

R10Cipher Free

Cross Platform Encryption / Cipher Tool: Version 1.1 Free Edition

Mac OSX
Windows XP
Windows Vista
Linux



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Registering R10Cipher

After downloading R10Cipher and deciding that you would like a full working copy of this Free Edition, you can obtain the serial number and username by sending an email to this address:

r10cipherfree@artenscience.co.uk

When you receive the serial number email you should launch R10Cipher and access the Preferences menu item. The Preferences window that opens will look slightly different depending on the Operating System that you are using, they are all however very similar and contain identical information. The Preferences window for Mac OSX looks like this:

The screenshot shows a 'Preferences' window for R10Cipher on a Mac. It is divided into two main sections: 'License' and 'Configuration'. In the 'License' section, there are two text input fields: 'User Name' containing 'Trial User' and 'Serial' containing 'Trial Version'. The 'Configuration' section contains two checkboxes: 'Use Speech' which is checked, and 'Check for Updates at Startup' which is unchecked. At the bottom right of the window are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Save'. A large, semi-transparent watermark with the text 'www.artenscience.co.uk' is overlaid diagonally across the entire window.

The User Name and Serial Number that you received in your email from Arten Science should be entered into the appropriate fields on the Preferences window. To avoid typing errors we suggest you Copy / Paste the information.

Once you have entered the information you should push the Save button. If the information is correct the Trial Version Overlay / Window will disappear and the product is then fully licensed. Keep the email from Arten Science safe as you will need it should you need to reinstall in future on a new computer.

If you need the ability to encrypt your files and documents, please consider upgrading to R10Cipher Version 2. <http://www.r10cipher.com>

Any problems with registration, please email us at: support@artenscience.co.uk

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Introduction

R10Cipher is a simple Cross Platform Encryption / Decryption tool.

R10Cipher basically takes text and encrypts it using up to 128 bit Blowfish encryption. This Cipher Text can then be copied into an email, saved as a file and attached to an email or just copied elsewhere and the recipient can use R10Cipher to open the file and view the encrypted contents, assuming they are in possession of the Shared Key that was used to encrypt the document in the first place.

Many people do not realise that sending an email is the equivalent of sending a postcard, it's contents are easily visible. For many companies, individuals and markets this is totally unacceptable and with the potential complexity and setup issues with the Public Key Encryption systems it makes sense to encrypt using a utility such as this.

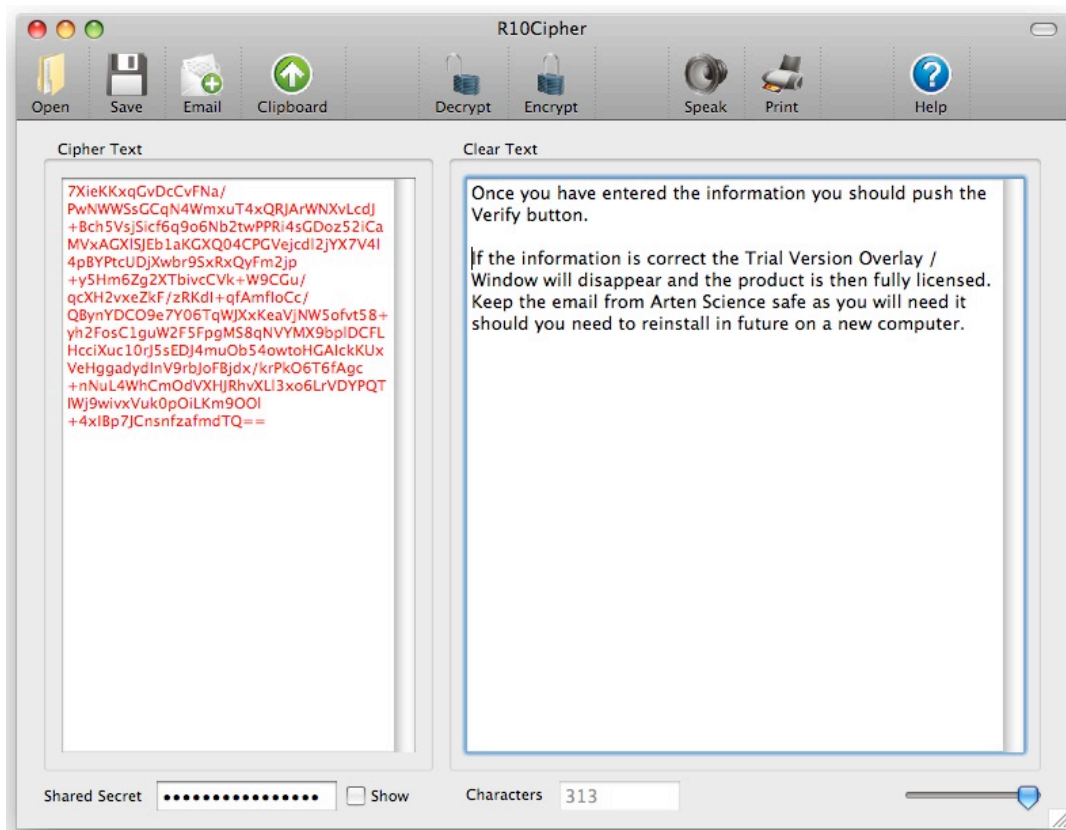
R10Cipher can also be used in conjunction with [Sicuro](#) our 'Data Vault' software that will be available 1st Quarter 2009. We have added the functionality of R10Cipher to Sicuro, so a user of Sicuro and a user of R10Cipher can share encrypted documents with no problems.

