

Full-Disk Encryption (FDE)

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Full-Disk Encryption (FDE) is [encryption](#) at the hardware level. FDE works by automatically converting data on a hard drive into a form that cannot be understood by anyone who doesn't have the [key](#) to "undo" the conversion. Without the proper [authentication](#) key, even if the hard drive is removed and placed in another machine, the data remains inaccessible. FDE can be installed on a computing device at the time of manufacturing or it can be added later on by installing a special software driver.

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