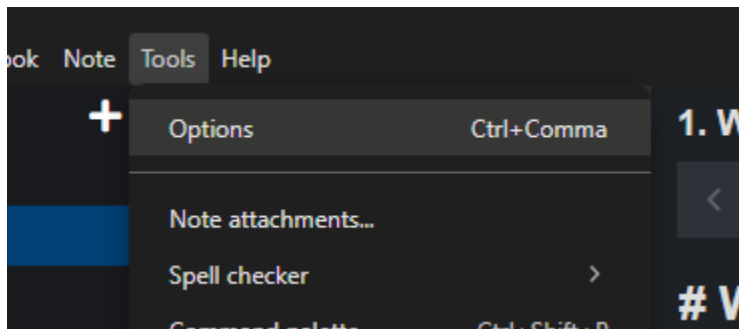# How to enable end-to-end encryption in Joplin

Hi! In this article, we'll discuss how to enable encryption on your Joplin files and explain a few important facts about doing so. Encryption protects your important private notes from unauthorised viewing, ensuring your privacy and the security of your documents.
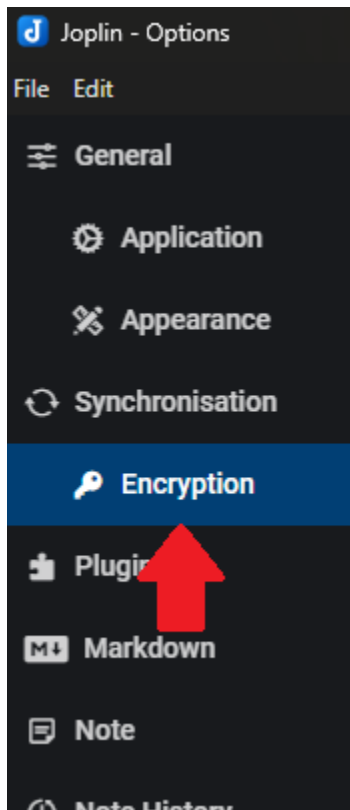
Enabling encryption

Once Joplin is open:

1. Go to **Menu Bar -> Tools -> Options** (or press 'Ctrl + , (Comma)' to open the Options menu)

2. Select **Encryption** from the Options menu on the left side of the screen.

3. If you haven't already set your **Master Password**, do it now by clicking **Manage Master Password**.

If you have already set your Master password you can move on to the next step.

4. Click **Enable Encryption**. You will need to enter your Master password to enable encryption.

Joplin will generate an encryption key to protect your files.

Well done! You have successfully enabled encryption on Joplin. It will now synchronise across all the devices you have the app installed.

Important notes

- Encryption is enabled per account, not per device. Once encryption is turned on, it will automatically sync to all devices linked to your account.
- If you can't enable encryption, you probably have not set your Master password yet. Follow step 3 in the tutorial to do this.

Troubleshooting encryption issues

Problem: My notes aren't syncing after enabling encryption.
Solution: Ensure that 1) all devices are running the latest version of Joplin, 2) all devices are using the same login, and then 3) manually trigger a sync under **Tools > Synchronisation**.

Problem: I forgot my Master password.
Solution: Unfortunately, encrypted notes cannot be recovered without the master password. Consider backing up your key securely.