

Package ‘agecrypt’

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Title File Encryption with the 'age' Format

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Description An idiomatic R interface to the 'age' file encryption format ([\(<https://age-encryption.org/v1>](https://age-encryption.org/v1)), backed by a vendored copy of the 'agec' C implementation ([\(<https://git.sr.ht/~min/agec>](https://git.sr.ht/~min/agec)). Encrypt and decrypt raw vectors, files, and strings for one or more X25519 recipients or with a passphrase, with optional ASCII armor. Cryptography is vendored and randomness is drawn from the operating system, so the package has no external library dependencies.

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age_file	<i>Encrypt and decrypt files</i>
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Description

File-to-file encryption. Large files are streamed in constant memory in C (they are not loaded into an R vector).

Usage

```
age_encrypt_file(  
  input,  
  output = NULL,  
  recipients,  
  armor = FALSE,  
  overwrite = FALSE  
)  
  
age_decrypt_file(input, output = NULL, identities, overwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

input	Path to the source file.
output	Destination path. If NULL (default), age_encrypt_file() appends .age to input; age_decrypt_file() strips a trailing .age. If input does not end in .age, age_decrypt_file() requires output to be given explicitly rather than guess.
recipients	Character vector of "age1..." recipient strings.
armor	If TRUE, produce ASCII-armored output.
overwrite	If FALSE (default), error when output already exists.
identities	An age_identity, or character input accepted by age_identity() .

Value

The output path, invisibly.

Examples

```

id <- age_keygen()
rec <- age_pubkey(id)
f <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
writeLines("hello", f)
enc <- age_encrypt_file(f, recipients = rec)
dec <- age_decrypt_file(enc, output = tempfile(), identities = id)
readLines(dec)

```

age_identity	<i>Parse or load age identities</i>
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Description

Parse or load age identities

Usage

```
age_identity(x)
```

Arguments

x	A character vector of inline "AGE-SECRET-KEY-1..." secret-key strings and/or paths to (plaintext) key files. Auto-detected per element. An age_identity is returned unchanged.
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Value

An age_identity object.

Examples

```

id <- age_keygen()
# round-trip through a key file
f <- tempfile()
age_keygen(f)
id2 <- age_identity(f)

```

age_identity_free	<i>Explicitly scrub an identity's secret key material</i>
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Description

Zeroes and frees the secret bytes immediately rather than waiting for garbage collection. The identity becomes unusable afterwards.

Usage

```
age_identity_free(identity)
```

Arguments

identity	An age_identity object.
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Value

invisible(NULL).

Examples

```
id <- age_keygen()
age_identity_free(id)
```

age_keygen	<i>Generate a new age identity</i>
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Description

Creates a fresh X25519 identity (key pair). The secret key is generated in C and never returned to R; to persist it, pass path so it is written directly to a key file in the standard age format.

Usage

```
age_keygen(path = NULL, overwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

path	Optional file path. If given, the identity is written as a key file (# created: / # public key: / AGE-SECRET-KEY-1...) and the object is returned invisibly. If NULL (default), nothing is written.
overwrite	If FALSE (default) and path already exists, error rather than clobbering an existing key.

Value

An `age_identity` object. Its `print` method shows only the public key; the secret is never printed.

Examples

```
id <- age_keygen()
id
age_pubkey(id)
```

age_passphrase	<i>Encrypt and decrypt with a passphrase</i>
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Description

Passphrase-based (script) encryption, a separate mode from the recipient-based `age_encrypt_raw()` family. A file encrypted this way is decrypted with the matching `age_decrypt_*_passphrase()` function and the same passphrase — no key pair is involved.

