WhatsApp Forensics Advanced acquisition and decryption techniques



Over 2 billion users globally



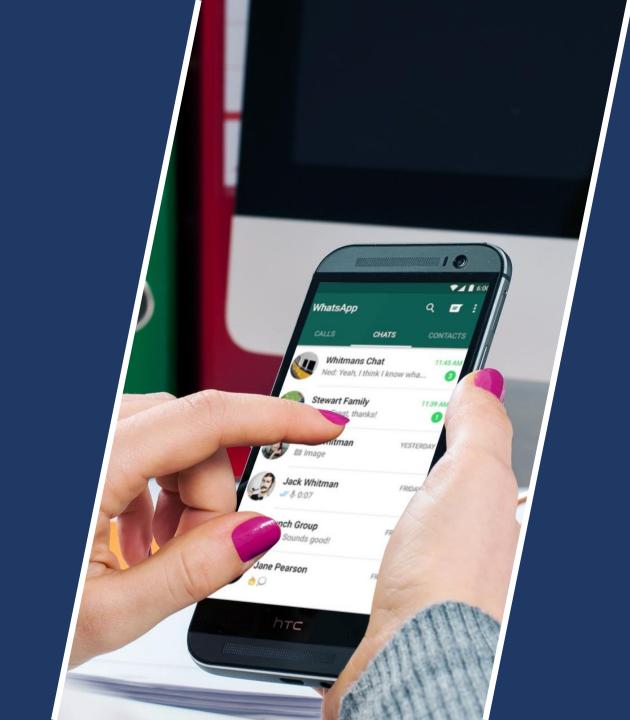
5.5 billion messages per day



4.5 billion photos shared per day



1 billion videos shared per day





Plan

- Extraction from Mobile Devices
- Extraction from Cloud
- WhatsApp backup decryption
- Access to WhatsApp Server
- WhatsApp from Computer





From where do you extract WhatsApp?



Apple Android Windows Phone



iCloud Google Drive



Computers



WhatsApp security



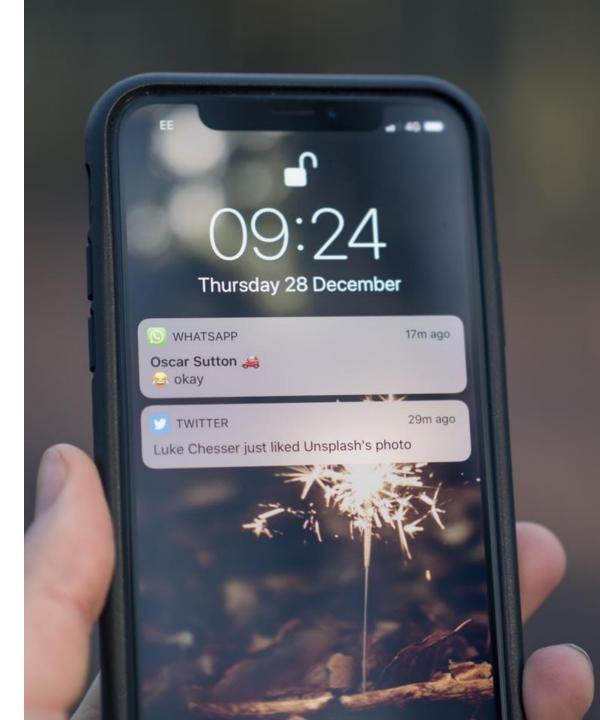
All messages are always end-to-end encrypted. Decryption keys are not stored on the server.



Messages are stored on the server until they are received by the addressee.

