

Pull Your Admin Up by the Bootstraps

Demystifying Secure and Bootstrap Tokens for Service Administrators,
Enrollment Workflows, LAPS, FileVault, and more!

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Secure Tokens

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What is a Secure Token?



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Technical:

A wrapped version of a Key Encryption Key (KEK) protected by the user's password.

Simplified:

A key that protects other keys.

Analogy:

A transponder chip inside your car key or fob that must be present to start or unlock your car along with the metal key.

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What else do I need to know?



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Where do I get a Secure Token?

- Account Creation during Setup Assistant
- Login Window as the first interactive login
- Enabled for FileVault by another Secure Token Administrator
- Login Window if the MDM has the Bootstrap Token

When is a Secure Token used?

- Authentication to enable or disable FileVault
- Unlock a FileVault encrypted volume
- Managing Software Updates
- Erase All Contents and Settings Command



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What's the catch?



Stuff to be aware of:

- Secure Token enabled accounts must provide previous credentials to change the password or be deleted.
- The Jamf PreStage Admin account is changed with the SetAutoAdminPassword MDM Command for LAPS which will not change the FileVault Password.
- The Jamf Management Account is rotated using the Jamf Framework (Binary) and will also rotate it's FileVault Password.

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What is a Bootstrap Token?



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Technical:

A token which enables an MDM to perform special actions that would otherwise require a Secure Token user.

Simplified:

The limited MDM equivalent of the Secure Token.

Analogy:

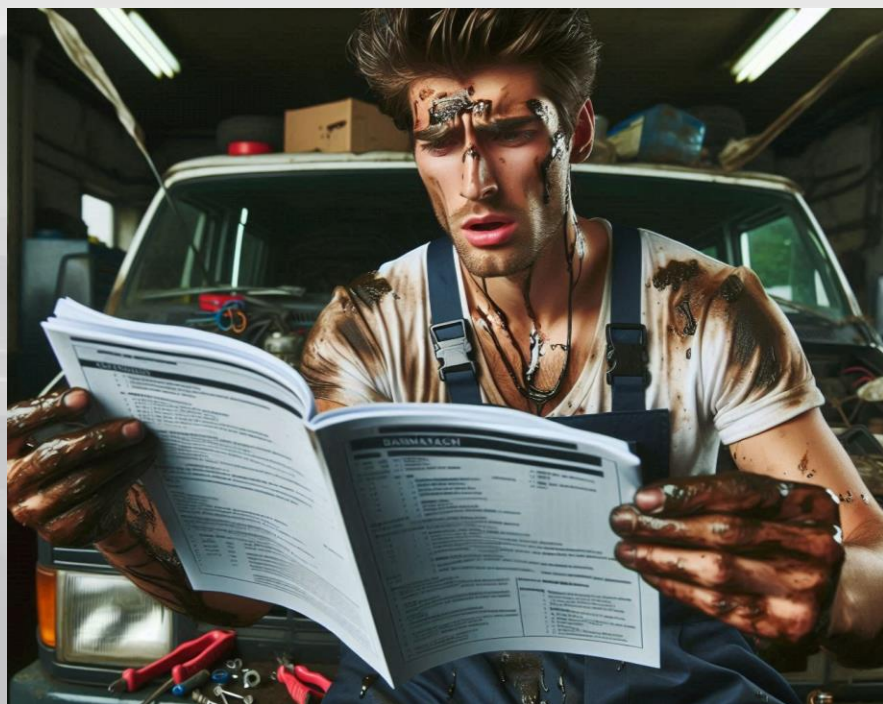
A special key you can provide to your mechanic or dealership to perform specific maintenance tasks.

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What else do I need to know?



When do I generate and escrow a Bootstrap Token?

- A Secure Token user logs in the first time after PreStage Enrollment
- During Setup Assistant Account Creation through PreStage (assuming Activation Lock is prevented)
- `'/usr/bin/profiles install -type bootstraptoken'` is run by a Secure Token enabled Administrator

When is a Bootstrap Token used?

- At the Login Window with MDM to provision new users a Secure Token
- Installing Kernel Extensions with MDM without modifying the Startup Security Settings
- Installing Updates via MDM Command

Volume Ownership

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You mean there's more?!



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What is a Volume Owner?

- A user with permissions to make specific changes to the system.
- Some tasks require both Volume Owner and Admin

Who gets Volume Owner permissions?

- The first user who setup the mac (the first Secure Token user)
- The Bootstrap Token itself
- Users given a Secure Token at the Login Window with MDM by the Bootstrap Token

When is Volume Ownership Used?

