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# Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'cryptsetup-luksRemoveKey.8'

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#### NAME

cryptsetup-luksRemoveKey - remove the supplied passphrase from the LUKS device

### **SYNOPSIS**

cryptsetup luksRemoveKey [<options>] <device> [<key file with passphrase to be removed>]

## **DESCRIPTION**

Removes the supplied passphrase from the LUKS device. The passphrase to be removed can be specified interactively, as the positional argument or via --key-file.

<options> can be [--key-file, --keyfile-offset, --keyfile-size,

--header, --disable-locks, --type, --timeout, --verify-passphrase].

WARNING: If you read the passphrase from stdin (without further

argument or with '-' as an argument to --key-file), batch-mode (-q)

will be implicitly switched on and no warning will be given when you

remove the last remaining passphrase from a LUKS container. Removing

the last passphrase makes the LUKS container permanently inaccessible.

## **OPTIONS**

--type <device-type>

Specifies required device type, for more info read BASIC ACTIONS section in cryptsetup(8).

--verify-passphrase, -y

When interactively asking for a passphrase, ask for it twice and complain if both inputs do not match. Ignored on input from file or stdin.

--key-file, -d name

Read the passphrase from file.

If the name given is "-", then the passphrase will be read from stdin. In this case, reading will not stop at newline characters.

See section NOTES ON PASSPHRASE PROCESSING in cryptsetup(8) for more information.

--keyfile-offset value

Skip value bytes at the beginning of the key file.

--keyfile-size, -l value

Read a maximum of value bytes from the key file. The default is to read the whole file up to the compiled-in maximum that can be queried with --help. Supplying more data than the compiled-in maximum aborts the operation.

This option is useful to cut trailing newlines, for example. If --keyfile-offset is also given, the size count starts after the offset.

--timeout, -t <number of seconds>

The number of seconds to wait before timeout on passphrase input via terminal. It is relevant every time a passphrase is asked. It has no effect if used in conjunction with --key-file.

This option is useful when the system should not stall if the user does not input a passphrase, e.g. during boot. The default is a value of 0 seconds, which means to wait forever.

--header <device or file storing the LUKS header>

header is stored. This option allows one to store ciphertext and LUKS header on different devices.

For commands that change the LUKS header (e.g. luksAddKey), specify the device or file with the LUKS header directly as the LUKS device.

#### --disable-locks

Disable lock protection for metadata on disk. This option is valid only for LUKS2 and ignored for other formats.

WARNING: Do not use this option unless you run cryptsetup in a restricted environment where locking is impossible to perform (where /run directory cannot be used).

## --batch-mode, -q

Suppresses all confirmation questions. Use with care!

If the --verify-passphrase option is not specified, this option also switches off the passphrase verification.

#### --debug or --debug-json

Run in debug mode with full diagnostic logs. Debug output lines are always prefixed by #.

If --debug-json is used, additional LUKS2 JSON data structures are printed.

# --version, -V

Show the program version.

#### --usage

Show short option help.

## --help, -?

Show help text and default parameters. == REPORTING BUGS

Report bugs at cryptsetup mailing list <cryptsetup@lists.linux.dev> or
in Issues project section

<a href="https://gitlab.com/cryptsetup/cryptsetup/-/issues/new">https://gitlab.com/cryptsetup/cryptsetup/-/issues/new</a>.

Please attach output of the failed command with --debug option added.

## SEE ALSO

## Cryptsetup FAQ

cryptsetup(8), integritysetup(8) and veritysetup(8)

# CRYPTSETUP

Part of cryptsetup project <a href="https://gitlab.com/cryptsetup/cryptsetup/">https://gitlab.com/cryptsetup/cryptsetup/>.

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