





# Bootstrap token in 2 minutes

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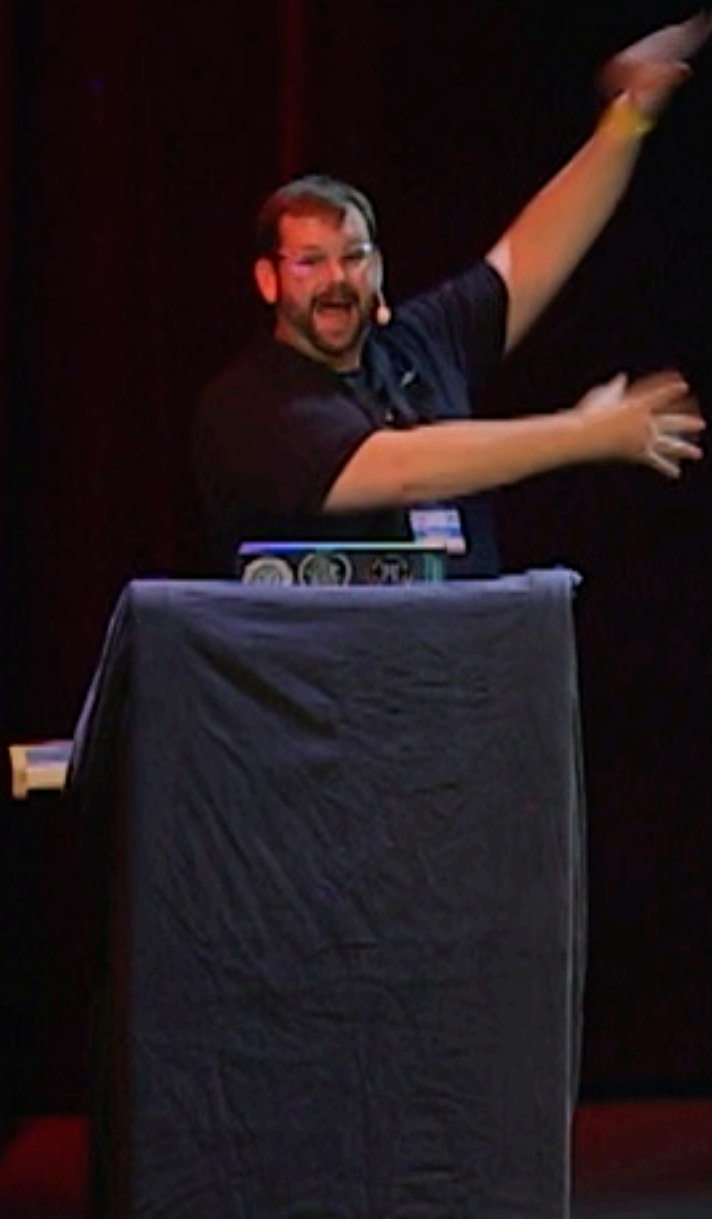
- Gathered by your MDM via Command
- Can Unlock the System Volume

```
tbbridge@tbbridge-MacBook-Pro ~ % diskutil apfs listUsers /  
Cryptographic users for disk3s1s1 (4 found)
```

```
|  
+--- EBC6C064-0000-11AA-AA11-00306543ECAC  
| Type: Personal Recovery User  
| Volume Owner: Yes  
|
```

```
+--- 2457711A-523C-4604-B75A-F48A571D5036  
| Type: MDM Bootstrap Token External Key  
| Volume Owner: Yes  
|
```

- Used by `InstallLater` to unlock the system volume during the quiet period.



# Explain 2 minutes or less

55 minutes so you can explain it in 2 minutes

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Collection of information from other people

bootstrap token is mostly about secure token

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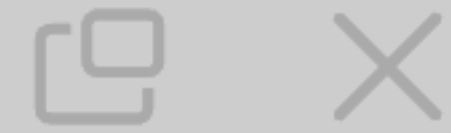


**Sam** 12 months ago

Guys.. in a bit of a pickle here.

I didn't have the credentials to the admin account of a managed mac. So I created a new account with my MDM and deleted the older account. It seems that the account created was not granted a secure token. I have the escrowed bootstrap token with the MDM. Is there a way to grant the secure token to the account so that I can log in back? 🙏

## Thread #mdm



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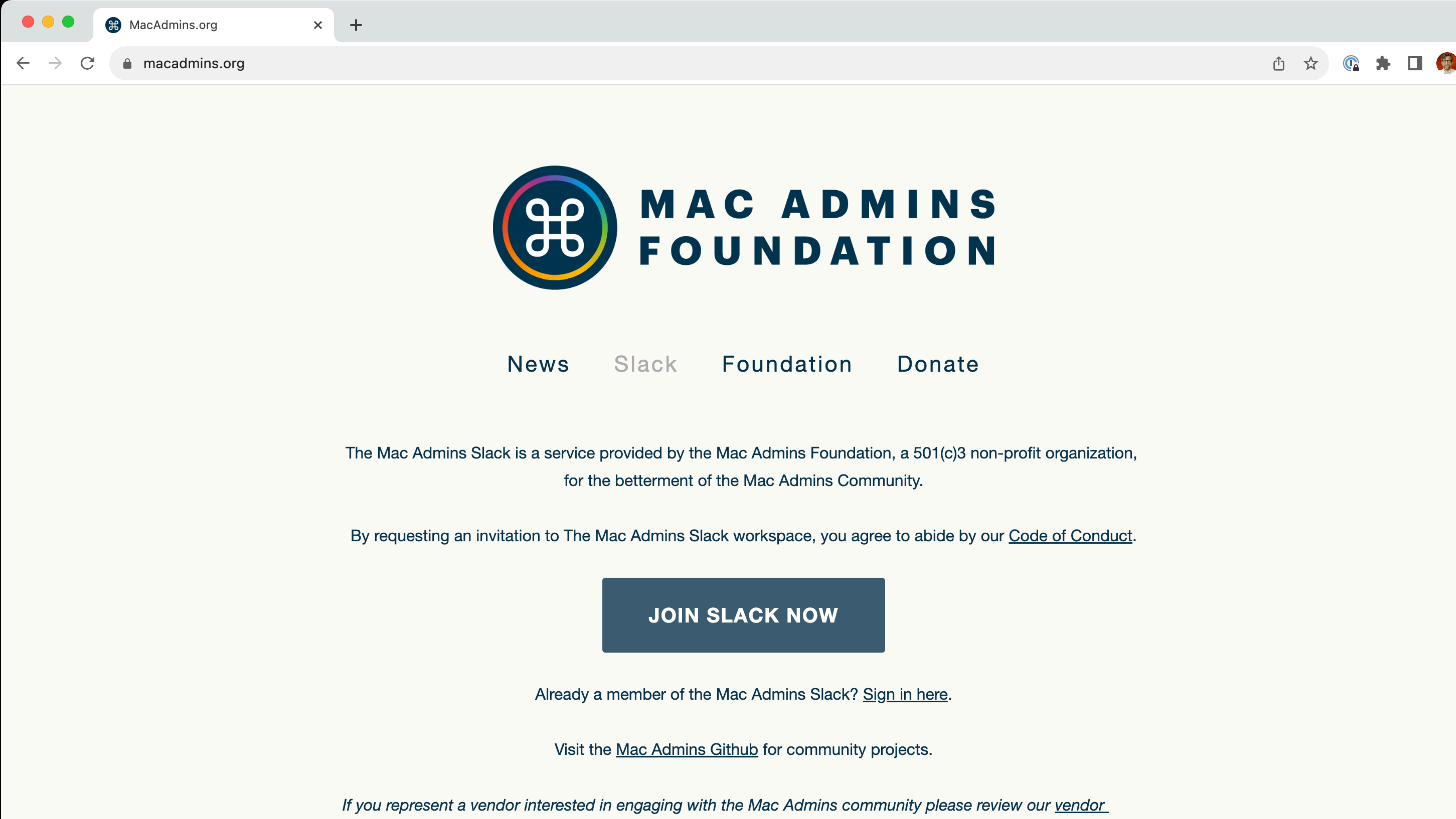
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**Sam** 12 months ago

[@arekdreyer](#) Thanks for helping me with this. I used the FileVault Recovery Key to set the password for a user. The FileVault Recovery Key user has secure token. So when I provided the recovery key, that figuratively unlocked the lockbox that contained the Key Encryption Key. When I provided the new password for the user, that created a new lockbox for the user, protected by the user's new password. Now the user has a secure token and, can log in.