Quick Start

After downloading, unzip the file. Your operating system may do this automatically for you. Drag the file / folder to a convenient location on your hard disk. Double click the R10Cipher file to launch the program.

Note: Users of Linux may have to view the file permissions and set the 'execute' flag.

You will see the R10Cipher main screen. The OSX version is shown below:



Enter your Shared Secret (this is your encryption key) into the area at the bottom left of the screen. This can be between 4 and 16 characters. For example: yuetrtytpl*565r0.

Enter the message or text you wish to encrypt into the Clear Text area. You can right click and Paste the text if you wish.

Select the Encrypt option from the toolbar.

Copy the Encrypted text from the Cipher text area and Paste it into an email or document. Alternatively use the Save button on the toolbar and save the Encrypted text as a document. You may then attach it to an email if you wish and send it to the other party.

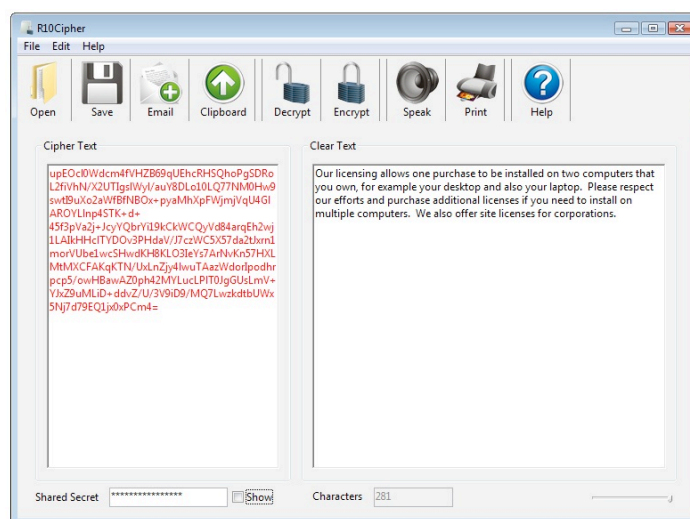
To Decrypt a message or text, open an Encrypted document using the Open button on the toolbar or Paste in the Encrypted text into the Cipher Text area. Enter the Shared Secret and Select the Decrypt button on the toolbar to view the Decrypted contents.

