

age-plugin-se:

Building a lean cross-platform cryptography tool

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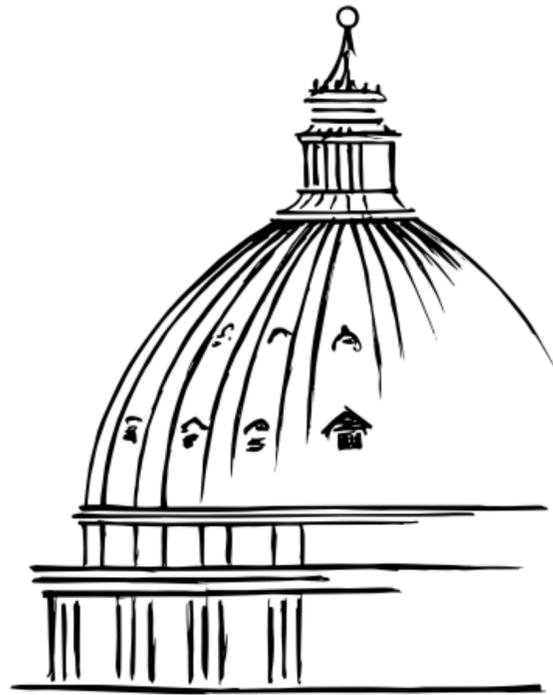
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Age

Simple, modern and secure file encryption tool

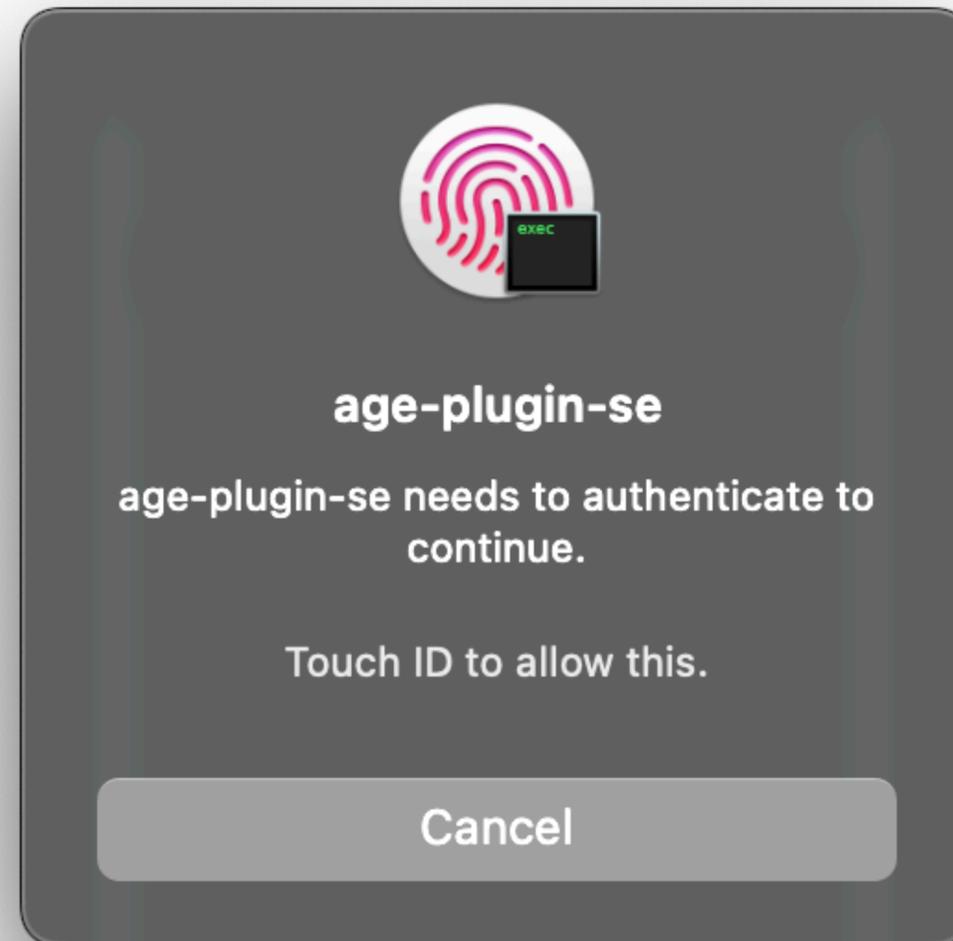


age
FILE ENCRYPTION

- Small explicit keys
- No config options
- UNIX-style composability

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Use Secure Enclave to protect Age decryption keys