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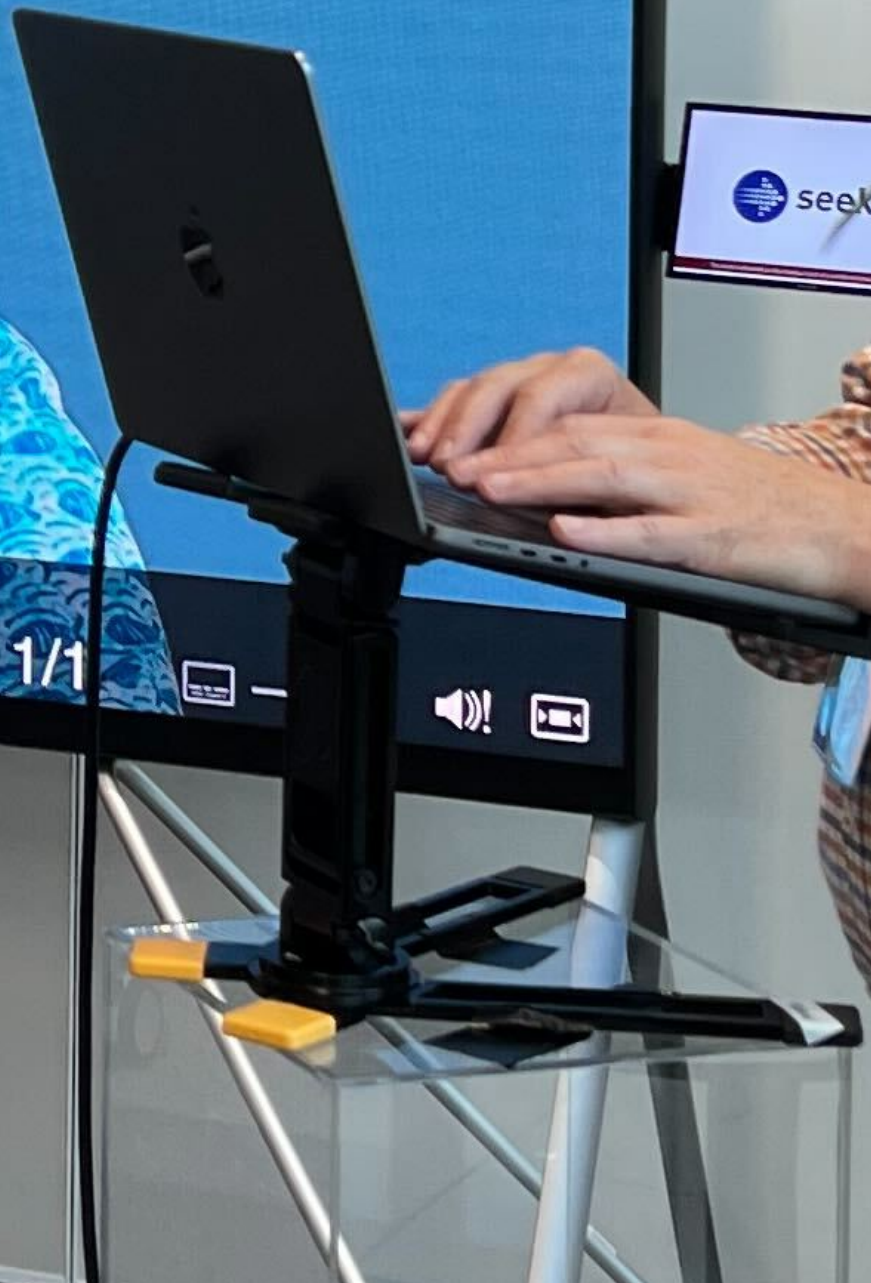


