



Guard

User Guide

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1 About This Documentation

The following information will help you make better use of the documentation.

- [Who is the Target Group for this Documentation?](#)
- [Which Contents are Included in the Documentation?](#)
- [Additional Help](#)

Who is the Target Group for this Documentation?

This documentation is addressed to users who want to use encryption to protect their E-Mail communication and files against unauthorised access.

Which Contents are Included in the Documentation?

This documentation includes the following information:

- In *What is Guard for?* you will find a short description of Guard.
- In *Using the Guard* you will find instructions for using Guard.

This documentation describes working with a typical groupware installation and configuration. The installed version and the configuration of your groupware might differ from what is described here.

Additional Help

A comprehensive groupware documentation can be found in the OX App Suite User Guide.

2 What is Guard for?

Guard is a groupware security component that allows to encrypt E-Mail messages and files.

- Encrypt your E-Mail communication with other users or external partners.
- Encrypt single files. Share the encrypted data with other users.
- Use the security options to define the encryption level.
- Define an expiry date or time for the encrypted data.
- The encrypted data is password-protected. Use the password reset function to protect against the consequences of a lost password.

3 Using the Guard

Learn how to work with the *Guard* application.

- [apply](#) basic settings
- encrypt [E-Mail communications](#)
- encrypt [files](#)
- [apply](#) security settings

3.1 Setting up *Guard*


Prior to be able to use *Guard*, you have to apply some basic settings.

- First of all you have to enter a Guard security password that is used to encrypt data and to access encrypted data.
- Enter a secondary E-Mail address that is used if you forget your Guard security password. In this case, use the function for resetting the Guard security password. A new password will then be sent to you. For security reasons, it is highly recommended to enter a secondary E-Mail address for this purpose. Otherwise the new password is sent to your primary E-Mail account.


There are two options for making the basic settings:

- Define the basic settings **while** initially using an encryption function.
- Define the basic settings in the groupware settings page **before** using the encryption function.

How to define the basic settings when initially using an encryption function:

1. Enable the encryption function when composing an E-Mail, encrypting a file or uploading a new file by clicking on the **Encrypt** icon .
2. You consecutively will be asked to enter a Guard security password and a secondary E-Mail address. Enter the data.

How to define the basic settings before initially using an encryption:

1. Click the **System menu** icon  on the right side of the menu bar. Click the **Settings** menu item.
2. In the side bar, click on **Guard Security Settings**.
When initially selecting the Guard security settings, the *Create Guard Security Keys* window opens.
3. In the **Password** field, enter the password that you want to use for encrypting your data.
Confirm the password in the **Verify** field by entering it again.
4. In the **Enter new secondary email** field, enter the E-Mail address that is used for receiving a temporary password for resetting your Guard security password.
5. Click on **OK**.

3.2 Encrypting E-Mail Communications


The following options are available:

- [Reading encrypted E-Mail Messages](#)
- [Sending encrypted E-Mail Messages](#)
- [Access for external recipients](#)

3.2.1 Reading encrypted E-Mail Messages

To be able to read an encrypted E-Mail, the Guard security password is required. The sender of an encrypted E-Mail can protect the E-Mail with an additional password.

How to read an encrypted E-Mail:

1. Select an E-Mail with the *Encrypted* icon . In the detail view, the notification *Secure E-Mail, enter your Guard security password.* is displayed.
2. Enter the Guard security password.
You can define how long the security password should be remembered. To do so, enable **Keep me logged into Guard**. Select a value from the list.
The sender might have protected the E-Mail with an additional password. In this case, an additional input field will be displayed. Enter the additional password in this input field.
3. Click on **OK**.


Note: You can only reply to this E-Mail or forward it when using an encrypted E-Mail.

3.2.2 Sending encrypted E-Mail Messages

The following options are available:

- [send an encrypted E-Mail](#)
Warning: When sending an encrypted E-Mail draft, the draft will be deleted when being sent from the *Drafts* folder.
- to increase the security level, you can [use additional functions](#)
- retract a sent encrypted E-Mail by [blocking](#) it.