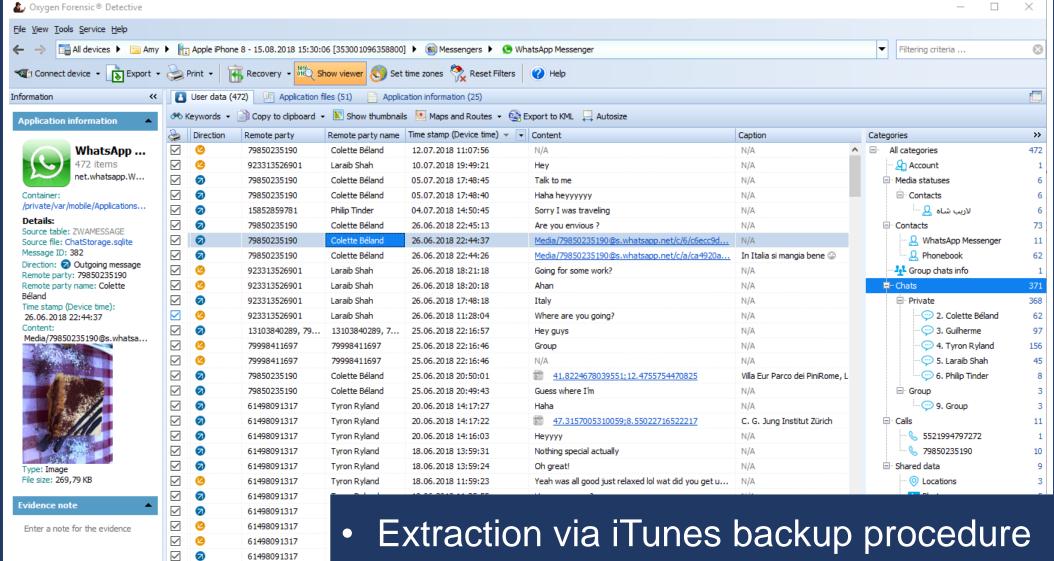
WhatsApp encryption

- Data on device is not encrypted
- Backup in iCloud is encrypted
- Media files in iCloud are not encrypted









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Apple iPhone 8

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- GrayShift's images are also supported
- Contacts, chats, calls, shared data



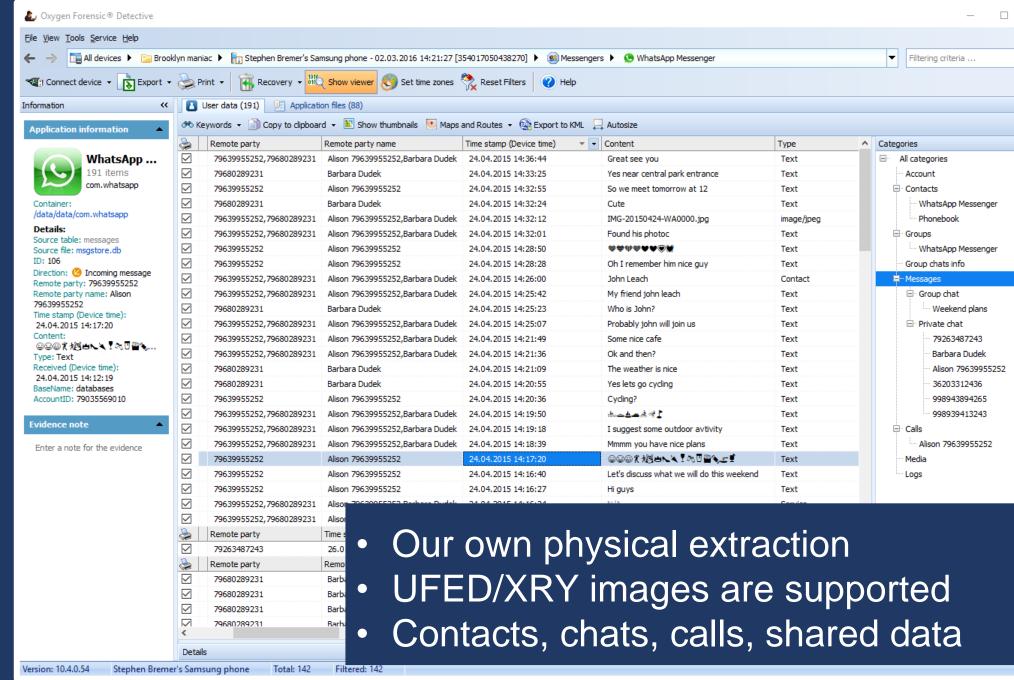
WhatsApp encryption

- Data on device is not encrypted
- Backup on device and in Google Drive is encrypted Encryption key is in /data/data/com.whatsapp/files/key
- Media files in backup are not encrypted









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WhatsApp backup in Android

How to backup

Settings/Chats/Backup chat in WhatsApp app

How it looks like

WhatsApp_backup_PHONENUMBER_DATE_TIME

Where to find

WhatsApp\Databases folder on SD card or other location

How to extract

Available via MTP protocol, no physical extraction needed

How to decrypt

Using key file from the internal memory (common method)