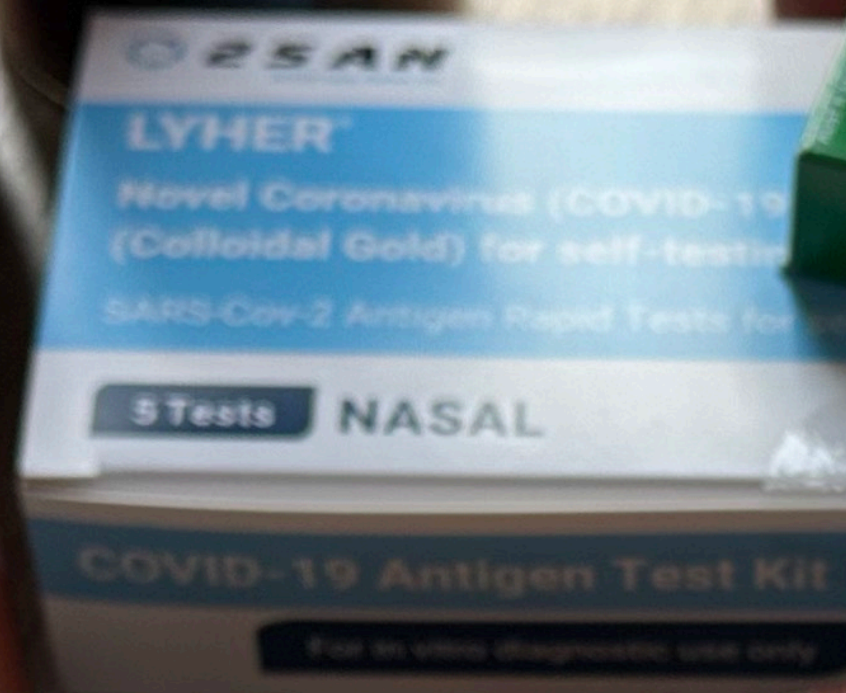
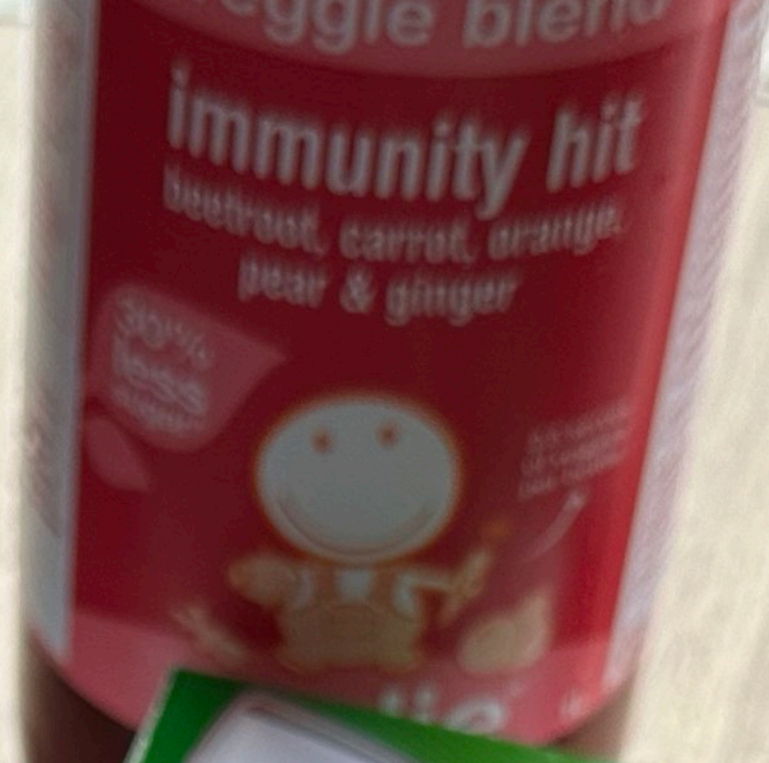
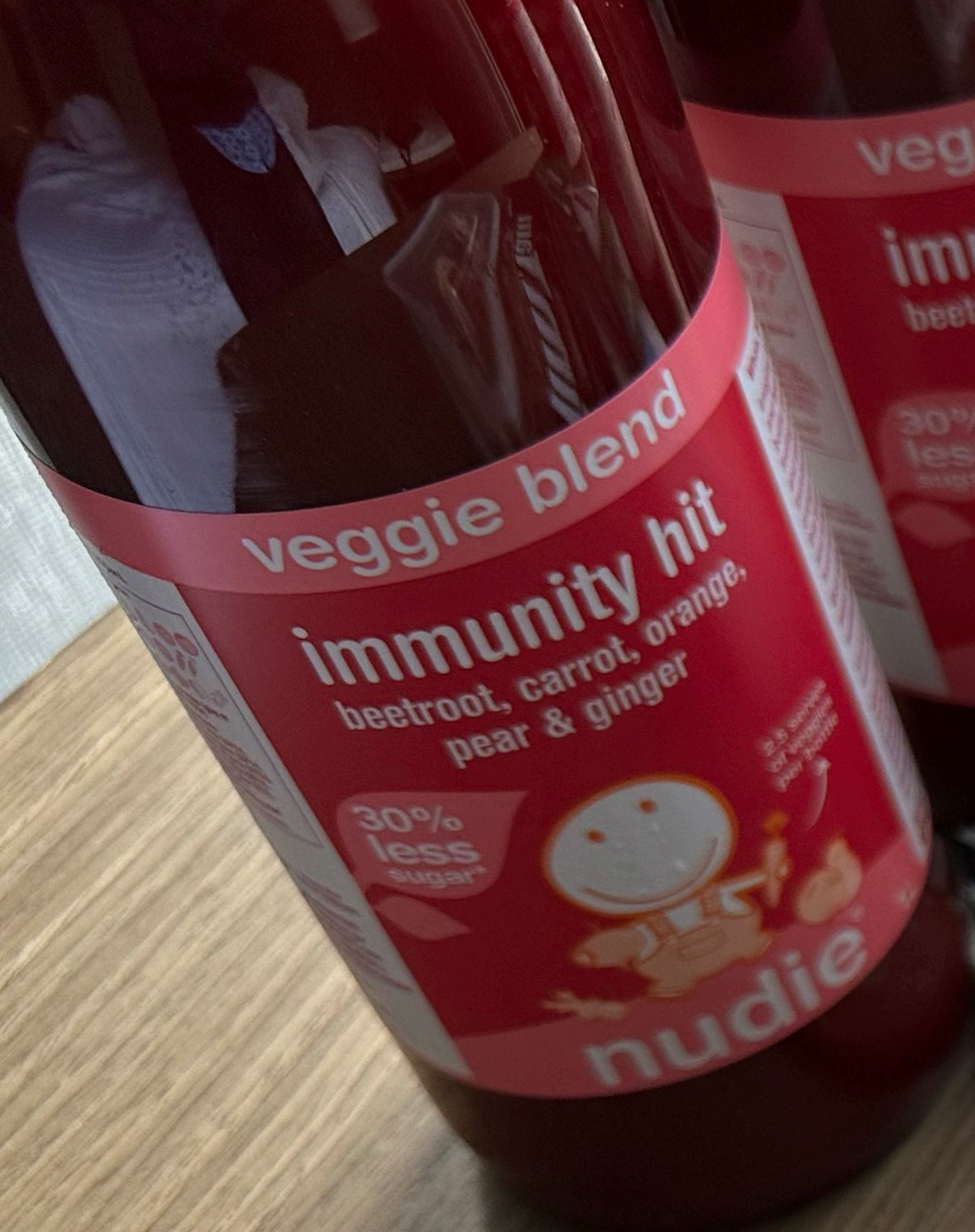
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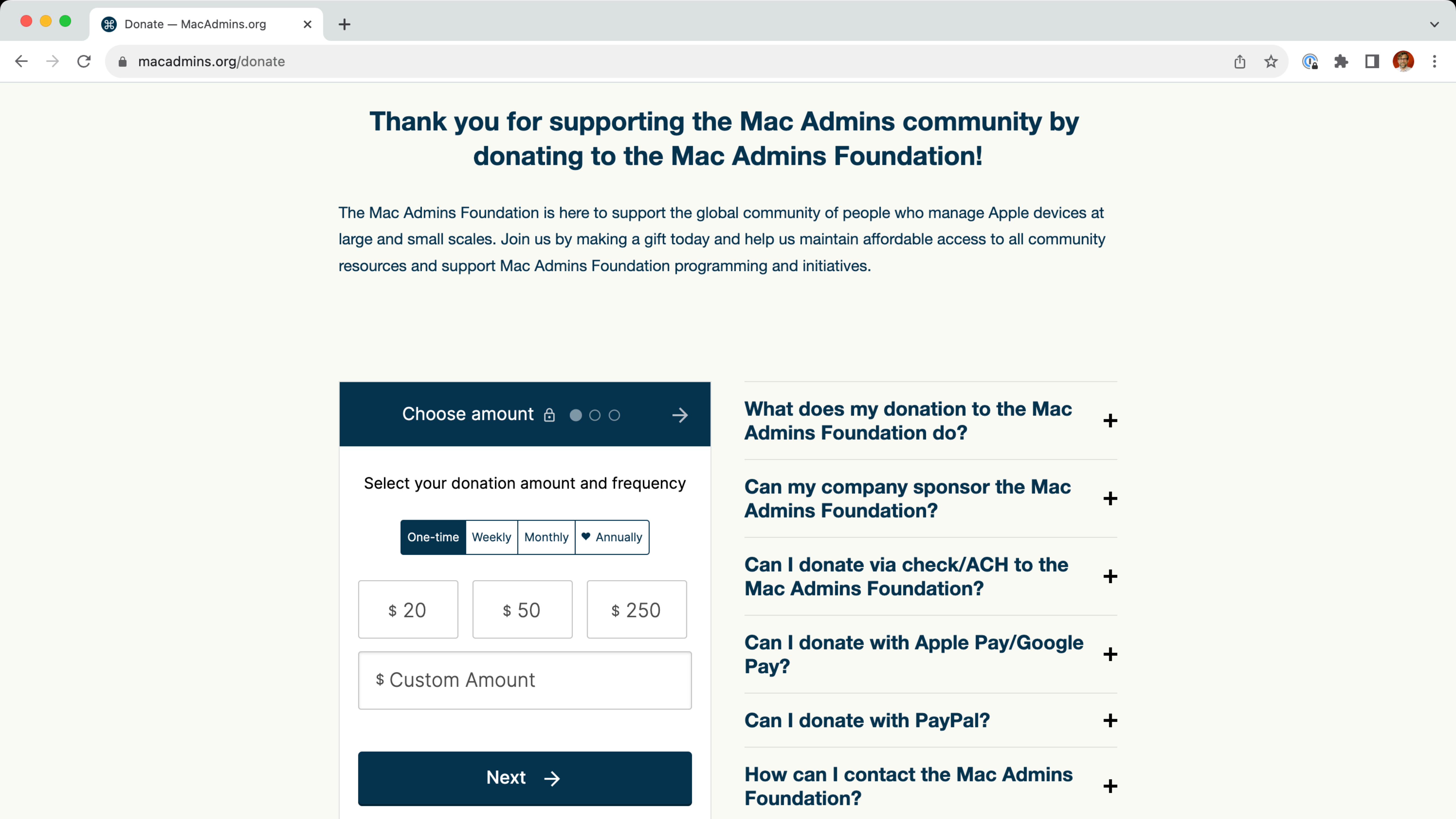
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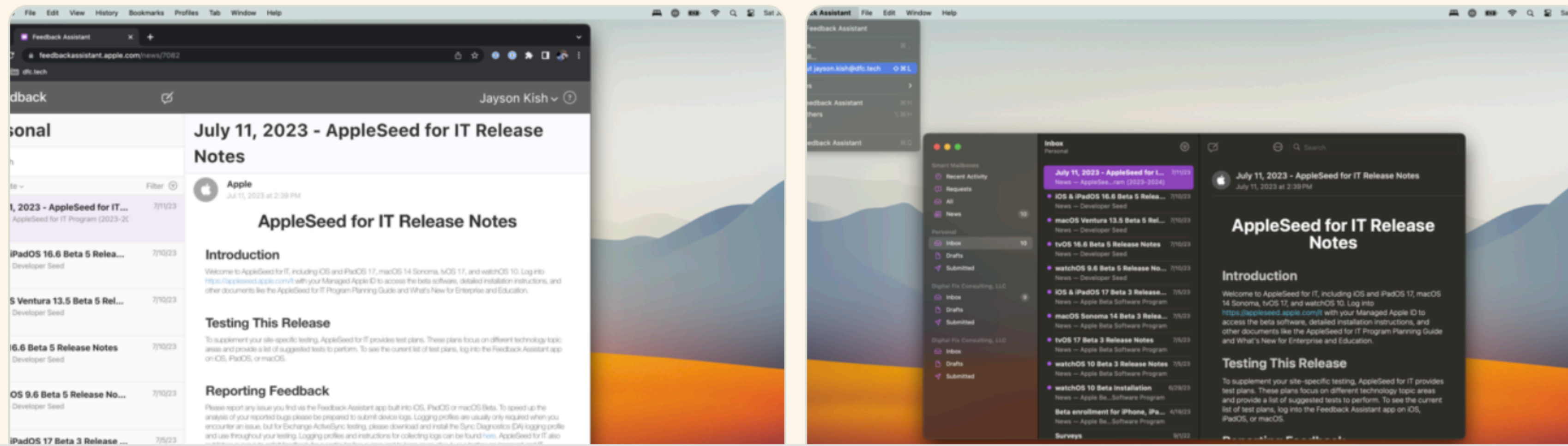
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3 files



**Goal: develop a mental model  
of secure token**

**So you can explain it**

# Agenda

What else we'll cover today

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- 01 **What's a secure token**
- 02 **How they are made**
- 03 **What are they used for**
- 04 **Where do they live**

**What's a secure token**

How are they made

What are they used for

Where do they live











**Master  
Lock**

Push Button  
Set-Your-Own Combination

P6A276



1	abc 2	def 3
ghi 4	jkl 5	mno 6
pqrs 7	tuv 8	wxyz 9
#	0	*

C **Master  
Lock**

Secure token is *kind of* like a lockbox

# Secure token

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It's like a lockbox

Secure token is a feature

A secure token is a thing

**We'll define it later**

**What's a secure token**

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**Where do they live**

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# Volume encryption with FileVault in macOS

Mac computers offer FileVault, a built-in encryption capability, to secure all data at rest. FileVault uses the AES-XTS data encryption algorithm to protect full volumes on internal and removable storage devices.

