

# Encryption

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**Encryption** is the process of using an algorithm to transform information to make it unreadable for unauthorized users. This cryptographic method protects sensitive data such as credit card numbers by encoding and transforming information into unreadable **cipher** text. This encoded data may only be decrypted or made readable with a **key**. Symmetric-key and asymmetric-key are the two primary types of encryption.

Encryption is essential for ensured and trusted delivery of sensitive information.

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