

Encrypt-TAO 1.0

Manual

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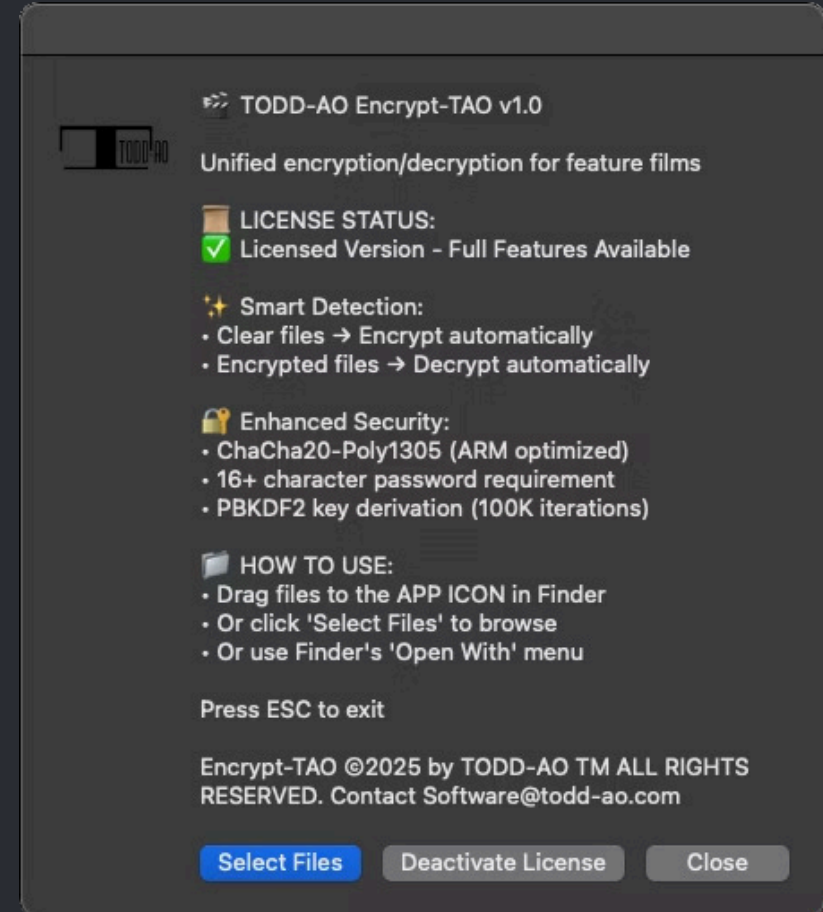


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Introduction

Encrypt-TAO is a professional encryption tool for macOS that makes file protection **simple, fast, and secure**. Designed for film post-production, it combines **military-grade security** with **drag & drop simplicity**.

Whether you're securing scripts, picture cuts, or production assets, Encrypt-TAO ensures your data stays private.

Highlights

- ⚡ **Automatic encryption & decryption** — just drag and drop
- 🧠 **Smart format detection** — decrypts ChaCha20, AES-GCM, and AES-CBC automatically
- 🗝️ **ChaCha20-Poly1305 encryption** — fast, modern, and trusted by Google & Signal
- 💻 **Optimized for Apple Silicon (M1–M5)**
- 🌐 **Completely offline** — no servers, no tracking, no password storage
- 💰 **Perpetual license** — includes **three seats**

System Requirements

To ensure optimal performance, **Encrypt-TAO** requires the following:

- **Operating System:** macOS 12.0 (Monterey) or later
- **Processor:** Apple Silicon (M1, M2, M3, M4, M5) — *required*
- **RAM:** Minimum 8 GB
- **Disk Space:** At least 500 MB of free space
- **Supported Files:** Any file type (video, audio, documents, images, etc.)

Activation & Deactivation

☐ Activation

Encrypt-TAO requires activation before any core functionality can be used.

The **LICENSE STATUS** is shown in the main window.

Click the "**Activate License**" button to activate the app.

Once activated, full access to all features will be enabled.

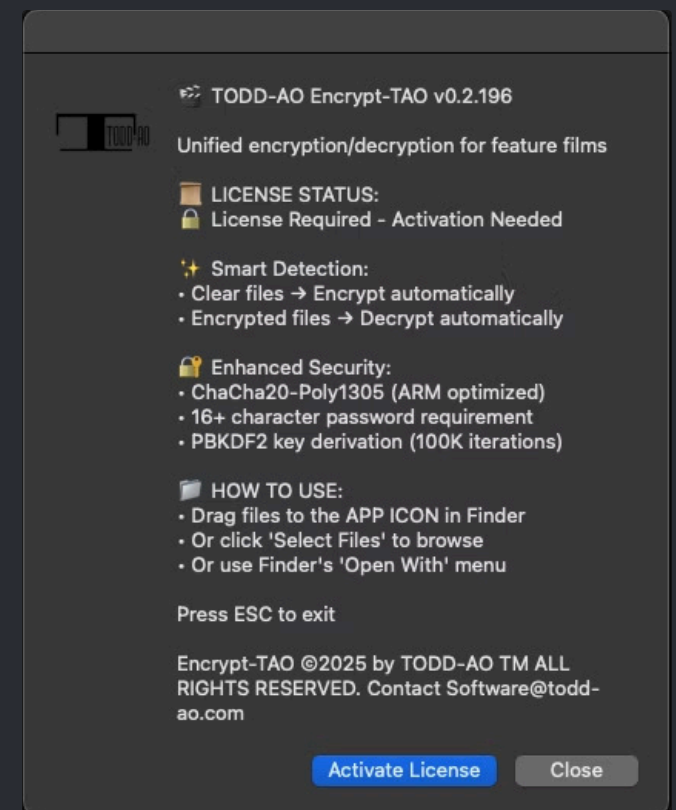
Each perpetual license can activate up to three seats at the same time.

☐ Deactivation

To release the license for use on another system:

- Click the "**Deactivate License**" button from the main window.
- Confirm when prompted.

After deactivation, the application will be disabled. The license key becomes available for use on a different machine.



Encrypting Files

Encrypt-TAO makes file encryption simple and automatic.

No complex setup — just drag, drop, and protect.



Locate your file: video, document, image, or any other type.



Drag the file onto the **Encrypt-TAO** app icon in Finder.



Enter a password (16 characters minimum) when prompted.

✓ Each encrypted file is saved **in the same folder** as the original.

When encrypting multiple files, Encrypt-TAO creates each encrypted copy **next to its source file**, preserving your folder structure.

File Extension:

MyProject.mov (*original file – optional to delete*)

MyProject.mov.chacha.enc (*encrypted – keep safe!*)

- ⚠ **Lost password = lost file.** Encryption is irreversible without the correct password.
- 💡 Use long, memorable passwords with letters, numbers, and symbols.
- 📁 Each encrypted file uses **ChaCha20-Poly1305**, optimized for Apple Silicon.

Decrypting Files

Decrypting is just as simple as encrypting — **no menus or settings needed**.

- Double-click** any encrypted file (.chacha.enc, .gcm.enc, or .enc) → **Encrypt-TAO** will open automatically.
- Enter your password** when prompted.
- ✓ The original file will be restored **in the same folder** as the encrypted one.

💡 **Tip:** You can keep the encrypted file for backup — it stays secure even after decryption.

⚠ **Wrong password = decryption fails.** Passwords are case-sensitive.

Best Practices

☐ Encrypting Multiple Files

- You can drag several files or folders at once — each encrypted copy is saved next to its source.
- All use the same password for that session.



Tip

- Use long passwords (16+ characters).
- Test decryption before deleting originals.
- Keep encrypted backups in safe locations.

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