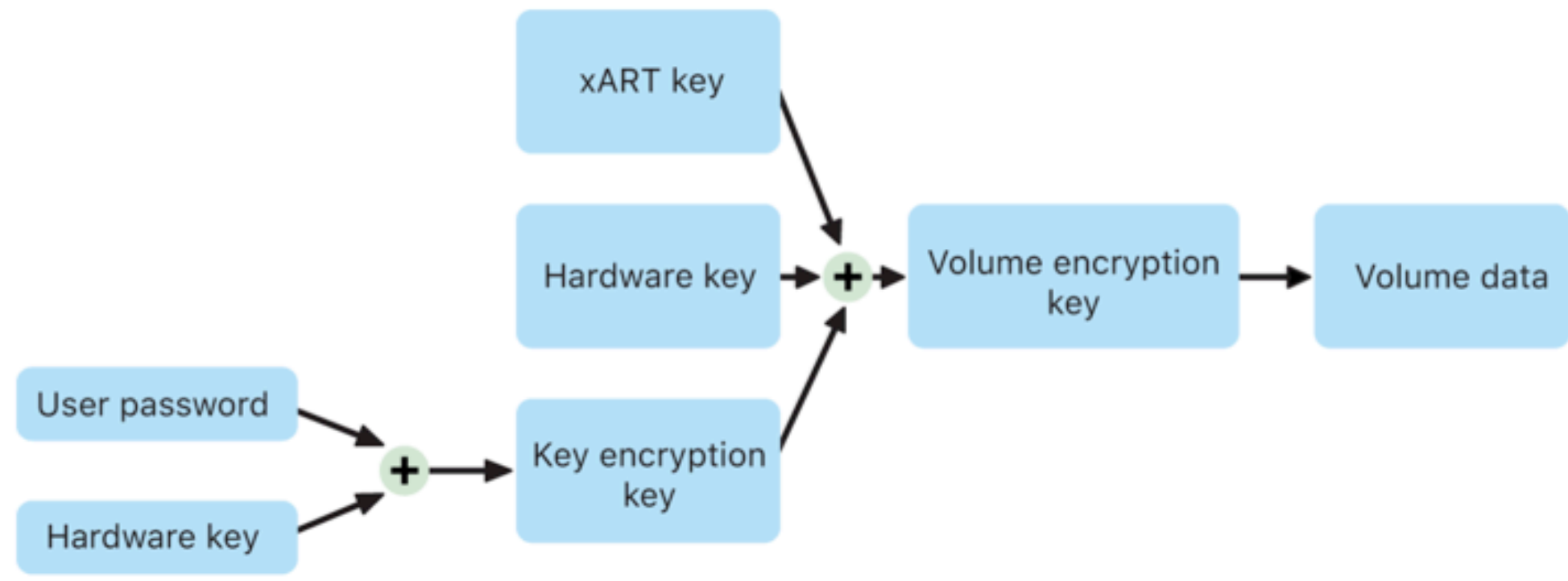
FileVault on a Mac with Apple silicon is implemented using Data Protection Class C with a volume key. On a Mac with the Apple T2 Security Chip as well as a Mac with Apple silicon, encrypted internal storage devices directly connected to the Secure Enclave leverage its hardware security capabilities as well as that of the AES engine. After a user turns on FileVault on a Mac, their credentials are required during the boot process.

## Internal storage with FileVault turned on

Without valid login credentials or a cryptographic recovery key, the internal APFS volumes remain encrypted and are protected from unauthorized access even if the physical storage device is removed and connected to another computer. In macOS 10.15, this includes both the system volume and the data volume. Starting in macOS 11, the system volume is protected by the signed system volume (SSV) feature, but the data volume remains protected by encryption. Internal volume encryption on a Mac with Apple silicon as well as those with the T2 chip is implemented by constructing and managing a hierarchy of keys, and builds on the hardware encryption technologies built into the chip. This hierarchy of keys is designed to simultaneously achieve four goals:

- Require the user's password for decryption
- Protect the system from a brute-force attack directly against storage media removed from Mac
- Provide a swift and secure method for wiping content via deletion of necessary cryptographic material

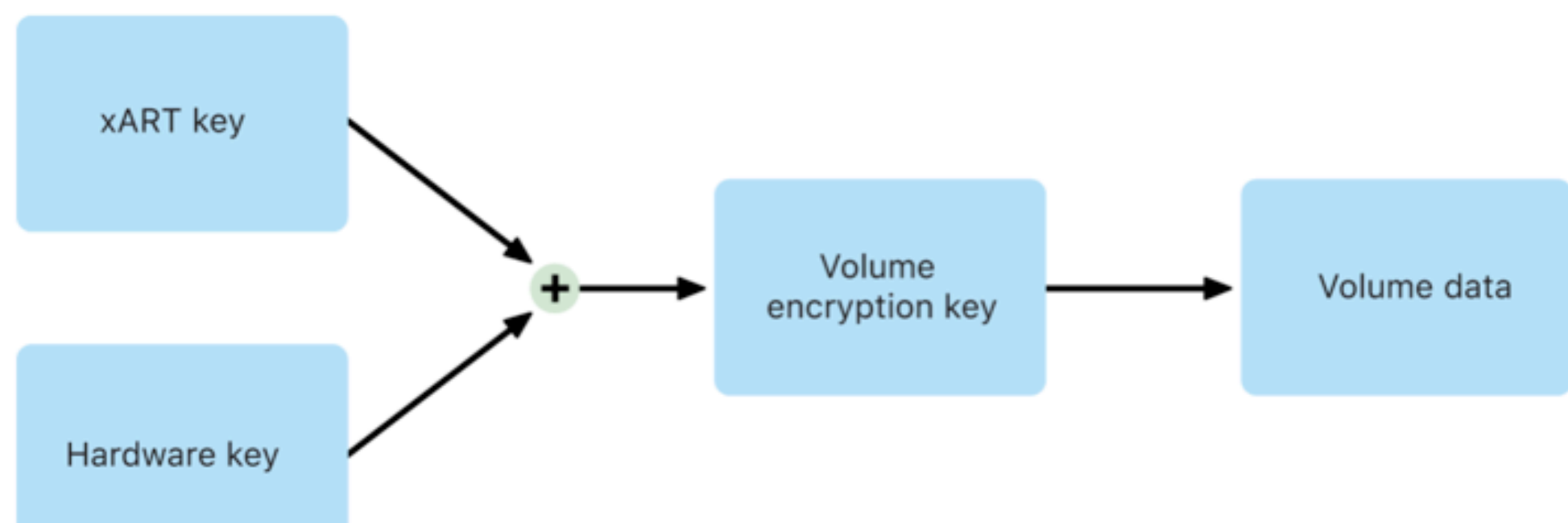
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- Enable users to change their password (and in turn the cryptographic keys used to protect their files) without requiring reencryption of the entire volume



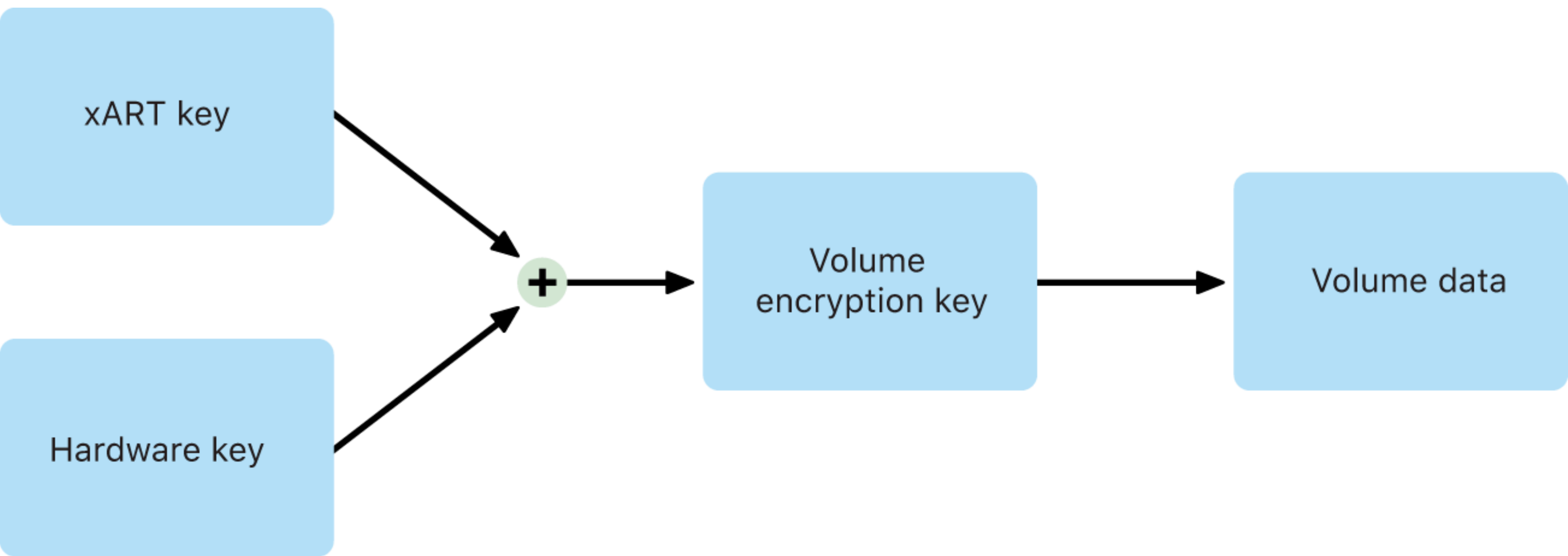
On a Mac with Apple silicon and those with the T2 chip, all FileVault key handling occurs in the Secure Enclave; encryption keys are never directly exposed to the Intel CPU. All APFS volumes are created with a volume encryption key by default. Volume and metadata contents are encrypted with this volume encryption key, which is wrapped with the class key. The class key is protected by a combination of the user's password and the hardware UID when FileVault is turned on.