How to send an encrypted E-Mail:


1. Compose an E-Mail in the *E-mail* app as usual.
In the *Compose new E-Mail* page, click the **Encrypt** icon  on the top right side.
You can also click on **Security options** on the left. Activate **Enable Guard**.
2. To further increase the security level, you can [use further functions](#): set an expiry date or time, use an additional password
3. Click on **Send secure**.
When sending to external recipients, a window is displayed that allows sending [notes for opening the encrypted E-Mail \[12\]](#) to the external recipients.

How to use additional encryption functions when sending E-Mail messages:

Prerequisite: The *Compose new E-mail* page is selected.

1. In the *Compose new E-Mail* page, click on **Security options** on the left side.
2. To further protect the E-Mail encryption with an additional password, enable **Require Additional Password**. The *Extra Password* window opens.
Enter the additional password in the fields **Password** and **Confirm**. Click on **OK**.
3. To set an expiry date for the visibility of a encrypted E-Mail, select an entry from **Retract in**.

How to block an encrypted E-Mail:

1. Open the **Sent objects** folder. Select an encrypted E-Mail that you sent.
2. If being prompted for, enter the Guard security password.
You can define how long the security password should be remembered. To do so, enable **Keep me logged into Guard**. Select a value from the list.
The sender might have protected the E-Mail with an additional password. In this case, an additional input field will be displayed. Enter the additional password in this input field.
3. Click the **More** icon  in the detail view. Click the **Retract** menu item. The E-Mail can no longer be read by the recipients.

3.2.3 Access for external recipients

You can also send encrypted E-Mail messages to external recipients who are not groupware users. In this case the following happens:

- A special account will be automatically set up for the external recipient.
- You define whether the external recipient receives an automatically created notification about the encrypted E-Mail or a customised notification.
- The external recipient receives an E-Mail with the notification and an automatically created password. Depending on the groupware configuration, you can transfer a 4 digit pin to the recipient to secure the automatically created password.
- The external recipient receives an E-Mail with a link to the login page for the special account.
- External recipients then have to enter their E-Mail address and the automatically created password.
- When initially logging in to this account, the external recipient is asked to change the automatically created password. The encrypted E-Mail is displayed.
- The external recipient can send an encrypted reply to the E-Mail.

3.3 Encrypting files

The following options are available:



- [Encrypting files](#)
- [Creating new encrypted files](#)
- [Opening encrypted files](#)
- [Downloading encrypted files](#)
- [Decrypting files](#)

3.3.1 Encrypting files

When encrypting a file, only the latest version of the file will be encrypted. All other versions will be deleted.

How to encrypt a file:


Warning: When encrypting a file, all versions of the file will be deleted, except for the current version. If you need to keep an older version, save it before encrypting the file.

1. In the *Files* app, click on a file in the detail view. In the pop-up, click the **More** icon . Click on **Encrypt** in the menu.
You can also select a file. Click the **More** icon  in the toolbar. Click on **Encrypt** in the menu.
2. The *Encrypt Files* window will be displayed. Confirm that you want to encrypt the file and delete all previous versions by clicking on **OK**.

3.3.2 Creating new encrypted files

You can create a new encrypted file by uploading a local file with encryption.

How to create a new encrypted file:

1. Open a folder in the folder tree.
Note: Open a folder for which you have the appropriate permissions to create objects.
2. Click on **New** in the toolbar. Click on **Upload new file**.
3. In the *Upload new files* window, click on **Select file**. Select one or several files.
Click the **Encrypt** icon  on the upper right part.
4. You can enter file information in the *Description* field.
5. Click on **Encrypt** in the menu.

Tip: You can also create a new encrypted file by dragging a file from your operating system's desktop to the *Files* app window and drop it in the upper part.

