme tests for unicity (uniqueness), each version of "Jones" is unique.

Case-Insensitive Deterministic Encryption (Beta) and Custom Field Allocations

To allow case-insensitive queries, Salesforce stores a lowercase duplicate of your data as a custom field in the database. While these duplicates are necessary to enable case-insensitive queries, they count against your total custom field count.

Skinny Tables

Case-sensitive deterministic encryption supports skinny tables, but case-insensitive deterministic encryption (beta) doesn't.

API Options to Identify Filterable Fields

Fields encrypted using the deterministic encryption scheme are filterable. You can use the `isFilterable()` method to determine the encryption scheme of a particular encrypted field. If the field is filterable, the method returns true.

However, you can't explicitly detect or set the deterministic encryption scheme via the API.

External ID

Case-insensitive deterministic encryption (beta) supports Text and Email external ID custom fields but not other external ID custom fields. When you create or edit these fields, use one of the following field setting combinations.

External ID Field Type	Unique Attributes	Encrypted
Text	None	Use case-insensitive deterministic encryption
Text	Unique and case sensitive	Use case-sensitive deterministic encryption
Text	Unique and case insensitive	Use case-insensitive deterministic encryption
Email	None	Use case-insensitive deterministic encryption
Email	Unique	Use case-sensitive deterministic encryption

You can't save changes to both Unique - Case-Sensitive and Encrypted options at the same time. Change one setting, save it, then change the next.

Compound Fields

Even with deterministic encryption, some kinds of searches don't work when data is encrypted. Concatenated values, such as compound names, aren't the same as the separate values. For example, the ciphertext for the compound name "William Jones" is not the same as the concatenation of the ciphertexts for "William" and "Jones".

So, if the First Name and Last Name fields are encrypted in the Contacts object, this query doesn't work:

```
Select Id from Contact Where Name = 'William Jones'
```

But this query does work:

```
Select Id from Contact Where FirstName = 'William' And LastName = 'Jones'
```

Case-insensitive deterministic encryption (beta) supports compound fields but not compound fields with custom indexes.

Filter Records by Strings

You can search for records using strings. However, commas in strings act as OR statements. If your string includes a comma, use quotation marks around the string. For example, a search for "Universal Containers, Inc, Berlin" returns records that include the full string, including the comma. Searches for *Universal Containers, Inc, Berlin* returns records that include "Universal Containers" or "Inc" or "Berlin".

SOQL GROUP BY Statements

You can use most of the SOQL statements with deterministic encryption. One exception is GROUP BY, which isn't supported, even though you can group report results by row or column.

SOQL LIKE and STARTS WITH Statements

Deterministic encryption only supports exact, case-sensitive matches. Comparison operators that return partial matches aren't supported. For example, LIKE and STARTS WITH statements aren't supported.

SOQL ORDER BY Statements

Because deterministic encryption doesn't maintain the sort order of encrypted data in the database, ORDER BY isn't supported.

Indexes

Case-sensitive deterministic encryption supports single-column indexes, single-column case-sensitive unique indexes, two-column indexes, and custom indexes on standard and custom fields.

Shield Platform Encryption and the Lightning Experience

Shield Platform Encryption works the same way in the Lightning Experience as it does in Salesforce Classic, with a few minor exceptions.

Notes

Note previews in Lightning are not encrypted.

File Encryption Icon

The icon that indicates that a file is encrypted doesn't appear in Lightning.

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	API Length	Byte Length	Non-ASCII Characters
Assistant Name (Contact)	40	120	22
Address (To, CC, BCC on Email Message) (beta)	3000	4000	2959
City (Account, Contact, Lead)	40	120	22
Email (Contact, Lead)	80	240	70
Fax (Account)	40	120	22
First Name (Account, Contact, Lead)	40	120	22
Last Name (Contact, Lead)	80	240	70
Middle Name (Account, Contact, Lead)	40	120	22
Name (Custom Object) (beta)	80	240	80
Name (Opportunity)	120	360	110
Phone (Account, Contact)	40	120	22
Site (Account)	80	240	70
Subject (Email Message) (beta)	3000	3000	2207
Title (Contact, Lead)	128	384	126

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Note: This list isn't exhaustive. For information about a field not shown here, refer to the API.

Case Comment Object

The Body field on the Case Comment object has a limit of 4,000 ASCII characters (or 4,000 bytes). However, when these fields are encrypted, the character limit is lower. How much lower depends on the kind of characters you enter.

- ASCII: 2959
- Chinese, Japanese, Korean: 1333
- Other non-ASCII: 1479



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SEE ALSO:

[Encrypt New Data in Standard Fields](#)