## Internal storage with FileVault turned off

If FileVault isn't turned on in a Mac with Apple silicon or a Mac with the T2 chip during the initial Setup Assistant process, the volume is still encrypted but the volume encryption key is protected only by the hardware UID in the Secure Enclave.







How a secure token is born

It's really easy

(unless you have a weird workflow)

You log in

With your password

# Log in

Subhead lorem ipsum

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It's kind of like setting up a lock box



The following is important

You need the user's cleartext password in order to make that first lockbox



The house key is now in the lockbox

The lockbox is protected by your  
passphrase

There are no unprotected versions of the key

But next user also needs access to the key

Need to unlock the first user's lockbox in  
order to get the key

Need the cleartext password to unlock the  
first lockbox

The key is copied and placed into the  
second user's lockbox

The second user's lockbox is protected by  
the second user's passcode.



The same key is in two different lockboxes.  
Each lockbox is protected by a different  
user's key.

Passwords aren't stored on disk.

Instead, macOS uses wrapping.



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# Apple File System Reference

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Depending on the device's capabilities, Apple File System uses either hardware or software encryption, which impacts encryption process and the meaning of several data structures. Hardware encryption is used for internal storage on devices that support it, including macOS (with T2 security chip) and iOS devices. Software encryption is used for external storage, and for internal storage on devices that don't support hardware encryption. When hardware encryption is in use, only the kernel can interact with internal storage.

## Important

This document describes only software encryption.

The keys used to access file data are stored on disk in a wrapped state. You access these keys through a chain of key-unwrapping operations. The *volume encryption key* (VEK) is the default key used to access encrypted content on the volume. The *key encryption key* (KEK) is used to unwrap the VEK. The KEK is unwrapped in one of several ways:

- **User password.** The user enters their password, which is used to unwrap the KEK.
- **Personal recovery key.** This key is generated when the drive is formatted and is saved by the user on a paper printout. The string on that printout is used to unwrap the KEK.
- **Institutional recovery key.** This key is enabled by the user in Settings and allows the corresponding corporate master key to unwrap the KEK.
- **iCloud recovery key.** This key is used by customers working with Apple Support, and isn't described in this document.

For example, to access a file given the user's password on a volume that uses per-volume encryption, the chain of key unwrapping and data decryption consists of the following high-level operations:

1. Unwrap the KEK using the user's password.

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...se per-file encryption require hardware encryption, and the steps below describe only software encryption.

To obtain the unwrapped VEK for a volume, do the following:

1. Locate the container's keybag using the `nx_keylocker` field of `nx_superblock_t`.
2. Unwrap the container's keybag using the container's UUID, according to the algorithm described in RFC 3394.
3. Find an entry in the container's keybag whose UUID matches the volume's UUID and whose tag is `KB_TAG_VOLUME_KEY`. The key data for that entry is the wrapped VEK for this volume.
4. Find an entry in the container's keybag whose UUID matches the volume's UUID and whose tag is `KB_TAG_VOLUME_UNLOCK_RECORDS`. The key data for that entry is the location of the volume's keybag.
5. Unwrap the volume's keybag using the volume's UUID according to the algorithm described in RFC 3394.
6. Find an entry in the volume's keybag whose UUID matches the user's Open Directory UUID and whose tag is `KB_TAG_VOLUME_UNLOCK_RECORDS`. The key data for that entry is the wrapped KEK for this volume.
7. Unwrap the KEK using the user's password, and then unwrap the VEK using the KEK, both according to the algorithm described in RFC 3394.

Encryption

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Request for Comments: 3394  
Category: Informational

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Soaring Hawk Consulting  
R. Housley  
RSA Laboratories  
September 2002

## Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) Key Wrap Algorithm

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### Abstract

The purpose of this document is to make the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) Key Wrap algorithm conveniently available to the Internet community. The United States of America has adopted AES as the new encryption standard. The AES Key Wrap algorithm will probably be adopted by the USA for encryption of AES keys. The authors took most of the text in this document from the draft AES Key Wrap posted by NIST.

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## 2. Overview

The AES key wrap algorithm is designed to wrap or encrypt key data. The key wrap operates on blocks of 64 bits. Before being wrapped, the key data is parsed into  $n$  blocks of 64 bits.

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The only restriction the key wrap algorithm places on  $n$  is that  $n$  be at least two. (For key data with length less than or equal to 64 bits, the constant field used in this specification and the key data form a single 128-bit codebook input making this key wrap unnecessary.) The key wrap algorithm accommodates all supported AES key sizes. However, other cryptographic values often need to be wrapped. One such value is the seed of the random number generator for DSS. This seed value requires  $n$  to be greater than four. Undoubtedly other values require this type of protection. Therefore, no upper bound is imposed on  $n$ .

# Two possibilities

Success = a key!

Failure = data that is not a key

**RFC3304 decrypt  
attempt by  
applying cleartext  
passcode**



# What's really inside the lockbox

The analogy of a key inside a lockbox isn't quite right



# Strained Analogy

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Secure token = lockbox

Passcode = combo for lockbox

What's inside = intermediate key



# Intermediate Key

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That can be used to create multiple other keys



**It's a key encryption key (KEK)**

So a key encryption key (KEK)  
is inside your lockbox

# Secure token

Apple File System (APFS) in macOS 10.13 or later changes how FileVault encryption keys are generated. In previous versions of macOS on CoreStorage volumes, the keys used in the FileVault encryption process were created when a user or organization turned on FileVault on a Mac. In macOS on APFS volumes, encryption keys are generated either during user creation, setting the first user's password, or during the first login by a user of the Mac. This implementation of the encryption keys, when they're generated, and how they're stored are all part of a feature known as *Secure token*. Specifically, a secure token is a wrapped version of a key encryption key (KEK) protected by a user's password.

When deploying FileVault on APFS, the user can continue to:

- Use existing tools and processes, such as a personal recovery key (PRK) that can be stored with a mobile device management (MDM) solution for escrow
- Create and use an institutional recovery key (IRK)
- Defer enablement of FileVault until a user logs in to or out of the Mac

In macOS 11 or later, setting the initial password for the very first user on the Mac results in that user being granted a secure token. In some workflows, that may not be the