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Windows

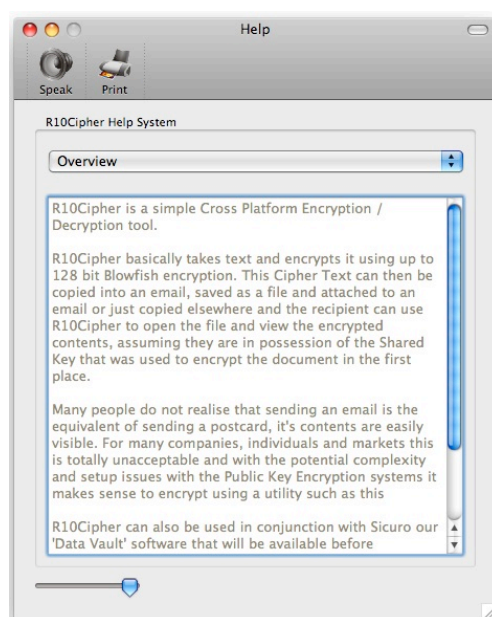
The Main Window

This is where the majority of interaction with R10Cipher is carried out. Each toolbar button has a tooltip which is visible when you hover your mouse cursor over the button for a second. Note the 'slider' in the bottom right of the window. This slider controls the transparency settings for the window. Transparency settings as well as window size and position are saved when you quit the software. The Main Window running on Windows Vista is shown below:



The Help Window

The Help Window is accessed from either the Help option on the Menu or via the Help button on the Toolbar. You can choose a number of help topics from the drop down menu. The Help window from Mac OSX is shown below:



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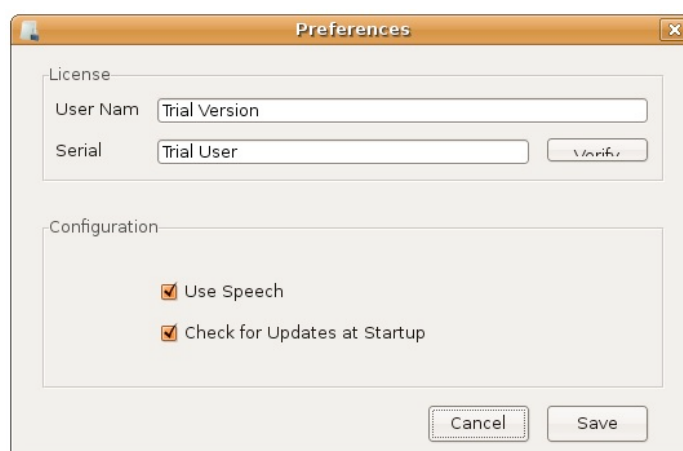
The About Window

The About Window is accessed from the Menu and displays information relating to R10Cipher, Copyright, Version and other information. The About Window from Mac OSX is shown below:



The Preferences Window

The Preferences Window is where you input your user name and serial number and where you can set the preferences for R10Cipher. The Preferences Window from Ubuntu Linux is shown below:

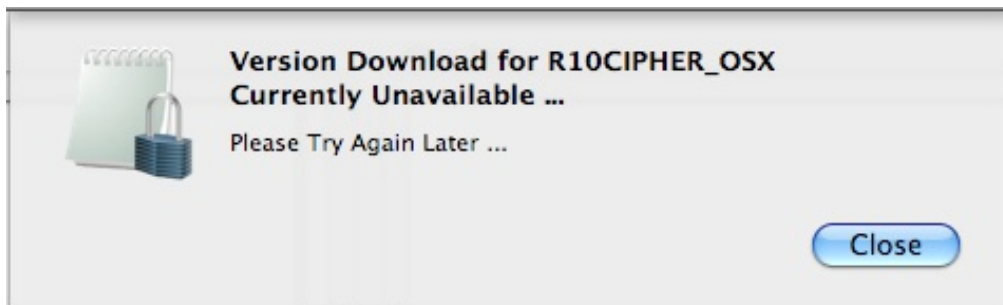


Menus

The menu options for certain actions such as About and Preferences display in different places on the menu bar according to the interface guidelines defined by the operating system. Therefore the order of these menu option descriptions may differ depending on your operating system platform. The order I have used is left to right, top to bottom for Mac OSX.