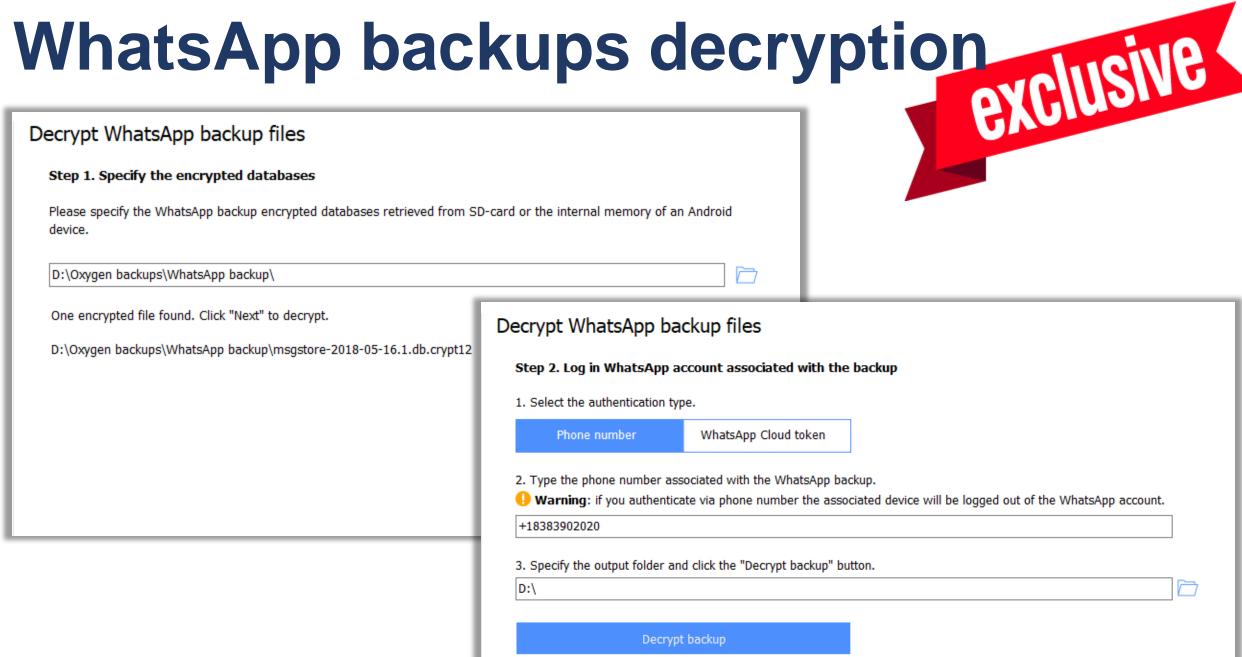




So you have an encrypted WhatsApp backup from Android device (WhatsApp is deleted or you have no access to the internal memory)

What will you do to decrypt it?





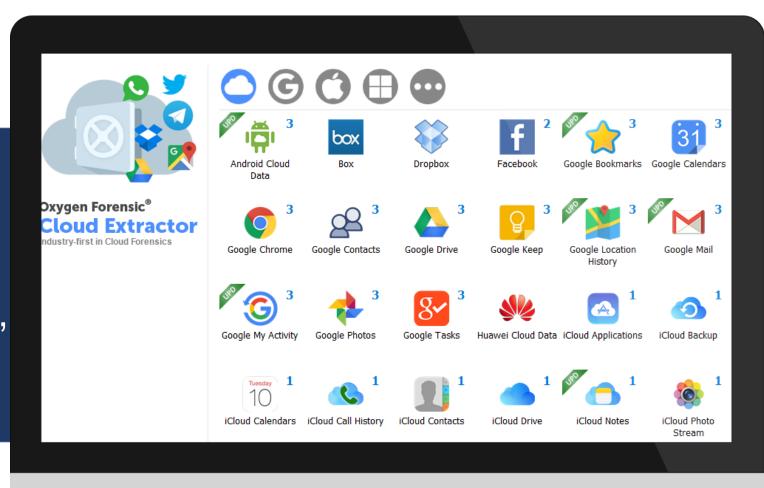


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How to access?

- Login and password
- Token

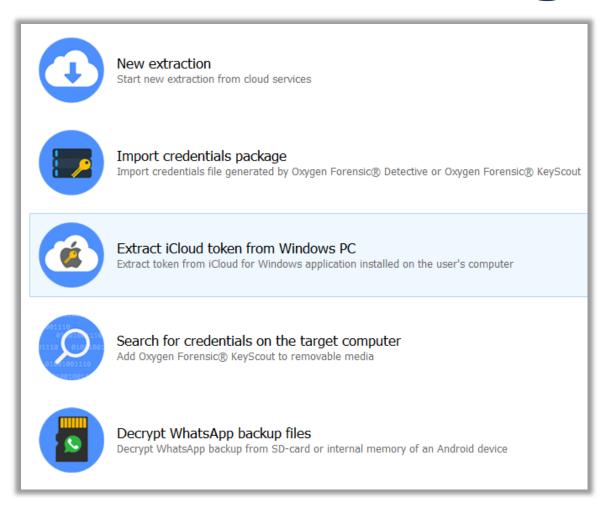
Where to find?