# Key Encryption Key

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Like an access pass

Or a token that grants access to other specific keys

Since the KEK is a token



And that token is secured

It's a secured token

Hence the term secure token

# **Let's look at the Volume encryption key (VEK)**

**Token involved with unsealing your protected data**

Your KEK wraps the VEK

Your KEK also wraps your OIK

# OIK allows you to

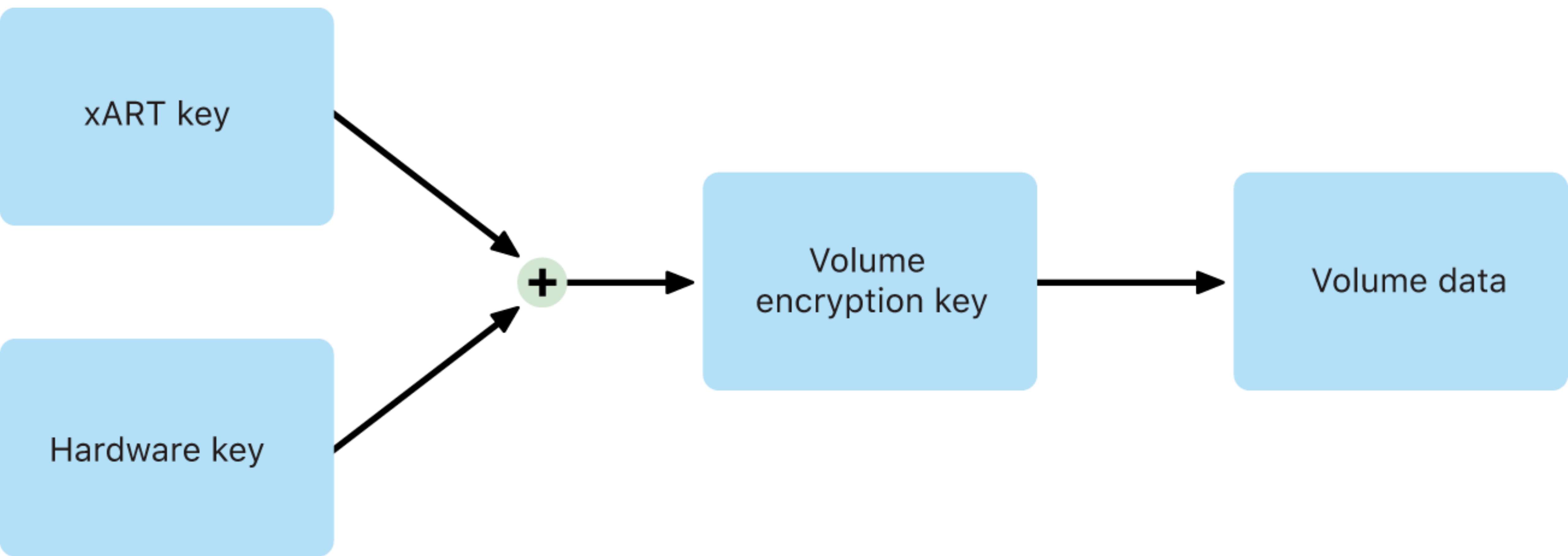
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(LocalPolicy) for your specific install of  
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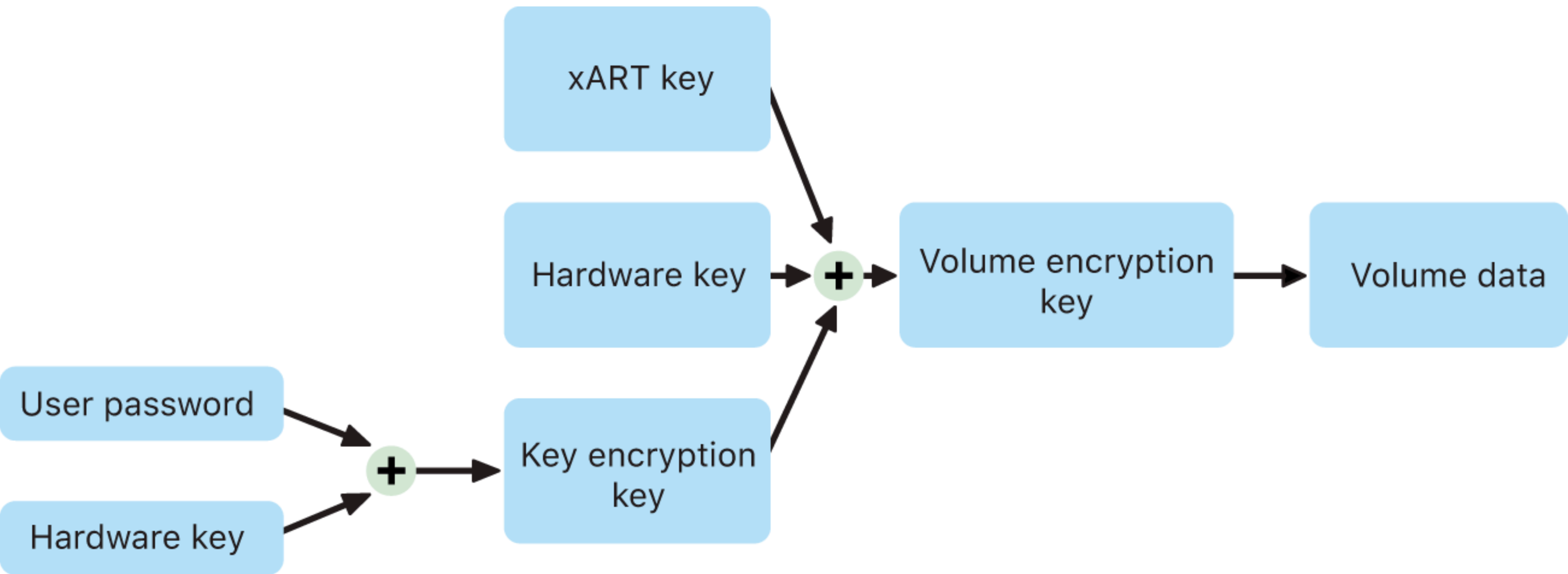
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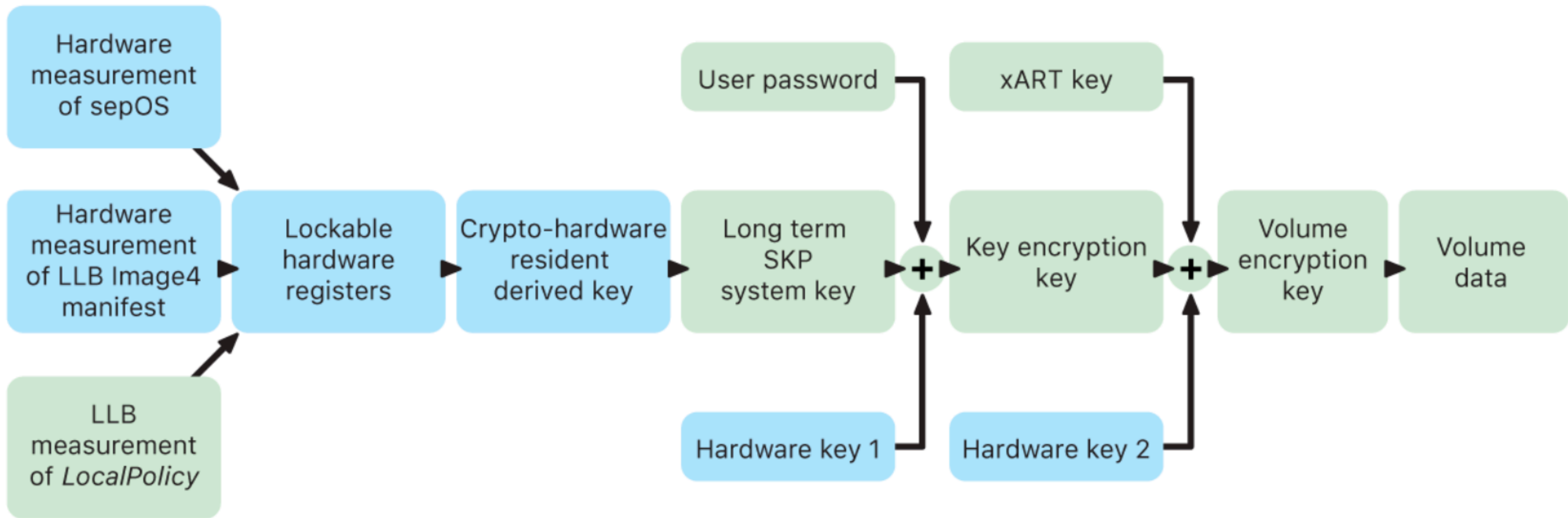
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**Owner identity key  
(OIK)**











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**But first a quick break from tokens**

Patrick's ChatGPT jokes were funny  
Greg's session was super interesting  
BUT

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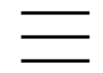
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How are they made

**What are they used for**

Where do they live

# What are they used for

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- Sometimes just an access token
- Sometimes cryptographic element to sign things

# Intel based Mac

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Prove you have the ability to change settings in recoveryOS

You have to be an admin (which you can change if you have root access)

You MUST have secure token

**Sometimes just an  
access token**

# Mac with Apple silicon

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Apple changed the way you can modify  
boot settings

**Sometimes  
cryptographical  
element**

# Differences

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Intel based Mac: NVRAM for entire Mac

Mac with Apple silicon: LocalPolicy for each install of macOS

**Sometimes  
cryptographical  
element**



# LocalPolicy

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- Collection of boot settings for each install of macOS
- Cryptographically signed by the OIK

# After you change LocalPolicy

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- Use your secure token to access the OIK
- Use the OIK to sign the LocalPolicy
- If the LocalPolicy isn't signed the Mac won't boot.

# Secure tokens are important

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- encryption
- data protection

# Quick review

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- After the first secure token is created, there are no more unprotected copies of the Volume encryption key (VEK)
- Making another secure token is like copying a key
- VEK is an example of a specific purpose key that gets wrapped by the KEK
- Your passcode opens only your secure token, to your access token (KEK), to access one of the many specific purpose keys like the VEK

# When you shut down your Mac

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- You locked your startup volume

# Then these are not accessible

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- All the data on the startup volume
- Internal directory info
- External directory info (AD, OD, IdP)
- MDM enrollment

# Locked but Mac has network available

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- For Mac with Apple silicon
- Even though you might have heard otherwise
- FileVault login window has a Wi-Fi connection indicator
- But the OS is not running and management is not available
- I wonder what the future holds here

# But there is some metadata outside

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- Information about accounts that have secure token
- By default Mac displays an icon for every user
- For Mac with Apple silicon you can display fields instead



# If a Mac with FileVault starts

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- No users available from external directory that don't already exist on the Mac
- So they can't log in

# Even if you could provide a new login

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- That user couldn't log in
- Because they don't have a secure token
- Because making a new secure token is like copying a key

# Lifeline for mobile accounts in 10.15

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- Bootstrap token

**A slight language diversion**



Münchhausen

O. Herrfurth pinx

# Bootstrap token

In macOS 10.15 or later, a *bootstrap token* is used to help with granting a secure token to both mobile accounts and the optional device enrollment-created administrator account (“managed administrator”). In macOS 11 or later, the bootstrap token can grant a secure token to any user logging in to a Mac computer, including local user accounts. Using the bootstrap token feature of macOS 10.15 or later requires:

- Supervision
- MDM vendor support

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- Devices must be enrolled in an MDM solution that support...