3.3.3 Opening encrypted files

You can open and read an encrypted file. The file remains encrypted on the server.


How to open an encrypted file:

1. In the *Files* app, click on a file in the detail view. In the pop-up, click on **Decrypt and Open**.
2. In the *Enter Guard Security Password* window, enter the Guard security password.
You can define how long the security password should be remembered. To do so, enable **Remember Password**. Select a value from the list.
Click on **OK**.

3.3.4 Downloading encrypted files

You can download an encrypted file to locally read or edit it. The file remains encrypted on the server.



How to download an encrypted file:

1. In the *Files* app, click on a file in the detail view. In the pop-up, click the **More** icon . Click on **Download Decrypted**.
Note: If you click on **Download** in the pop-up instead, the downloaded file remains encrypted.
2. In the *Enter Guard Security Password* window, enter the Guard security password.
Click on **OK**.

3.3.5 Decrypting files

You can remove a file's encryption by decrypting the file.

How to decrypt a file:


1. In the *Files* app, click on an encrypted file in the detail view. In the pop-up, click the **More** icon . Click on **Remove Encryption** in the menu.
You can also select a file. Click the **More** icon  in the toolbar. Click on **Remove Encryption** in the menu.
2. In the *Enter Guard Security Password* window, enter the Guard security password.
You can define how long the Guard security password should be valid. To do so, enable **Remember Password**. Select a value from the list.
Click on **OK**.

3.4 Signing out from Guard

You can sign out from Guard without closing the groupware. To open an encrypted E-Mail, file or folder afterwards, you again have to enter the Guard security password.

Note: This function is only available if you enable **Remember Password** when opening an encrypted E-Mail or file.

How to sign out from Guard:


1. Click the **System menu** icon  on the right side of the menu bar.
2. Click on **Sign out Guard** in the menu.

3.5 Guard Security Settings

There are the following options:

- [customize](#) the Guard default settings
- [change](#) the Guard security password
- If you forgot your Guard security password, you can request a temporary Guard security password to be emailed to you by [resetting](#) the Guard security password.
- [change](#) the secondary E-Mail address

How to change the Guard default settings:


1. Click the **System menu** icon  on the right side of the menu bar. Click the **Settings** menu item.
2. In the side bar, click on **Guard Security Settings**.
3. Change a setting below *Defaults*.

The following settings are available.


Use Guard when composing a new email

Defines whether a new E-Mail is encrypted per default. Regardless of this preset option, you can define for each E-Mail whether it should be sent encrypted or decrypted.


How to change the Guard security password

1. Click the **System menu** icon  on the right side of the menu bar. Click the **Settings** menu item.
2. In the side bar, click on **Guard Security Settings**.
3. In the **Enter current Guard security password** field below *Password*, enter the password that you have used so far for encrypting your data.
In the **Enter new Guard security password** field, enter the password that you want to use for encrypting your data from now on.
Confirm the password in the **Verify new Guard security password** field by entering it again.
4. Click on **Change guard security password**.

How to reset the Guard security password:

1. Click the **System menu** icon  on the right side of the menu bar. Click the **Settings** menu item.
2. In the side bar, click on **Guard Security Settings**.
3. Click on **Reset Guard security password**. A new password will be sent to your secondary E-Mail address.
If not having entered a secondary E-Mail address, the new password will be sent to your primary E-Mail address.
4. This new password is now your current Guard security password. You should immediately [change](#) this password.

How to change your secondary E-Mail address for resetting the encryption password:

1. Click the **System menu** icon  on the right side of the menu bar. Click the **Settings** menu item.
2. In the side bar, click on **Guard Security Settings**.
3. Enter the password for encrypting your data in the **Enter current Guard security password** field below *Secondary E-Mail*.
In the **Enter new secondary email** field, enter the E-Mail address that is used for receiving a temporary password for resetting your Guard security password.
Click on **Change E-mail**.

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