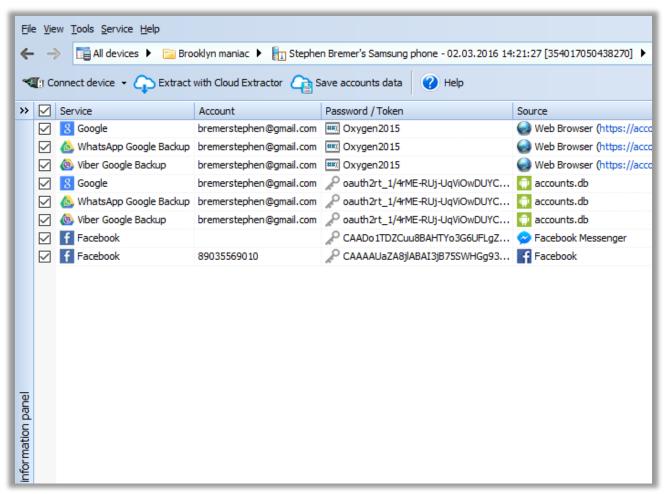
- Mobile device
- Computer (KeyScout utility)
- Social analysis





iCloud and Google Drive credentials





On computer

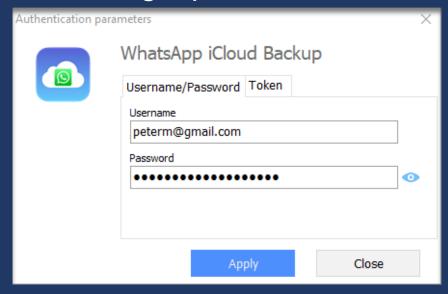
In mobile device





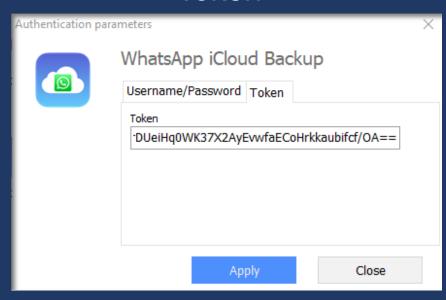
Extracting WhatsApp iCloud backups

Login/password



- 1. Overcome 2FA (verification code)
- 2. Overcome 2-step verification (enter PIN or reset it)
- 3. Decrypt backup (SMS, phone call)

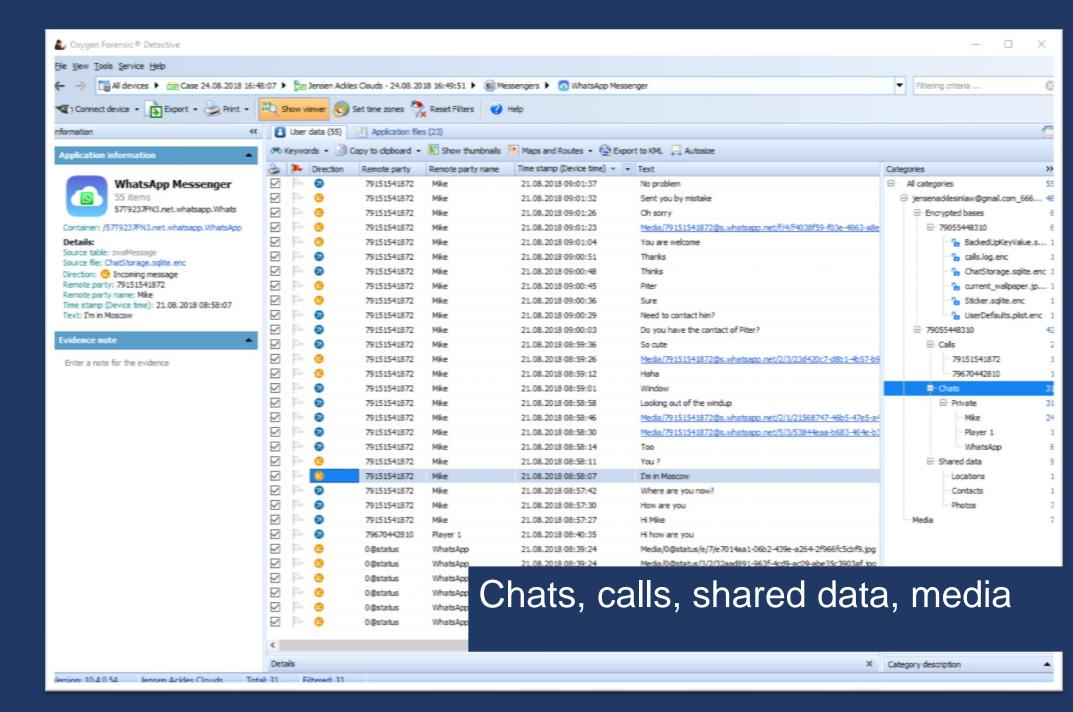
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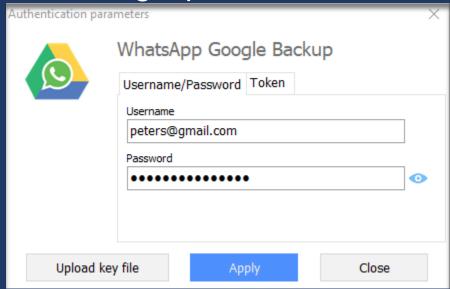