Check for Updates

This option manually checks for updates to R10Cipher. If an update exists you will be given the option to download it. If it doesn't you will see a screen similar to this:



Note: On this Free Edition of R10Cipher the automatic checking for updates is disabled by default as there will be no updates, except to the Version 2 product which is a chargeable product. Your free license key only works with the 1.1 Free Edition.

About R10Cipher

This option displays the About window as detailed previously.

Preferences

This option displays the Preferences window as detailed previously.

Send Feedback

This option opens your email client with a new message. This message contains information about the version of the software you are running, as well as which operating system you are using. You can add text to this email to send us information, requests or feedback as appropriate.

Visit Our Website

This option opens our website in your default internet browser.

R10Cipher Help

This option opens the Help window as detailed previously.

Buttons

Open

This button opens an encrypted document and displays it in the Cipher Text area of the main window.

Save

This button saves the Cipher Text to a file.

Email

This button opens a new message in your default email client and sets the subject appropriately. The message body contains the Cipher Text. Type the email address of the recipient and click send.

Clipboard

This button copies the entire Cipher Text to the system Clipboard.

Decrypt

This button takes the encrypted Cipher Text and decrypts it and displays the decrypted content in the Clear Text area of the main window.

Encrypt

This button takes the Clear Text, encrypts it using the Shared Secret and displays the encrypted content in the Cipher Text area of the main window.

Speak

(Not Linux) This button uses the speech synthesizer capabilities of your computer to speak the contents of the Clear Text area.

Print

This button prints the contents of the Clear Text area.

Help

This button opens the Help window, discussed previously.

Usage Scenarios and Examples

Example 1: One to One Private Communications

Bill and Ted want to discuss plans for their next Excellent Adventure. Knowing that their email can be easily read they decide on a Shared Secret 'Bill+Ted=Wyld'. They type their discussions into R10Cipher and save the encrypted text as a file which they attach to their emails. They are now secure in the knowledge that no-one can foil their plans.

Example 2: One to Many Private Communications

Bill and Ted decide they want to involve the Historical Babes in some of their plans, but not all. The four of them agree a Shared Secret and now Bill and Ted can communicate between themselves using their own Shared Secret and if they wish to include the Historical Babes they use the second Shared Secret agreed between the four of them.

Example 3: One to Many Private Communications over a Public Medium

Frodo is setting off on his next adventure and as is the fashion nowadays he wants to update the world with his travels via an online blog. With his new Macbook Air this will work great but there is some information he wishes only to be read by Merry and Pippin who are holding the fort for him back in Hobbiton.

Before he sets off the three of them agree on a Shared Secret and as Frodo updates the world via his blog he uses R10Cipher to append an encrypted entry on the end, knowing that the world can see but not understand his instructions, which are only for the eyes of Merry and Pippin.

Example 4: The benefits of Cross Platform

Unfortunately, small and sexy though it is, the Macbook Air is just a little bit too big (and lets face it - expensive - to take across Middle Earth, what with the Orcs and all. At the last minute Frodo switches to a Dell Mini 9 running Linux which came free with his mobile broadband card. Luckily R10Cipher works as well on Linux as it does on the Mac so Frodo has no need to change his plans.

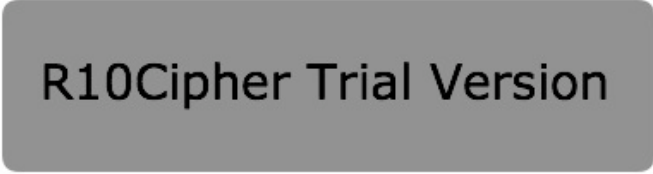
Example 5: R10Cipher Not Just for Men

While Frodo is off on his travels his wife, feeling lonely, takes a lover. Knowing that the local Hobbiton ISP takes quite an interest in the emails to and from the villagers, they both use R10Cipher to arrange their rendezvous. Even hobbits need loving, besides it was rather selfish of Frodo to disappear like that for months at a time - and who knows what he got up to with Sam on that first journey ?