- Installing Software Updates
- Initiating the Erase All Contents and Settings command.
- Changing Startup Security Settings



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Jamf Management Administrator (jamfManage)

- Managed Administrator for both PreStage and User-Initiated Enrollment workstations
- Required for workstation to be considered “Managed”
- LAPS enabled by default
- Can be given a Secure Token without breaking LAPS for Cryptographic (FileVault) Password rotation



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Jamf PreStage Administrator (jamfPreStage)

- Requires Jamf Management Account to be enabled
- Required when Account Creation needs to make users Standard or skipped entirely
- LAPS is not enabled by default, but will be in future versions of Jamf Pro
- Getting a Secure Token will break Cryptographic (FileVault) Password rotation with LAPS

Enrollment Workflows

“With Great Power Comes Great Tables” - Uncle Ben



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* indicates optional	LAPS Admins	Account Creation Types	First SecureToken User	FV Sync	Bootstrap Escrow	PRK Escrow	Remediations
Zero/Limited Touch Without PreStage Admin	jamfManage	Setup Assistant (Admin)	Assigned/Temp User (Admin)	Yes	Automatic	Profile (Automatic)	FV Wait for Bootstrap* Setup Admin Cleanup*
Zero Touch With PreStage Admin	jamfManage jamfPreStage	Setup Assistant (Admin/Standard) Directory Mobile (Admin/Standard) Jamf Connect (Admin/Standard) Policy Created Shared Account	Assigned User Shared Account	Yes	Automatic	Profile (Automatic)	FV Wait for Bootstrap*
Touch Required With PreStage Admin	jamfManage jamfPreStage	Directory Mobile (Admin/Standard) Jamf Connect (Admin/Standard) Policy Created Shared Account	jamfManage	Yes	Automatic	Profile (Automatic)	FV Wait for Bootstrap*
			jamfPrestage	No			
User-Initiated Enrollment (BYOD-Style)	jamfManage	Setup Assistant (Admin)	Assigned/Temp User (Admin)	yes	Policy Script	Profile (Automatic) Policy Script (if enabled)	Bootstrap Escrow Script FV Wait for Bootstrap PRK Invalid - Reissue Script Setup Admin Cleanup*

Remediation Workflows

“Apple is my sword. Jamf is my shield. Remediation workflows are my armor.” – Stephen Strange



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	Extension Attribute	Smart Group	Config Profile	Policy Payload
Wait for Bootstrap Escrow before FileVault		Computers with Escrowed Bootstrap: Bootstrap Token Escrowed – is - Yes	Enable and Escrow FileVault with PRK	
Force Bootstrap Generation and Escrow		Computers without Escrowed Bootstrap: Bootstrap Token Allowed – is – Yes And - Bootstrap Token Escrowed – is – No		Trigger: Recurring Check-in Script: Jamf-EscrowBootstrap-StandardUser.sh Maintenance: Update Inventory
Validate and Reissue PRK when Invalid		Computers with Invalid PRK: Bootstrap Token is Escrowed – is – Yes And – (FileVault 2 Status – is – All Partitions Encrypted Or – FileVault 2 Status – is – Boot Partitions Encrypted) And – FileVault Individual Key Validation – is - Invalid		Trigger: Recurring Check-in Script: reissueKey.sh Maintenance: Update Inventory
Clean up Setup User after another Secure Token Account is Detected	Jamf-ExtensionAttribute-SecureToken_Users.sh	Computers with setupUser and at least 1 other Account: Bootstrap Token Escrowed – is – Yes And – EA: Secure Token Users – is not – setupUser And – EA: Secure Token Users – like - setupUser		Trigger: Recurring Check-in Local Accounts: Disable User for FileVault 2 Delete Account: setupUser Maintenance: Update Inventory
Force Rotate jamfManage PW				Trigger: None (Self Service) Management Accounts: Rotate Account Password



1. Why is my PreStage LAPS password out of sync with FileVault?

A: The `SetAutoAdminPassword` Command cannot change FV Passwords

2. Why does a hidden admin appear on the FV lock screen?

A: Any user with a Secure Token will appear to unlock the disk

3. Why wouldn't Software Updates work using MDM Commands?

A: The Bootstrap Token must be escrowed to the MDM to send Software Updates

4. Why can only one user unlock a shared workstation?

A: Unless the Bootstrap Token is escrowed, only the first created or logged in user gets a Secure Token

5. Why isn't the Bootstrap Token escrowing to Jamf Pro

A: User-Initiated Enrollments do not escrow the Bootstrap automatically.
A script/command is required to be run as an Admin with Secure Token



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