Extracting WhatsApp Google backups

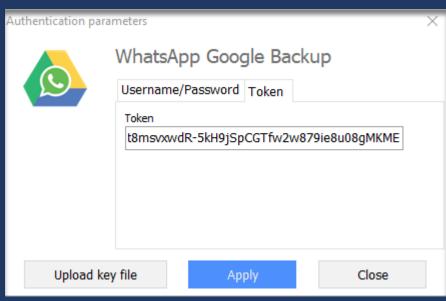
Login/password



- 1. Overcome 2FA (SMS, authenticator code, backup code, Google Promt)
- 2. Overcome 2-step verification (enter PIN or reset it)
- 3. Decrypt backup (SMS, phone call)



Token

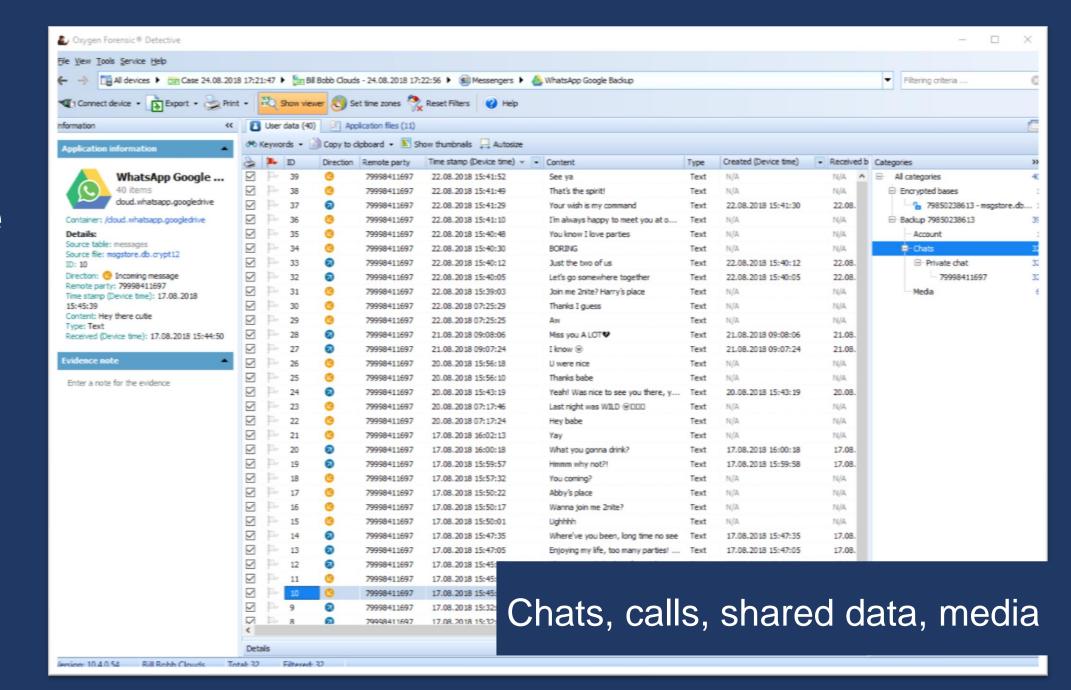


- 1. Overcome 2-step verification (enter PIN or reset it)
- 2. Decrypt backup (SMS, phone call)

BUT: if you do physical acquisition of Android in OFD the backup is automatically decrypted via token!



