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=== File printout ===
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File name: README.md File size: 6635 bytes

File sha256: 80ba900ad7124505890832516a99ed90cad810bfb838c886c05f0623859c510d Printed: 2021-07-22T12:03:01 Pages: 3 Random ID: 0d175372

Bytes are printed as ASCII chars if possible. Spaces (0x20) are printed as "·", newlines (0x0a) are printed as "¶". All other bytes are printed as ";xx", with "xx" being the value of the byte as hex number, e.g., ";09" for a tab, ";0d" for a carriage return.

Text printed in bold is not part of the file. On the left is the line number, on right a per line checksum (CRC-16-IBM). Lines longer than 80 chars are wrapped.

Created with txt4print version 0.1 - for additional information see https://github.com/lobaro/txt4print

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0001 # · txt4print¶
                                                                                       ec90
0002 ¶
                                                                                       473f
0003
     `txt4print`·is·a·minimalistic·tool·that·is·meant·for·printing·small·important·¶
                                                                                       934c
0004 text·files·recoverable·(e.g., private·keys).¶
                                                                                       4cb5
0005 ¶
                                                                                       473f
9006 It·creates·a·pdf·file·that·can·be·printed·out·to·have·an·offline·copy·of·¶
                                                                                       0fa2
0007 important·files, ·that·can·be·stores·securely·and·safely·(e.g., ·a·bank's·safe).¶
                                                                                       d15d
9008 The resulting paper should be recoverable with a basic texted itor by anyone 1
                                                                                       cc34
0009 with a basic understanding of computers (e.g., a sysop, or a programmer).¶
                                                                                       31b3
                                                                                       473f
0011 We·do·not·guaranty·anything,·if·you·use·this·software!·There·is·no·warranty!¶
                                                                                       211a
0012 ¶
                                                                                       473f
0013 **Test·your·recovery·process!**¶
                                                                                       fbf4
0014 ¶
                                                                                       473f
0015 The·script·is·designed·to·work·on·a·limited·linux·system·with·no·network·¶
                                                                                       3a32
0016 connection · (for · keeping · secrets · safe).¶
                                                                                       42c5
0017 ¶
                                                                                       473f
0018 ##·How·does·it·work?¶
                                                                                       be92
0019 The·script·takes·a·textfile·as·input·and·creates·a·pdf·file·to·be·printed·¶
                                                                                       b760
0020 (yes, on paper). You store that in a safe place.
                                                                                       320c
0021 Should you ever lose all of your digital copies of that file, you take that ¶
                                                                                       05d3
9022 paper·from·your·safe·location·and·type·it·back·into·a·computer·using·your·keyboa
     rd.¶
                                                                                       0b0d
0023 ¶
                                                                                       473f
6024 On the pdf there are all bytes of the input file printed in a way that they 1
                                                                                       844a
0025 can·be·typed·back·into·a·computer·using·any·text·editor.·Care·is·taken,·so·¶
                                                                                       c2b7
0026 that all bytes can be identified. It uses a font with distinctive letters ¶
                                                                                       3cab
0027 (Number·zero·0·versus·letter·0,·Number·1·versus·lower·case·L:·l·and·upper·case·i
     :·I).¶
                                                                                       c38d
9028 Spaces · and · newlines · are · printed · explicitly . · All · other · non-printable · bytes · are · ¶
                                                                                       2ec4
0029 printed · as · hex · numbers . · No · byte · is · ignored . · For · each · line · a · CRC · checksum · is · ¶
                                                                                       7545
0030 included, ·so·that·mistakes·can·be·spotted·easily·in·files·with·many·lines.¶
                                                                                       f310
0031 ¶
                                                                                       473f
0032 The printout contains the name of the file printed, it's size in bytes, and a ¶
                                                                                       17e6
0033 sha256·checksum, ·so·that·you·can·verify·you·do·not·make·any·mistakes·typing.¶
                                                                                       bbf4
0034 It also has the date and time of printing and a 4 byte random ID. The ID is ¶
                                                                                       8c5a
0035 printed on enery page, next to the page number, so that you can easily sort ¶
                                                                                       00a9
0036 pages · of · multiple · printouts · if · they · ever · get · mixed · up. ¶
                                                                                       85ef
0037 ¶
                                                                                       473f
