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Nitrokey Start

The secure key for your digital life.

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USE CASES

For Anybody – Protection Against Mass Surveillance and Hackers

- Encrypt Emails
  Encrypt your emails with GnuPG, OpenPGP, S/MIME, Thunderbird or Outlook. Your private keys are securely stored in the Nitrokey and cannot be exported or stolen.

For Businesses, Chancelleries and the Self-Employed – Protect Sensitive Data

- Protect Your Data Against Espionage
  Encrypt field workers’ individual files by means of GnuPG. The private keys are thereby securely stored in the Nitrokey.

- Desktop Login
  Log in easily at your local computer desktop with the Nitrokey.

For IT Administrators and Security Experts – Protect Critical Infrastructure

- Securely Administering Servers With SSH
  Securely store your SSH keys in the Nitrokey at all times. Your key is PIN-protected and cannot be exported or stolen from the Nitrokey. This means that you can bypass the insecure and tedious process of synchronizing key files between client systems.

- Internet of Things (IoT) and Protecting Your own Products
  Protect your own hardware products using Nitrokey integration. Ideal for remote maintenance and for ensuring product authenticity.
**High Security**

Your private keys are always stored in the PIN-protected Nitrokey and are as such protected against malware, loss and theft. Brute force protection prevents against PIN guessing attacks by locking the device after 6 failed attempts. The secure encryption methods RSA and ECC are supported.

**Better Than Software**

The Nitrokey hardware does not depend on an operating system and reliably protects your data and keys against theft, loss, user errors and malware.

**Security Requires Open Source**

Both hardware and firmware, tools and libraries are open source and free software, enabling independent security audits. Flexibly adaptable, no vendor lock-in, no security through obscurity, no hidden security flaws and backdoors.

**Complete USB Connector**

Unlike some of its competitors, Nitrokey has a complete and standard-compliant USB connector. This ensures plugging the device in and out several thousand times without connection issues. Anti-twist protection reduces support costs.

**Easy Integration**

Nitrokey uses open interfaces and open source tools to enable easy integration into your systems. We can develop a customized solution for you on request.

**Made in Berlin**

Nitrokey is developed and produced in Berlin resp. Germany. For the sake of higher quality and security, we do not use cheap overseas manufacturing.

**Sustainability**

Regional production in Berlin, casings made from recycled plastic granulate, plastic-free shipping bags, green electricity, and refurbished laptops are examples we take for granted.

Our Customers

- 1&1
- ABB
- Adobe
- adyen
- arm
- arvato Bertelsmann
- BBC
- Beiersdorf
- BOSCH
- BROADCOM
- BUND
- Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik
- Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle
- Caterpillar
- CGI
- Cisco
- DB
- DEC
- DIEHL
- Dropbox
- ERSTE Group
- Ford
- Fraunhofer
- Freedom of the Press Foundation
- GE Healthcare
- Google
- HBO
- Infineon
- ING
- intel
- Johnson & Johnson
- kpn
- Kuehne + Nagel
- Lufthansa
- MAX PLANCK Institute for Informatics
- Mercedes-Benz
- Miele
- Mozilla
- NVIDIA
- OSD
- Philips
- PORSCHE
- Red Hat
- Schneider Electric
- SENNHEISER
- Siemens
- Solarisbank
- Sony
- SUSE
- Swiss Life
- T-Systems
- Telenor
- THALES
- THE LINUX GROUP
- TNW Foundation
- TU Wien
- Uber
- UBS
- Verifone
- VISA
Supported Systems and Interfaces

- Mozilla Thunderbird, MS Outlook, GnuPG, SSH, TrueCrypt/VeraCrypt, OpenSC
- OpenPGP, S/MIME, X.509, PKCS#11
- Windows, macOS, Linux, BSD

Technical Details

- Cryptographic algorithms: RSA, ECC
- Key lengths: RSA 2048 bit, RSA 4096 bit (duration: ~ 8 sec), ECC 256 bit
- Elliptic curves: EdDSA, ECDSA (with NIST P256 and secp256k1), ECDH (with X25519, NIST P256 and secp256k1)
- External hash algorithms: MD5, RIPEMD-160, SHA-1, SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512
- Storage capacity: 3 keys (decryption, signing, authentication)
- Compliant with OpenPGP Card 2 with ECC support
- True random number generator (TRNG)
- Life expectancy (MTBF, MTTF): > 100,000 PIN entries
- Durability USB connector (EIA-364-09): > 1,500 mate and unmate cycles
- Storage time: > 20 years
- Activity indicator: monochrome LED
- Hardware interface: USB 1.1, type A
- Maximum supply current: 40 mA
- Maximum power consumption: 200 mW
- Operating temperature: -20 °C to +70 °C
- Size: 48 x 19 x 7 mm
- Weight: 5 g
- Compliance: FCC, CE, RoHS, WEEE, OSHwa

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