Google Drive





WhatsApp Server data

Missed calls

Incoming messages with attachments

Original messages embedded into reply

Information about deleted messages Information about account, groups, contacts

Broadcast messages



Access to the WhatsApp server



Phone number



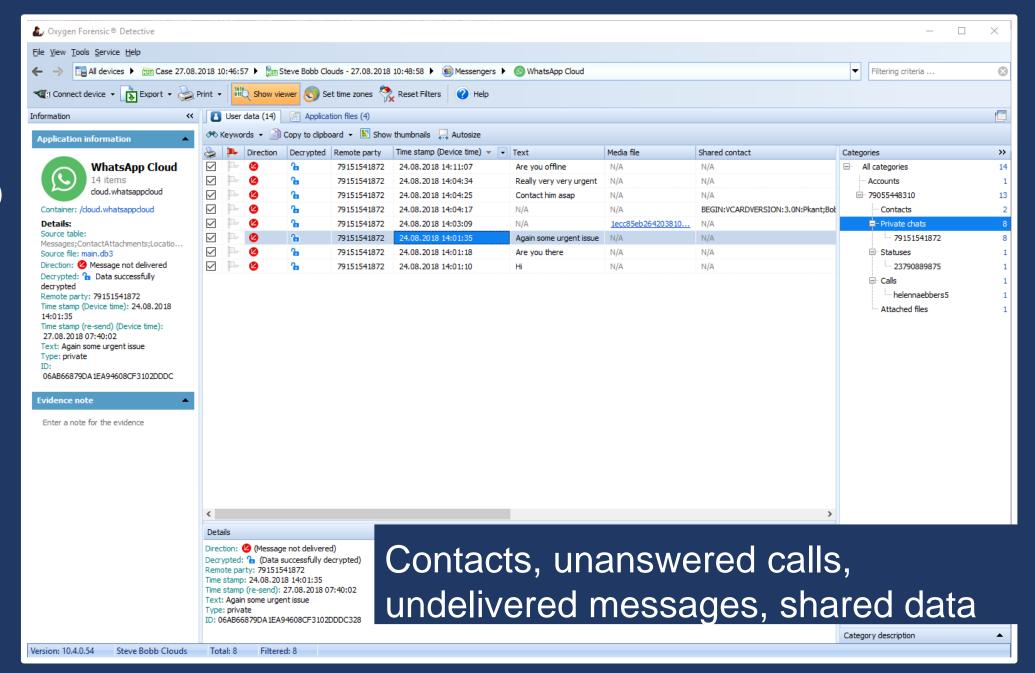
WhatsApp Cloud token







WhatsApp Server





What about deleted data?



Phone: can be recovered from SQLite databases

Cloud: deleted from iCloud after the first synchronization



Phone: can be recovered from SQLite databases Backup: the device locally stores up to 9 backups Cloud: deleted from Google Drive after the first synchronization





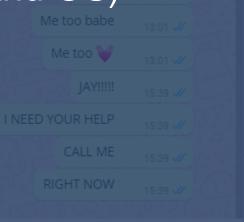
WhatsApp Web and WhatsApp Desktop

Settings -> WhatsApp Web/Desktop -> Scan QR code in a mobile device

Any user data on PC? cant walt to see you

- Logs (where app was launched, device model and OS)
- No messages and contacts
- Token



