

Objectives:

- Encrypt passwords and secrets stored in data bags

Data bag items can be encrypted using [shared secret encryption](#). This allows each data bag item to store confidential information (such as a database password) or to be managed in a source control system.

1. Create a secret key for encryption:

- a. From the root directory of **chef-repo/**

Execute:

```
$openssl rand -base64 512 | tr -d '\r\n' > .my_secret
```

- b. Then execute:

```
$cat .my_secret
```

```
DwAP06an0E1RmvwZBwS2J3siIfu7mZLD+ccJxqQJr4/0kcIjGYHE0VvBCLaTY2oLaEFtTOHv7cAHKCinpmE2MD3R6x+G171JpT/wQzU  
cwZw8hqYKSqtrzBkeSKZLYUeiajBADvxYYtjiBmBBQI5HssAfxXs8oMZ5IxpFvBEpFZR1Wb36gryc2AHCNs1C3YTar+1DCNASz+w  
rGRb63TnxH9YExiL2KAwkzso/00L3nw41U5L99nCjNu5jkuIN5q3eBLaMCKWJ+owY9BiIeJ0rtTsrL66z00anDmkUyfyjKodkZU5CE0v  
E011vp630sSG6crD12gTH40Sk7bIOgNYpv0kJ/V/u+zi//5iZr2InyhF38PYDM4EsHwxaoHb27u+guNFsBFm12XYpQtJStJ4txwfYCu  
vQbp4wuwenwJud01r2ocUA60+51Q/gwXn3xDz0zKzBL/11ZZjU1TBp906wPKCaS75R0X6h9F1jybra8Wt6ab4LW9bY0YvXdTGNDKMup  
njo11EzyAFFaHzqj8931skGfnFWJMiE95JT3NECcL/KIREQaeoBg0jg5DMr+osTgb4BtpamzxNrmGKZbh22icDU+jypLsbr/rLotpTV  
T9640iIqe0U8Vuf70MvEnK23NK97ySKMxpY=/home/ubuntu/chef-repo $
```

2. The key above will be used to encrypt the password in
~/chef-repo/data_bags/passwords/your_name.json

- a. Execute:

```
$ knife data bag from file passwords  
data_bags/passwords/your_name.json --secret-file .my_secret  
--local-mode:
```

(remember... -z is a nice shortcut)

Ignore the warnings about not having a configuration file

```
/home/ubuntu/chef-repo $knife data bag from file passwords data_bags/passwords/your_name.json --secret
.my_secret --local-mode
WARNING: No knife configuration file found. See https://docs.chef.io/config_rb/ for details.
Updated data_bag_item[passwords::your_name]
/home/ubuntu/chef-repo $
```

3. Display data bag saved in passwords

a. Execute:

```
$knife data bag show passwords your_name -z
```

```
WARNING: No knife configuration file found. See https://docs.chef.io/config_rb/ for details.
WARNING: Encrypted data bag detected, but no secret provided for decoding. Displaying encrypted
id:      your_name
password:
  auth_tag:      JhX50GsFX5H09g2ocy/D1A==

  cipher:        aes-256-gcm
  encrypted_data: s8iG0LxiXQ+R/0ZpPphpFsKz+0MnzPyqL11xN8WPN35BZuE/Ih06R5VTQ4gp
  cjDFKuCiHAE=

  iv:            oVMPPohg0Am9oQAY
  version:       3
```

4. Display the contents of the your_name.json file by executing:

a.

```
$cat data_bags/passwords/your_name.json
```

```
/home/ubuntu/chef-repo $cat data_bags/passwords/your_name.json
{
  "id": "your_name",
  "password": {
    "encrypted_data": "s8iG0LxiXQ+R/0ZpPphpFsKz+0MnzPyqL11xN8WPN35BZuE/Ih06R5VTQ4gp\ncjDFKuCiHAE=\n",
    "iv": "oVMPPohg0Am9oQAY\n",
    "auth_tag": "JhX50GsFX5H09g2ocy/D1A==\n",
    "version": 3,
    "cipher": "aes-256-gcm"
  }
}
```

5. Viewing an encrypted data bag with a secret file:

a. Execute:

```
$knife data bag show --secret-file .my_secret passwords your_name -z
```

```
WARNING: No knife configuration file found. See https://docs.chef.io/config_rb/ for details.  
Encrypted data bag detected, decrypting with provided secret.  
id:      your_name  
password: $1$NLLKU4pn$Ch5VZ7IO7A5EZHicFpmu.
```

NOTE: the difference between this output and the one in step 3 is that the output is decoded by decrypting with a provided secret.

6. Accessing data bag values with the default recipe:

- Normally, the secret file (**.my_secret**) needs to be copied over to the node on which chef-client runs in order to unencrypt the data bag contents.
- **When testing locally (not on a chef server), the kitchen.yml file is used as a pointer for the secret file.**

a. Update cookbooks/users/kitchen.yml with below content:

```
suites:  
  - name: default  
    data_bags_path: '../..//data_bags'  
    encrypted_data_bag_secret_key_path: '../..//.my_secret'  
    sudo: true  
    verifier:  
      inspec_tests:  
        - test/integration/default  
    attributes:
```

NOTE: The default recipe doesn't need to be updated.

Verify the encrypted data bag changes using kitchen commands:

7. From the users directory, destroy and create the kitchen

Note: the '&&' notation means "IF the first command succeeds, THEN execute the second command"

\$ kitchen destroy && kitchen converge

```
Chef Infra Client finished, 1/1 resources updated in 21 seconds
  Finished converging <default-centos-7> (0m26.88s).
-----> Creating <default-ubuntu-2004>...
```

```
Chef Infra Client finished, 1/1 resources updated in 21 seconds
  Finished converging <default-ubuntu-2004> (0m27.42s).
-----> Test Kitchen is finished. (0m59.01s)
```

9. Execute **\$kitchen list**

Instance	Driver	Provisioner	Verifier	Transport	Last Action	Last
default-centos-7	Dokken	Dokken	Inspec	Dokken	Converged	<None
default-ubuntu-2004	Dokken	Dokken	Inspec	Dokken	Converged	<None

10. Execute **\$kitchen login default-centos-7**

```
[root@dokken /]#
```

11. Execute **# su your_name**, then **\$ su your_name**, then enter '*hashpassword*' when prompted for a password, showing that your test environment decrypted the encrypted data bag!

```
[root@dokken /]# su your_name
[your_name@dokken /]$ su your_name
Password:
[your_name@dokken /]$
```

Using an incorrect password:

12. Try to su again, but enter an incorrect password when prompted

```
[your_name@dokken /]$ su your_name
Password:
su: Authentication failure
```

13. Exit out of the kitchen back to the workstation

Notify your instructor that you are done with the lab

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