Trial Version Limitations

The Trial Version of R10Cipher is limited to encrypting text not exceeding 140 characters. The decryption routine is not restricted at all.

In addition, on the Mac, a semi-transparent overlay is displayed in the centre of the monitor stating 'R10Cipher Trial Version'.



R10Cipher Trial Version

On Windows and Linux a window is displayed with the same information shown.

If you have any questions or need any support please do not hesitate to contact us at macvcr@artenscience.co.uk

Version History

1.0.0	November 2008	Initial Stable Release
1.0.1	November 2008	Copy to Email button Copy to Clipboard Button Show 'Shared Secret' Checkbox Revised Icons Interface tweaks for Linux
1.1.0	February 2009	Free Edition

Addendum 1: General Guide to Encryption

Encryption is the process of taking readable text and turning it into unreadable text. This is done using an algorithm called a Cipher. To perform the reverse, ie: turn the unreadable text back into readable text it is necessary to know the 'key' or 'shared secret' that was used to perform the encryption.

The secret to successfully protecting your information is down to how well the key is kept secret and also the complexity of the key. A key made up of a word or name or similar is easier to find through the process of a 'brute force attack' which basically involves the attempt to find your key using software to automatically try every word in various dictionaries, at a speed of potentially thousands of words per minute.

Encryption allows you to communicate 'in the open' without fear of your information being made available to a third party.



The Enigma Machine.

An encryption device used by the Germans from 1920 until the end of World War II.

Cracking this Cipher, largely due to the work of the heroes at Bletchley Park, helped the allies win World War II.

Addendum 2: Blowfish Encryption

Blowfish is a keyed symmetric block cipher which was invented by Bruce Schneier in 1993. It provided excellent encryption and is likely to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Blowfish is free of patents and Bruce has placed Blowfish in the public domain.

The strength of Blowfish, as with all keyed ciphers, is down to the length of the key, or shared secret, a key length of 16 characters provides 128 bit encryption.

Blowfish was originally designed as a replacement for DES or IDEA, two aging encryption standards. It's success has been due to the fact that it has been proven strong and the algorithm is available for use without restriction.

More information on Blowfish:

<http://www.schneier.com/paper-blowfish-fse.html>

More Information on Bruce Schneier

<http://www.schneier.com/>

General Computer Security Information

<http://www.grc.com/securitynow.htm>

Addendum 3: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I get support ?

A: Please email support@artenscience.co.uk

Q: Do you do corporate or site licensing ?

A: Yes, a site license is available from our online store.

Q: How do I purchase ?

A: <http://www.r10cipher.com>

Q: Do you do other products ?

A: Yes, <http://www.artenscience.co.uk/artenscience/Home.html>

Q: Are trial versions available ?

A: All our products can be downloaded and used before purchase

Q: Do you offer a money back guarantee ?

A: Yes, 30 days.

Q: Do you offer telephone support ?

A: No, not currently. This may change in the future however.

Q: How do I register ?

A: Open the program preferences and input your name and serial number.

Addendum 4: Arten Science and R10Cipher

Arten Science was setup in the UK in 2007 to design, develop and market quality commercial software for the Apple Mac OSX (Universal Binary), Windows XP / Vista and Linux with GTK+ 2.x.

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R10Cipher was written using REALbasic 2008.

<http://www.realsoftware.com/>

Version Control by Subversion and Cornerstone

<http://www.zennaware.com/cornerstone/>

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Additional functionality was added by the use of plugins from MonkeyBread Software.

<http://www.monkeybreadsoftware.de/>

The icons were supplied by DryIcons.

<http://dryicons.com/>

Coffee supplied by Caffitaly.

<http://www.caffitaly.com/en/offerta-aromi-caffe.asp>

This manual was written on a 8 Core MacPro using Pages.

<http://www.apple.com/iwork/>

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