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## Support for local account creation by users

To facilitate account management in shared deployments, users can use their organizational user name and password managed by their IdP or a smart card to log into a fully booted Mac with FileVault unlocked and create a local account. The new `TokenToUserMapping` key can be used to define which attribute provided by the IdP is used to select the local user name. To use this feature, the following are required:

- Users must be running macOS 14.
- Setup Assistant must be completed and an initial local administrator account created.
- Devices must be enrolled in an MDM solution that supports bootstrap tokens.
- The user's Mac must have an SSO extension payload with Platform SSO and with the `UseSharedDeviceKeys` and `EnableCreateUserAtLogin` options enabled.
- Smart card support requires that the smart card be registered with the IdP, and that there be a smart card attribute mapping configured on the Mac.

## Updating group membership of users when they authenticate with their IdP

Group membership can be used to granularly manage permissions of IdP users in the operating system. Every time a user authenticates with the IdP, their

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**Do you want to talk about labs?**

FileVault isn't recommended when you don't know who is going to log in after restart

# fdsetup authrestart

- 😭 Undocumented time limit
- 🤔 Restart script needs plaintext password
- 🌀 Breaks after power loss
- 🤔 Similar to not turning FileVault on

**Why not be clever**

**What's a secure token**

**How are they made**

**What are they used for**

**Where do they live**

There in a keybag!

# Magic keybag

On the house

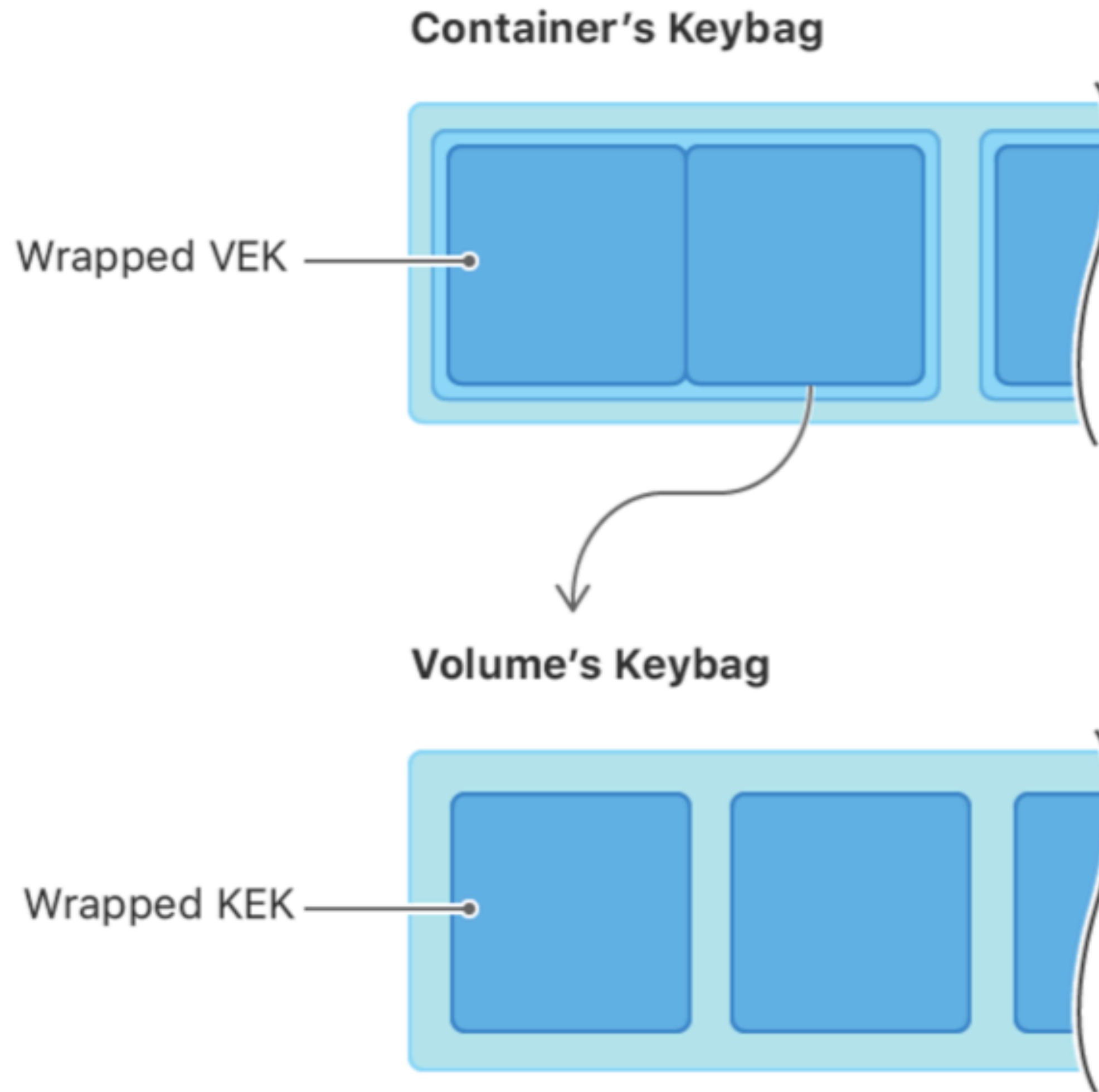
Not in the house

In a location everyone knows

**Back to the  
analogy**



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**Encryption**

ApptPro System supports encryption to provide additional security for sensitive data. When a volume is encrypted, the data stored on the volume is encrypted. This means that the data is unreadable to anyone who accesses the volume without the proper key.

ApptPro System supports encryption for the Superblock and for the data stored on the volume. The Superblock is encrypted using the Superblock Key (SBK), and the data is encrypted using the Volume Key (VK).

**Keybags**

The Superblock Key (SBK) and the Volume Key (VK) are stored in keybags. Keybags are encrypted using the Container Key (CK) or the Volume Key (VK).

The Superblock Key (SBK) is generated and stored in the Superblock Keybag. The Volume Key (VK) is generated and stored in the Volume Keybag. The Superblock Keybag is stored in the Superblock, and the Volume Keybag is stored in the Volume.

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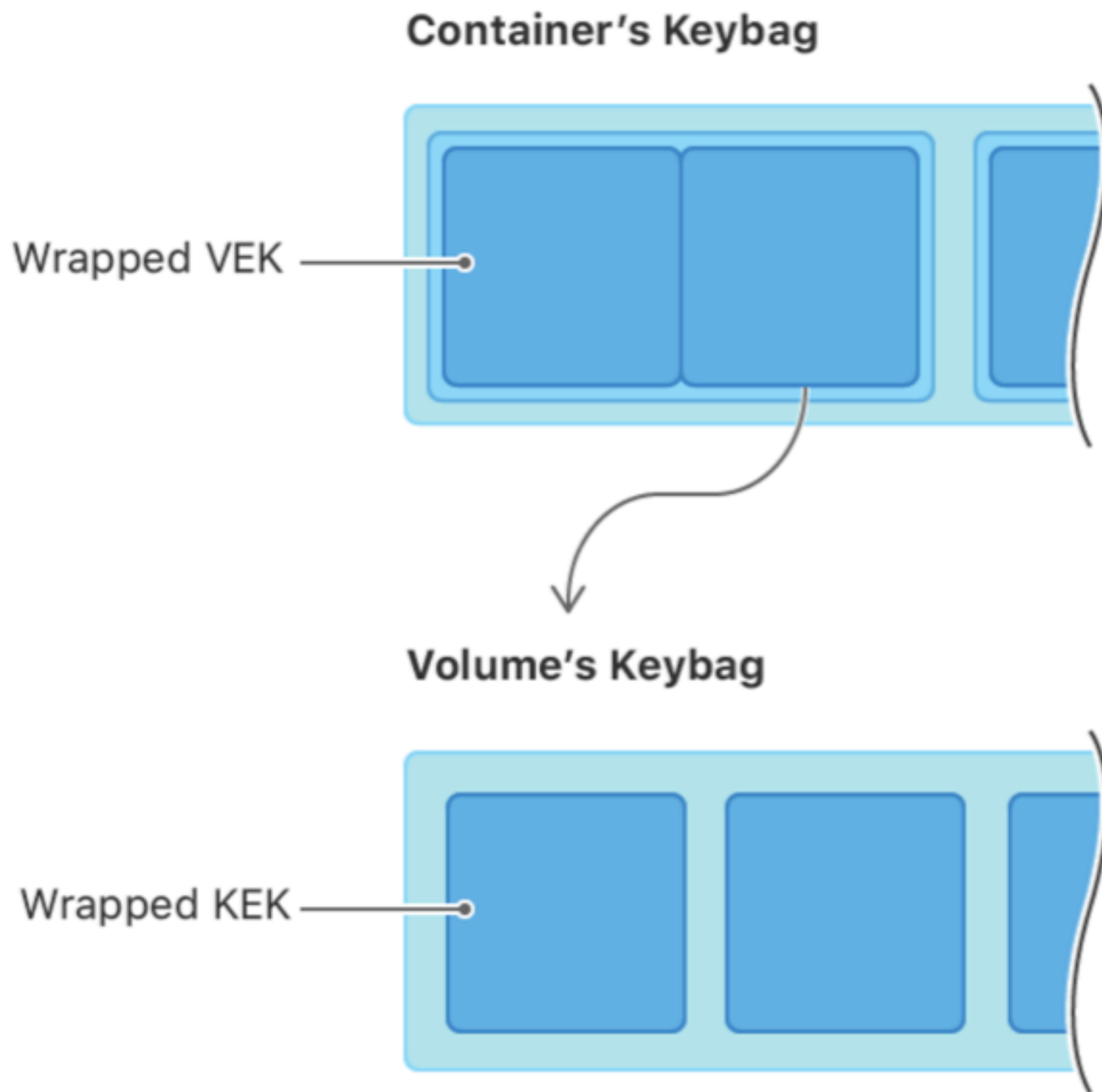
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But there's no Keybag Utility