0038 The printout also contains brief instructions on what it is and how data 1
                                                                                       b473
0039 is·represented·on·it.·This·should·allow·recreation·of·the·files·from·the·¶
                                                                                       f920
0040 printout alone, even when this documentation will no longer be available ¶
                                                                                       4f43
                                                                                       904d
0041 online.¶
0042 ¶
                                                                                       473f
0043 ##·Examples¶
                                                                                       8edd
0044 Get·a·feel·for·what·it·looks·like,·here·are·some·examples:¶
                                                                                       ad7f
0045 *·[An·example·CA·Certificate](examples/example-ca-cert.crt.pdf)·([original·file]
     (examples/example-ca-cert.crt)).¶
                                                                                       fa42
0046 *·[The·CA·Certificate's·private·key](examples/example-ca-cert.key.pdf)·([origina
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l·file](examples/example-ca-cert.key)).–.encrypted.with.passphrase."unsecu
                                                                                         6751
9047 *·[The·source·code·of·txt4print](examples/txt4print.pv.pdf)¶
                                                                                         cdc0
0048 *•[The·source·of·this·README](examples/README.md.pdf)¶
                                                                                         2133
0049 ¶
                                                                                         473f
0050 ##·Single·file·binary¶
                                                                                         2d20
0051 This·is·meant·to·be·used·as·a·single·file·binary.·You·can·create·that·using·¶
                                                                                         04c6
0052 `pyinstaller`..On·my·x86_64·Linux·the·binary·is·about·7·MiB·big.¶
                                                                                         e157
0053 ¶
                                                                                         473f
0054 ....$.pip.install.pyinstaller¶
                                                                                         003b
0055 ····$·pyinstaller·-F·txt4print.py¶
                                                                                         ca00
0056 ¶
                                                                                         473f
0057 ##·Advice¶
                                                                                         75d8
0058 * * * * Do · not · trust · anything · I · say · here! * * · I · am · no · expert · in · this · area, · I · just · ¶
                                                                                         ebd1
0059 ··want·to·solve·this·problem·for·myself.·If·you·really·depend·on·what·is·in·¶
                                                                                         ddad
0060 ··vour·data·-·go·on,·read·this,·fine.·Those·are·thoughts·I·came·up·with·when·¶
                                                                                         8e9e
0061 ··thinking ·about ·that ·problem, ·maybe ·they ·help ·you. ·** But ·do ·not ·rely ·on ·¶
                                                                                         71e1
0062 ··this!**·If·it·is·so·important,·you·should·seek·professional·advice.¶
                                                                                         6cac
0063 *·**Test·your·recovery·process!**·Yes,·really.·Type·the·file·back·into·your·¶
                                                                                         6ada
                                                                                         8254
0064 ··computer, ·using·only·the·print·out, ·and·a·freshly·set·up·computer·without·¶
0065 ··any·other·data·from·your·infrastructure.·That·is·the·case·you·are·preparing·¶
                                                                                         ee7f
0066 ··for·here, ·so·make·sure·that·you·have·everything·for·that.¶
                                                                                         759b
0067 *·Use·a·laser·printer!·Seriously,·try·printing·a·page·with·a·laser·printer·and·¶ 52da
0068 ··with·an·ink·printer,·and·then·pour·a·glass·of·water·over·them.¶
                                                                                         2c6e
                                                                                         769d
0069 *·Use·good·paper.¶
0070 *·If·you·print·private·keys,·only·print·them·encrypted.·Do·you·trust·my·script?¶ 6296
0071 ··Even·if·you·do.·there·is·a·lot·of·soft·and·hardware·involved·on·the·way·¶
                                                                                         f11a
0072 ··to·having·the·paper·in·your·hand.·What·about·the·pdf-viewer?·What·about·the¶
                                                                                         f612
0073 \cdot \cdot printer?¶
                                                                                         d221
0074 *·Think·where·you·print.·You·might·want·to·skip·the·public·wlan-printer·in·¶
                                                                                         0732
0075 ··your·co-working·place.·Do·printers·keep·copies·of·what·they·print?·I·don't·¶
                                                                                         9b07
0076 ··know...¶
                                                                                         2329
0077 *·If·you·have·longer·files,·print·single·sided.·It·makes·finding·mistakes¶
                                                                                         2033
0078 ··a·lot·more·convenient.¶
                                                                                         3f4f
0079 *·Put·the·paper·in·a·case·that·protects·it·(from·viewing,·even·when·put·¶
                                                                                         6d76
0080 ··towards·light·sources·-·but·also·from·damage;·dirt,·water,·etc).·The·case·¶
