

systemd-cryptenroll

From [systemd-cryptenroll\(1\)](#) (<https://man.archlinux.org/man/systemd-cryptenroll.1>):

systemd-cryptenroll is a tool for enrolling hardware security tokens and devices into a LUKS2 encrypted volume, which may then be used to unlock the volume during boot.

systemd-cryptenroll allows enrolling [smartcards](#), [FIDO2](#) tokens and [Trusted Platform Module](#) security chips into [LUKS](#) devices, as well as regular passphrases. These devices are later unlocked by [systemd-cryptsetup@.service\(8\)](#) (<https://man.archlinux.org/man/systemd-cryptsetup%40.service.8>), using the enrolled tokens.

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1 Installation

systemd-cryptenroll is part of and packaged with [systemd](#) (<https://archlinux.org/packages/?name=systemd>). However, extra packages are required to use hardware devices as keys:

- To use PKCS#11 tokens, [install libp11-kit](#) (<https://archlinux.org/packages/?name=libp11-kit>), you may also need [opensc](#) (<https://archlinux.org/packages/?name=opensc>) and [opensc-p11-kit-module](#) (<https://aur.archlinux.org/packages/opensc-p11-kit-module/>)^{AUR}.
- To use FIDO2 tokens, install [libfido2](#) (<https://archlinux.org/packages/?name=libfido2>).
- To use TPM2 devices, install [tpm2-tss](#) (<https://archlinux.org/packages/?name=tpm2-tss>).

2 List keyslots

systemd-cryptenroll can list the keyslots in a LUKS device, similar to `cryptsetup luksDump`, but in a more user-friendly format.

```
# systemd-cryptenroll /dev/disk
```

```
SLOT TYPE
0 password
1 tpm2
```

3 Erasing keyslots

```
# systemd-cryptenroll /dev/disk --wipe-slot=SLOT
```

Where *SLOT* can be:

- A single keyslot index, as represented in [#List keyslots](#)
- A type of keyslot, which will erase all keyslots of that type. Valid types are `empty`, `password`,

recovery , pkcs11 , fido2 , tpm2

- A combination of all of the above, separated by commas
- The string `all` , which erases all keyslots on the device. This option can only be used when enrolling another device or passphrase at the same time.

The `--wipe-slot` operation can be used in combination with all enrollment options, which is useful to update existing device enrollments:

```
# systemd-cryptenroll /dev/disk --wipe-slot=fido2 --fido2-device=auto
```

4 Enrolling passphrases

4.1 Regular password

This is equivalent to `cryptsetup luksAddKey` .

```
# systemd-cryptenroll /dev/disk --password
```

4.2 Recovery key

From [systemd-cryptenroll\(1\)](https://man.archlinux.org/man/systemd-cryptenroll.1) (<https://man.archlinux.org/man/systemd-cryptenroll.1>):

Recovery keys are mostly identical to passphrases, but are computer-generated instead of being chosen by a human, and thus have a guaranteed high entropy. The key uses a character set that is easy to type in, and may be scanned off screen via a QR code.

A recovery key is designed to be used as a fallback if the hardware tokens are unavailable, and can be used in place of regular passphrases whenever they are required.

```
# systemd-cryptenroll /dev/disk --recovery-key
```

5 Enrolling hardware devices

The `--type=device` options must point to a valid device path of their respective type. A list of available devices can be obtained by passing the `list` argument to this option. Alternatively, if you only have a single device of the desired type connected, the `auto` option can be used to automatically select it.

Note: After enrolling the hardware tokens into the LUKS2 volumes, you must configure your system to use them when appropriate. See [dm-crypt/System configuration#Trusted Platform Module and FIDO2 keys](#) for volumes that should be unlocked in early userspace like the root filesystem, and [dm-crypt/System configuration#Unlocking in late userspace](#) for other partitions.

5.1 PKCS#11 tokens or smartcards

The token or smartcard must contain a RSA key pair, which will be used to encrypt the generated key that will be used to unlock the volume.

```
# systemd-cryptenroll /dev/disk --pkcs11-token-uri=device
```

5.2 FIDO2 tokens

Any FIDO2 token that supports the "hmac-secret" extension can be used with *systemd-cryptenroll*. The following example would enroll a FIDO2 token to an encrypted LUKS2 block device, requiring only user presence as authentication.

```
# systemd-cryptenroll /dev/disk --fido2-device=device --fido2-with-client-pin=no
```

In addition, *systemd-cryptenroll* supports using the token's built-in user verification methods:

- `--fido2-with-user-presence` defines whether to verify the user presence (i.e. by tapping the token) before unlocking, defaults to yes
- `--fido2-with-user-verification` defines whether to require user verification before unlocking, defaults to no

Note:

- These options will have no effect if the token does not support these features.
- See [User Presence vs User Verification \(https://developers.yubico.com/WebAuthn/WebAuthn_Developer_Guide/User_Presence_vs_User_Verification.html\)](https://developers.yubico.com/WebAuthn/WebAuthn_Developer_Guide/User_Presence_vs_User_Verification.html) for more information on the difference between the two.

By default, the cryptographic algorithm used when generating a FIDO2 credential is *es256* which denotes Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA) over NIST P-256 with SHA-256. If desired and provided by the FIDO2 token, a different cryptographic algorithm can be specified during enrollment.

Note: This may also be desirable for those concerned with ECDSA. See [SSH keys#ECDSA](#) for details.