Usage

```
age_encrypt_raw_passphrase(x, passphrase = NULL, armor = FALSE, log_n = 18)
```

```
age_decrypt_raw_passphrase(x, passphrase = NULL)
```

```
age_encrypt_file_passphrase(
  input,
  output = NULL,
  passphrase = NULL,
  armor = FALSE,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  log_n = 18
)
```

```
age_decrypt_file_passphrase(
  input,
  output = NULL,
  passphrase = NULL,
  overwrite = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	For <code>age_encrypt_raw_passphrase()</code> , a raw vector of plaintext. For <code>age_decrypt_raw_passphrase()</code> , a raw vector of ciphertext or a length-1 armored string.
<code>passphrase</code>	A length-1 character string. If <code>NULL</code> (the default) and the session is interactive, it is prompted for securely via <code>askpass::askpass()</code> (the suggested askpass package must be installed). Avoid hard-coding passphrases in scripts.

armor	If TRUE, produce ASCII-armored output.
log_n	scrypt work factor, as the base-2 logarithm of the parameter N. Higher is slower and more brute-force resistant. Defaults to 18; values above 22 are rejected (also on decrypt) to bound work.
input, output	File paths. output = NULL appends/strips .age as in age_encrypt_file() .
overwrite	If FALSE (default), error when output already exists.

Value

The raw functions return a raw vector; the file functions return the output path invisibly.

Examples

```
ct <- age_encrypt_raw_passphrase(
  charToRaw("secret"),
  passphrase = "hunter2",
  log_n = 8
)
rawToChar(age_decrypt_raw_passphrase(ct, passphrase = "hunter2"))
```

age_pubkey	<i>Derive public recipient strings from identities</i>
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Description

Derive public recipient strings from identities

Usage

```
age_pubkey(identities)
```

Arguments

identities	An age_identity, or character input accepted by age_identity() (inline secret keys and/or key-file paths).
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Value

A character vector of "age1..." recipient strings, one per identity.

Examples

```
id <- age_keygen()
age_pubkey(id)
```

age_raw	<i>Encrypt and decrypt raw vectors</i>
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Description

The core buffer transforms: no file I/O, nothing written to disk. All other verbs (`_file`, `_text`) build on these.

Usage

```
age_encrypt_raw(x, recipients, armor = FALSE)
```

```
age_decrypt_raw(x, identities)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	For <code>age_encrypt_raw()</code> , a raw vector of plaintext. For <code>age_decrypt_raw()</code> , a raw vector of ciphertext, or a length-1 character string of ASCII-armored ciphertext. Armor is auto-detected.
<code>recipients</code>	Character vector of "age1..." recipient strings. Give several to encrypt to multiple recipients; each can decrypt.
<code>armor</code>	If TRUE, produce ASCII-armored (PEM) output. The return value is still a raw vector (of the armored ASCII bytes).
<code>identities</code>	An <code>age_identity</code> , or character input accepted by <code>age_identity()</code> . Tried in order; the first that matches wins.

Value

A raw vector: ciphertext for `age_encrypt_raw()`, plaintext for `age_decrypt_raw()`.

Examples

```
id <- age_keygen()
rec <- age_pubkey(id)
ct <- age_encrypt_raw(charToRaw("hello"), recipients = rec)
rawToChar(age_decrypt_raw(ct, identities = id))
```

age_text

*Encrypt and decrypt a single string***Description**

Convenience wrappers over [age_encrypt_raw\(\)](#) / [age_decrypt_raw\(\)](#) for one string, ASCII-armored by default so the result is copy-pasteable. Encoding is forced to UTF-8 on the way in and marked on the way out.

Usage

```
age_encrypt_text(x, recipients, armor = TRUE)
```

```
age_decrypt_text(x, identities)
```

Arguments

x	For <code>age_encrypt_text()</code> , a length-1 character string (errors on longer input rather than silently collapsing lines). For <code>age_decrypt_text()</code> , ciphertext as a raw vector or armored string.
recipients	Character vector of "age1..." recipient strings.
armor	Must be TRUE (the default): <code>age_encrypt_text()</code> always armors its output. Use age_encrypt_raw() for unarmored binary output.
identities	An <code>age_identity</code> , or character input accepted by age_identity() .

Value

`age_encrypt_text()` returns a length-1 character string; `age_decrypt_text()` returns a length-1 UTF-8 string. `age_decrypt_text()` signals `age_error_decrypt` if the plaintext is not valid UTF-8 text (for binary payloads, use [age_decrypt_raw\(\)](#)).

Examples

```
id <- age_keygen()
rec <- age_pubkey(id)
ct <- age_encrypt_text("db_password_123", recipients = rec)
age_decrypt_text(ct, identities = id)
```

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