                                                                                         7d57
0081 ··should·also·seal·it!·You·will·want·to·know·if·anyone·opened·it·and·looked·¶
                                                                                         e428
0082 ··at·it.·Sign·the·seal·with·your·own·handwriting·or·something·-·I'm·no·¶
                                                                                         8ab3
0083 ··expert·for·that...¶
                                                                                         a299
9084 *·Put·the·paper·somewhere·that·you·will·have·access·to·in·tenth·of·years,·but·¶
                                                                                         85a8
0085 ··chose·a·place·that·is·physically·separated·from·your·primary·storage.·I'm·¶
                                                                                         7cc3
0086 ··talking·kilometers·here,·natural·desasters·are·a·thing,·and·when·your·computer
                                                                                         a4cf
0087 ··all·drown·in·a·flood,·you·do·not·want·your·private·key·backup·destroyed·with·t
                                                                                         3aea
0088 ··Do·your·parents·have·a·safe?·How·about·that?·Just·hand·them·an·envelope·and·te
                                                                                         35e7
0089 ··them·to·keep·it·really·save·and·never·touch·it,·until·you·say·you·need·it·back
                                                                                         883d
0090 *·Store·multiple·copies·in·different·places.·If·it·is·for·your·company,·keep·in·
                                                                                         55aa
     mind · ¶
6091 ··that·desaster·might·strike·when·one·of·you·went·on·holidays·-·or·might·have·pa
                                                                                         6b3e
     ssed⋅¶
0092 ··away.·Those·things·happen.·It·is·sad·enough·without·your·friends·taking·the·¶
                                                                                         49bd
0093 ··company·to·the·grave·with·them.¶
                                                                                         d1fd
0094 *·When·your·keys·are·encrypted,·also·store·copies·of·your·passphrases!·Preferabl
                                                                                         8d07
     y·in·¶
0095 ··places·different·from·the·printouts.¶
                                                                                         9e5c
0096 *·A·neat·way·to·build·passphrases·is·[Diceware][diceware].¶
                                                                                         8574
0097 *·You·can·use·a·USB-Stick·with·[Tails·Linux][tails]·to·have·a·dedicated·¶
                                                                                         6b86
0098 ··system·for·working·with·your·keys.·Only·keep·them·there·in·the·persistent·¶
                                                                                         13c4
0099 ··storage.·`txt4print`·was·written·to·be·used·on·a·tails·system·that·has·no·¶
                                                                                         844f
0100 ··network·connections.·That's·why·we·needed·the·single·binary·version.¶
                                                                                         f8f3
0101 *·If·you·want·to·spread·responsibility·for·your·secret·keys·over·multiple·¶
                                                                                         a21d
0102 ··people, ·where ·e.g., ·3 · out · of ·5 · people · need · to · come · together · to · use · them, ·¶
                                                                                         b248
0103 ··take·a·look·at·[gfshare][gfshare].·I·have·not·used·it·myself,·but·the·¶
                                                                                         7e51
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0104 ··people·making·tails·use·it·for·their·signing·keys,·see·¶
                                                                                   4f5e
0105 ··[the·tails·doc][tailsdoc].¶
                                                                                   d059
0106 ··¶
                                                                                   cde9
0107 [diceware]: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diceware¶
                                                                                   84af
0108 [tails]: https://tails.boum.org/¶
                                                                                   2d5b
0109 [gfshare]: https://git.gitano.org.uk/libgfshare.git/¶
                                                                                   bb3b
0110 [tailsdoc]: https://tails.boum.org/doc/about/openpgp_keys/index.en.html#index2h1
                                                                                   30f3
0111 ¶
                                                                                   473f
0112 ##·Limitations¶
                                                                                   d316
0113 The is no warranty for anything! ¶
                                                                                   d98f
                                                                                   473f
0114 ¶
0115 The · script · was · written · for · a · printing · small · ASCII · text · files, · and · will · not · be · ve
                                                                                   fab9
    ry·useful·¶
0116 for other files. It supports long lines and many lines and binary one ASCII dat
                                                                                   bdee
0117 but·you·will·not·be·happy·typing·those·back·in.¶
                                                                                   020e
                                                                                   473f
0119 This·script·will·not·work·on·Windows,·since·the·font·inclusion·trick·will·not·wo
                                                                                   fb07
    rk·there.¶
                                                                                   ffff
0120
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