So how do you deal with them

# So how do you deal with them

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- Some information in the directory node
- Our old friend Directory Utility
- Or dscl
- Mac directory info is stored as plists files
- `/var/db/dslocal/nodes/Default`

Our old friend Directory Utility (or dscl)

# Directory Utility

- Services
- Search Policy
- Directory Editor

Viewing **Users** in node **/Local/Default** Not authenticated

Search: arek

Arek Dreyer

Name	Value
AltSecurityIdentities	X509:<T>CN=Apple Root CA,OU=Apple Cert...
AppleMetaNodeLocation	/Local/Default
AuthenticationAuthority	;ShadowHash;HASHLIST:<SALTED-SHA512-... ;SecureToken; ;Kerberosv5;;arek@LKDC:SHA1.9FFE234C45...
GeneratedUID	CBFDB234-7C02-45DB-BBFF-6F155FCE54...
JPEGPhoto	Binary: 95176 bytes
NFSHomeDirectory	/Users/arek
Password	*****
Picture	/Library/User Pictures/Animals/Eagle.tif
PrimaryGroupID	20
RealName	Arek Dreyer

+ | - Text Data

+ | - 1 record

Revert Save

AltSecurityIdentities	X509:<T>CN=Apple Root CA,OU=Apple Cert...
AppleMetaNodeLocation	/Local/Default
AuthenticationAuthority	;ShadowHash;HASHLIST:<SALTED-SHA512-... ;SecureToken; ;Kerberosv5;;arek@LKDC:SHA1.9FFE234C45...
GeneratedUID	CBFDB234-7C02-45DB-BBFF-6F155FCE54...
JPEGPhoto	Binary: 95176 bytes
NFSHomeDirectory	/Users/arek
Password	*****
Picture	/Library/User Pictures/Animals/Eagle.tif
PrimaryGroupID	20
RealName	Arek Dreyer



Text

Data



# It's just a hint

`;SecureToken;`

It's not the token itself

If you delete, parts of OS might have a hard time understanding you have secure token

**The info in the  
directory record**

Adding or removing ;SecureToken; to a directory record doesn't mean much

You could erase every single file in the APFS  
Data volume including directory info and  
your secure tokens would still exist

How do I know I have a secure token?

diskutil knows how to read keybag info!

```
arek@ ██████████ ~ % diskutil apfs listCryptousers /  
Cryptographic users for disk3s1s1 (3 found)
```

```
|  
+-- CBFDB234-7C02-45DB-BBFF-6F155FCE54B2
```

```
| Type: Local Open Directory User
```

```
| Volume Owner: Yes
```

```
|  
+-- 2457711A-523C-4604-B75A-F48A571D5036
```

```
| Type: MDM Bootstrap Token External Key
```

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| Volume Owner: Yes
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|  
+-- EBC6C064-0000-11AA-AA11-00306543ECAC
```

```
| Type: Personal Recovery User
```

```
| Volume Owner: Yes
```

```
arek@ ██████████ ~ % █
```

arek@██████████ ~ % sudo fdesetup list --extended

Password:

ESCROW	UUID	TYPE	USER
	CBFDB234-7C02-45DB-BBFF-6F155FCE54B2	OS User	arek
	2457711A-523C-4604-B75A-F48A571D5036	Bootstrap Token	
	EBC6C064-0000-11AA-AA11-00306543ECAC	Personal Recovery Record	

arek@██████████ ~ % █

# Changed GUID

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You still need that user's passphrase in order to unlock their lockbox

**What happens if  
you do silly things**



# Damaged GUID

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Yikes!

It's not clear to OS who owns the secure token and which password should be used to unlock it.

**What happens if  
you do silly things**

# Prevention steps

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It's hard to delete the last user that has  
secure token

System Settings won't allow it

Some CLI tools won't allow it

But you're clever

**macOS tries really  
hard to keep you  
from doing bad  
things**

# Unexpected things

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Unrecommended flows in recoveryOS

**More clever  
together!**

# Don't do these

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- ✗ Don't create a throwaway account with Setup Assistant then forget the password.
- ✗ Don't force the password of the last secure token enabled account
- ✗ Don't delete all your users

**Really**

**Using PRK to reset password  
in recoveryOS is OK!**

**For many organization it's preferred**

# PRK and KEK

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PRK has access to the KEK so Mac can:

- ✓ Safely destroy old lockbox protected by the forgotten password
- ✓ Create a new lockbox by wrapping the KEK with the cleartext passcode that you provide as the new passcode

**reset password in  
recoveryOS**

On a new Mac that automatically creates an  
managed administrator account:

when does that account get a secure token?

# Not until someone types it

- The MDM command to create the account contains the hash of the password, not the cleartext password.
- The cleartext password is required to create the secure token
- This poses a challenge for a LAPS-type solution for a Mac after restart



# Need OIK to change boot settings

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- For Mac with Apple silicon
- Need the password of a secure token user
  - to get access to the OIK
    - to sign any changes to boot settings
      - like update or upgrade

# If there's a bootstrap token

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- You Mac can ask its MDM solution for the bootstrap token
  - to access the OIK
    - so your MDM solution can force an update without a user typing password

**If you lose all the keys**

**You have to start over**

# **Bootstrap token before macOS 10.14**

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# **Bootstrap token as of macOS 10.14**

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**Here we go**

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# Bootstrap token

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- A feature of macOS
- Requires MDM solution that supports it
- Requires Apple School Manager or Apple Business Manager

# Bootstrap token allows Mac to:

- Obtain a secure token
- Approve kernel extensions
- Approve software updates without a user entering their password
- Approve Erase All Content and Settings from an MDM Erase command
- Use declarative device management for macOS updates
- Create a new account at a FileVault unlocked login window w/ PSSO



# As a feature, secure token is the

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- implementation of encryption keys
  - for securing the APFS startup volume
  - when they're generated
  - and how they're stored



# As an object, a secure token is a

- wrapped version of a key encryption key
  - protected by a user's password
- Secure tokens live in a keybag
  - a chunk of data written to the internal volume
    - accessible even when FileVault is on



# A user with a secure token can:

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- Create new secure tokens
- Access the VEK for FileVault after a restart
- Access the OIK for updates and such



# The first secure token is made by

- wrapping the KEK with the first user's cleartext password
  - which removes the KEK from being unprotected
- Subsequent secure tokens are made by unwrapping another secure token
  - to get access to the KEK
    - then wraps the KEK with the new user's password

# All new features of MDM

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- Will be declarative device management
- In order to use DDM for software updates, the MDM solution must support bootstrap token

# Platform SSO is

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- an app extension from an app provided by your Identity Provider
  - which enables users to sign in once at the login window and then automatically sign in to apps and websites
    - and absolutely does not handle creating the first local user account

# Platform SSO features for Sonoma are:

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- User enrollment and registration status in System Settings
- Local account creation by users
- Update group membership of users when they authenticate with their IdP
- Use non-local IdP user accounts at authorization prompts

# In order for PSSO to create a new user

- Mac must be:
  - enrolled in an MDM solution that supports bootstrap token
  - fully booted with macOS 14
    - with setup Assistant completed
      - with existing local account created
        - with FileVault unlocked



# bootstrap token recap

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- Helps an MDM solution
  - obtain a secure token
    - to create new users' secure tokens and change LocalPolicy
- and the Mac can silently install updates, approve kernel extensions, and EACAS
- and use declarative device management to update macOS
- and allow PlatformSSO to create a new user at the login window

**That was bootstrap token**

**Thank you**