Suppose that a previous FIDO2 token has already been enrolled and the user wishes to enroll another, the following generates an *eddsa* credential which denotes [EdDSA \(https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc8032\)](https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc8032) over Curve25519 with SHA-512 and authenticates the device with a previous enrolled token instead of a password.

```
# systemd-cryptenroll /dev/disk --fido2-device=device --fido2-credential-algorithm=eddsa --unlock-fido2-device=auto
```

Note: Both tokens must be plugged in to the system for successful enrollment.

5.3 Trusted Platform Module

systemd-cryptenroll has native support for enrolling LUKS keys in TPMs. It requires the following:

- [tpm2-tss \(https://archlinux.org/packages/?name=tpm2-tss\)](https://archlinux.org/packages/?name=tpm2-tss) must be [installed](#),
- A LUKS2 device (currently the default type used by [cryptsetup](#)),
- If you intend to use this method on your root partition, some tweaks need to be made to the [initramfs](#) (see [dm-crypt/System configuration#Using systemd-cryptsetup-generator](#) for

advanced configuration) :

- [mkinitcpio](#) users: enable the `systemd` and `sd-encrypt` [hooks](#).

Note: The order of the entries in the hooks is important. A nonstandard ordering [can make the system unbootable](#) (<https://bbs.archlinux.org/viewtopic.php?id=273945>) (you will need to rebuild the `initrd` from within [arch-chroot](#) to recover). See [dm-crypt/System configuration#Examples](#) for an example of the correct order.

- [dracut](#) users: enable the `tpm2-tss` [module](#).

To begin, run the following command to list your installed TPMs and the driver in use:

```
$ systemd-cryptenroll --tpm2-device=list
```

Tip: If your computer has multiple TPMs installed, specify the one you wish to use with `--tpm2-device=/path/to/tpm2_device` in the following steps.

A key may be enrolled in both the TPM and the LUKS volume using only one command. The following example generates a new random key, adds it to the volume so it can be used to unlock it in addition to the existing keys, and binds this new key to PCR 7 ([Secure Boot](#) state):

```
# systemd-cryptenroll --tpm2-device=auto /dev/sdX
```

where `/dev/sdX` is the full path to the encrypted LUKS volume. Use `--unlock-key-file=/path/to/keyfile` if the LUKS volume is unlocked by a keyfile instead of a passphrase.

Refer to [systemd-cryptenroll\(1\)](#) (<https://man.archlinux.org/man/systemd-cryptenroll.1.1>) and [Trusted Platform Module#Accessing PCR registers](#) for common PCR measurements in Linux. Adjust the `--tpm2-pcrs=7` default as necessary (parameters are separated by the `+` symbol).

Warning:

- Make sure [Secure Boot](#) is active and in user mode when binding to PCR 7, otherwise, unauthorized boot devices could unlock the encrypted volume.
- The state of PCR 7 can change if firmware certificates change, which can risk locking the user out. This can be implicitly done by [fwupd\[1\]](#) (<https://github.com/systemd/systemd/blob/ed272a9ff59a26beedaab508dd3c9d631de67165/TODO#L664-L673>) or explicitly by rotating Secure Boot keys.
- Only binding to PCRs measured pre-boot (PCRs 0-7) opens a vulnerability from rogue operating systems. A rogue partition with metadata copied from the real root filesystem (such as partition UUID) can mimic the original partition. Then, `initramfs` will attempt to mount the rogue partition as the root filesystem (decryption failure will fall back to password entry), leaving pre-boot PCRs unchanged. The rogue root filesystem with files controlled by an attacker is still able to receive the decryption key for the real root partition. See [Brave New Trusted Boot World](#) (<https://0pointer.net/blog/brave-new-trusted-boot-world.html>) and [BitLocker documentation](#) (<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/security/operating-system-security/data-protection/bitlocker/countermeasures>) for additional information.

The combination of PCRs to bind to depends on the individual case to balance usability and lock-down. For example, you may require UEFI firmware updates without manual intervention to the **Secure Boot** state, or different boot devices. As another example, Microsoft's **Bitlocker** (<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-hardware/test/hlk/testref/954cf796-a640-4134-b742-eafoed2663ff#troubleshooting>) prefers PCR 7+11, but may also use other PCR combinations.

Note:

- It is possible to require a PIN to be entered in addition to the TPM state being correct. Simply add the option `--tpm2-with-pin=yes` to the command above and enter the PIN when prompted.
- `systemd-cryptenroll` does not check the TPM measurement before asking for the PIN, therefore consider using a unique PIN since the environment may be untrustworthy.

To check that the new key was enrolled, dump the LUKS configuration and look for a `systemd-tpm2` token entry, as well as an additional entry in the *Keyslots* section:

```
# cryptsetup luksDump /dev/sdX
```

To test that the key works, run the following command while the LUKS volume is closed:

```
# systemd-cryptsetup attach mapping_name /dev/sdX none tpm2-device=auto
```

where *mapping_name* is your chosen name for the volume once opened.

See [dm-crypt/System configuration#crypttab](#) and [dm-crypt/System configuration#Trusted Platform Module and FIDO2 keys](#) in order to unlock the volume at boot time.

Note: While you may specify the UUID of your LUKS volume in place of the pathname in `/etc/crypttab`, the `systemd-cryptenroll` command itself currently only supports path names.

See [systemd-cryptenroll\(1\)](#) (<https://man.archlinux.org/man/systemd-cryptenroll.1>) and [crypttab\(5\)](#) (<https://man.archlinux.org/man/crypttab.5>) for more information and examples.

6 See also

- [Lennart's blog: Unlocking LUKS2 volumes with TPM2, FIDO2, PKCS#11 Security Hardware on systemd 248](#) (<https://0pointer.net/blog/unlocking-luks2-volumes-with-tpm2-fido2-pkcs11-security-hardware-on-systemd-248.html>)

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