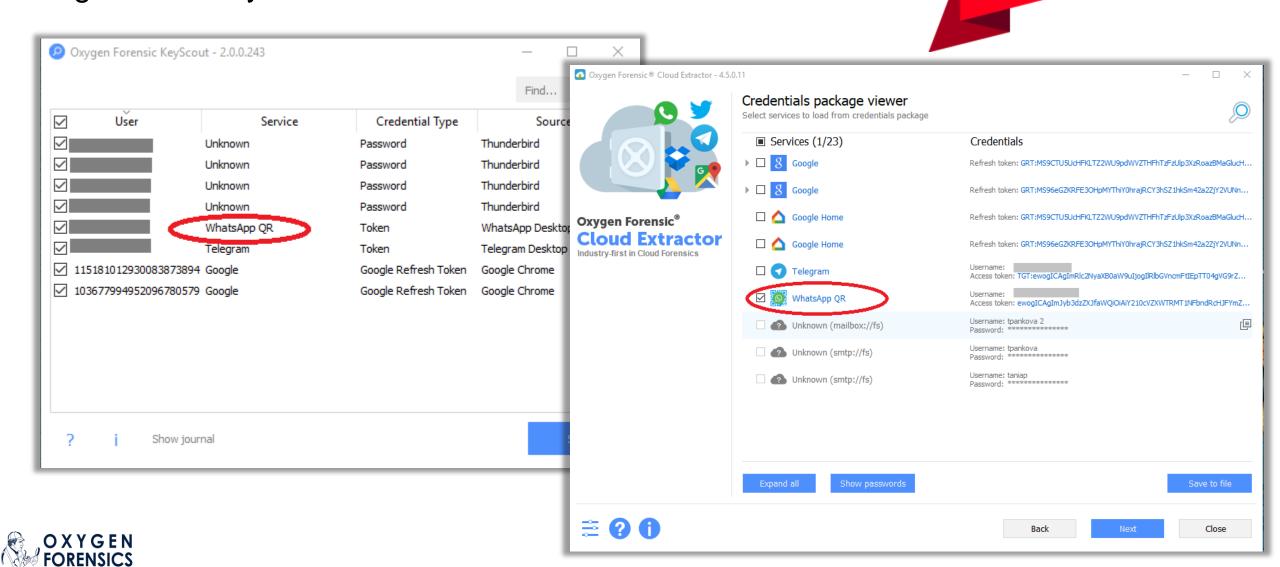






WhatsApp QR token from PC

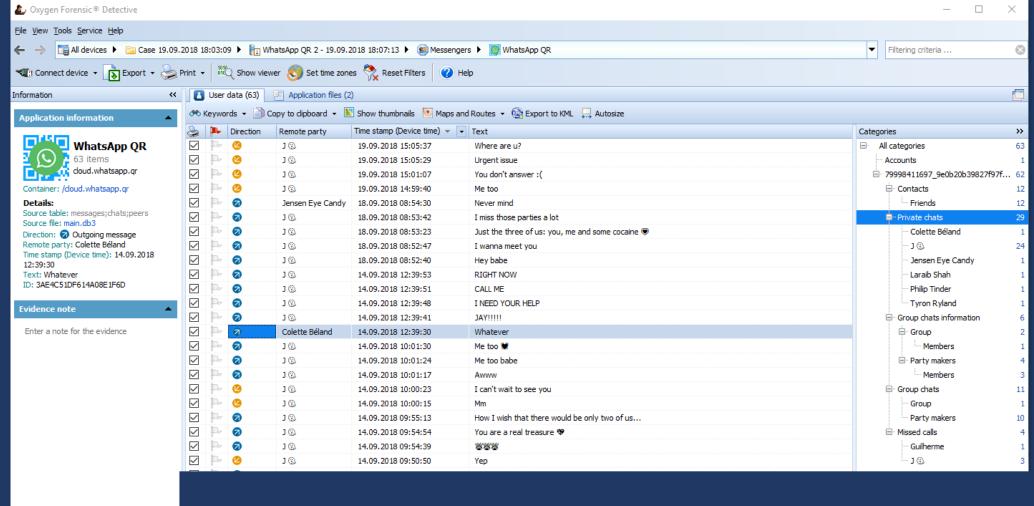
Using this token you can download chats from a locked device



exclusive



WhatsApp QR Code



Device and account info, contacts, chats, missed calls, media files and other attachments

Category description



WhatsApp QR 2

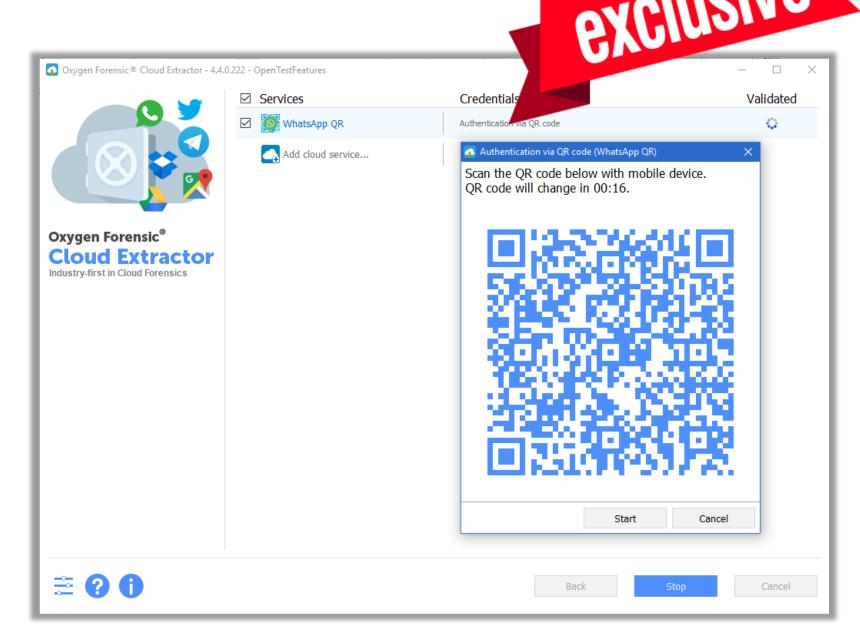
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WhatsApp QR code from a device

- Android, Apple iOS,
 Windows Phone devices
- Scan QR-code from a device in Cloud Extractor





How QR-code method can be used?



If device is unlocked

- 1. Physical extraction fails
- 2. No possibility to decrypt iTunes backup
- 3. If your time for extraction is limited



If device is locked

Use Oxygen Forensic KeyScout to detect a token on PC (if WhatsApp was used) and extract WhatsApp data from locked device



Summary. How to extract?

Apple iOS device

- Do logical device extraction
- Use credentials in Cloud Accounts section to access WhatsApp in iCloud

Android device

- Do physical device extraction
- Check SD card for WhatsApp backups (up to 9 backups!)
- Use credentials in Cloud Accounts section to access WhatsApp in Google Drive

Access WhatsApp Server via

- A phone number
- A WhatsApp Cloud token. Look for it in Cloud Accounts section.

Access WhatsApp via QR-code or computer token



Summary. How to decrypt?

Apple iOS device

Use available methods to decrypt cloud backups

Android device

Use available methods to decrypt cloud and SD card backups

Available decryption methods

- Key file (commonly used)
- WhatsApp Cloud token (exclusive)
- Phone number (exclusive)



Comparison chart (WhatsApp)

	OFD	Competitor
Device extraction	Yes	Yes
Cloud backups	Yes	Yes
Backup decryption via SMS	Yes	No
WhatsApp Server	Yes	No
WhatsApp QR code	Yes	No



Other Messenger Support

	Device (Apple, Android)	Cloud
Facebook	Yes	Yes
Telegram	Yes	Yes
Viber	Yes	Yes
Skype	Yes	No
CoverMe	Yes	No
Signal	Yes	No
WeChat	Yes	No



Telegram Messenger

- Extraction from Apple iOS (JB) and Android devices (physical dump)
 - Telegram app is not encrypted
 - Telegram X app needs decryption
- Extraction from Telegram cloud via phone number/token
- Token can be found in Android devices and on PC
- No secret chats are saved in cloud



Facebook Messenger

- Extraction from Apple iOS (JB) and Android devices (physical dump)
- Complete extraction from Facebook cloud via login/password or token
- Token can be found in Apple iOS and Android devices
- This token lives a long life



Viber Messenger

- Extraction from Apple iOS (even NJB) and Android devices (physical dump)
- Complete extraction from Viber cloud via login/password or token
- Token can be found in Apple iOS and Android devices





Signal Messenger

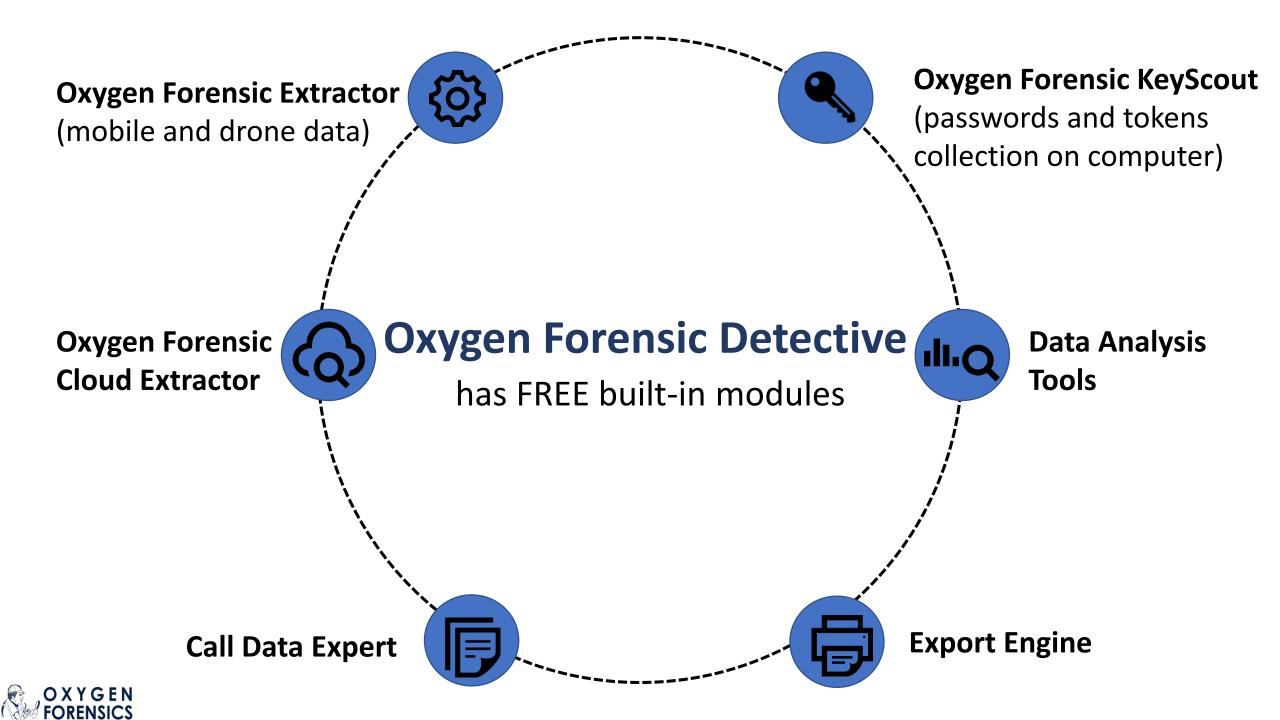
- Extraction and decryption of encryption keys from the Android Keystore
- Decryption of Signal Messenger from Android devices



CoverMe Messenger

 Extraction and decryption from Apple iOS (even NJB) and Android devices (physical dump)







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