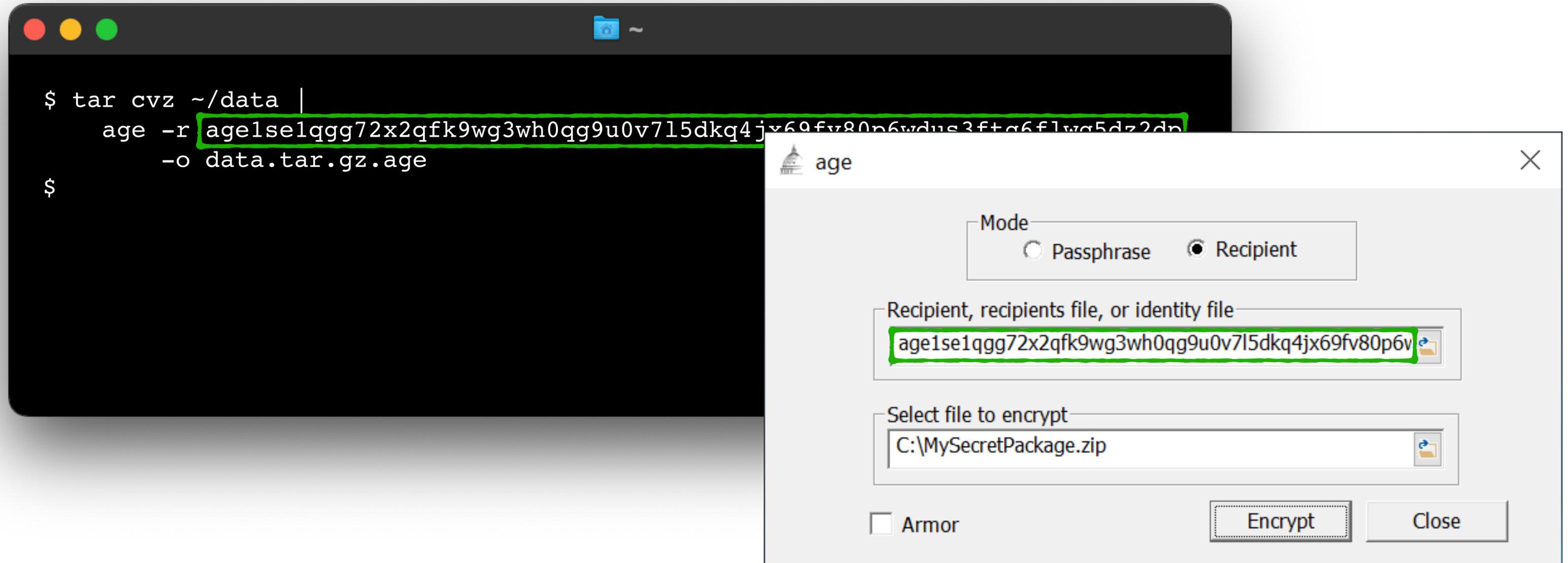
Usage

Step 1 · Create public & private key

```
$ age-plugin-se keygen --access-control=any-biometry -o private_key.txt
Public key: age1se1qgg72x2qfk9wg3wh0qg9u0v7l5dkq4jx69fv80p6wdus3ftg6flwg5dz2dp
$
```

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Step 2 · Encrypt files



The image shows a terminal window and a GUI dialog box for the 'age' encryption tool. The terminal window displays the following commands:

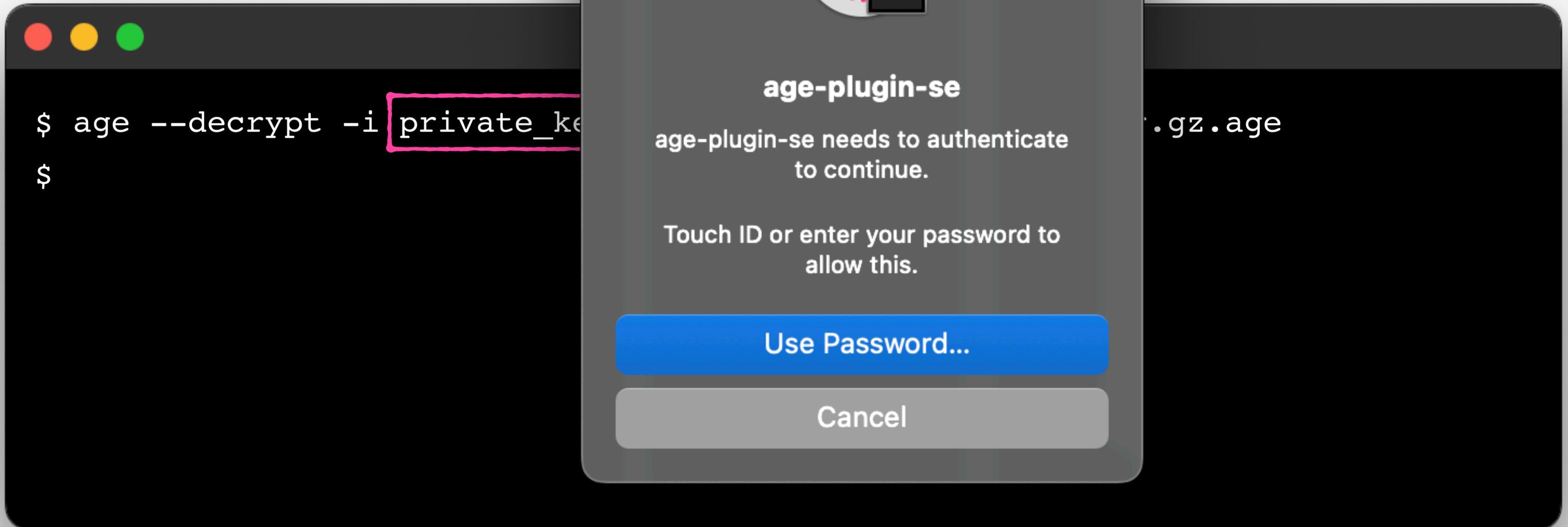
```
$ tar cvz ~/data |  
age -r age1se1qgg72x2qfk9wg3wh0qg9u0v715dkq4jx69fv80p6v  
-o data.tar.gz.age  
$
```

The GUI dialog box, titled 'age', has the following fields and options:

- Mode:** Radio buttons for 'Passphrase' (unselected) and 'Recipient' (selected).
- Recipient, recipients file, or identity file:** A text field containing the recipient ID `age1se1qgg72x2qfk9wg3wh0qg9u0v715dkq4jx69fv80p6v`.
- Select file to encrypt:** A text field containing the file path `C:\MySecretPackage.zip`.
- Armor:** A checkbox that is currently unchecked.
- Buttons:** 'Encrypt' and 'Close' buttons.

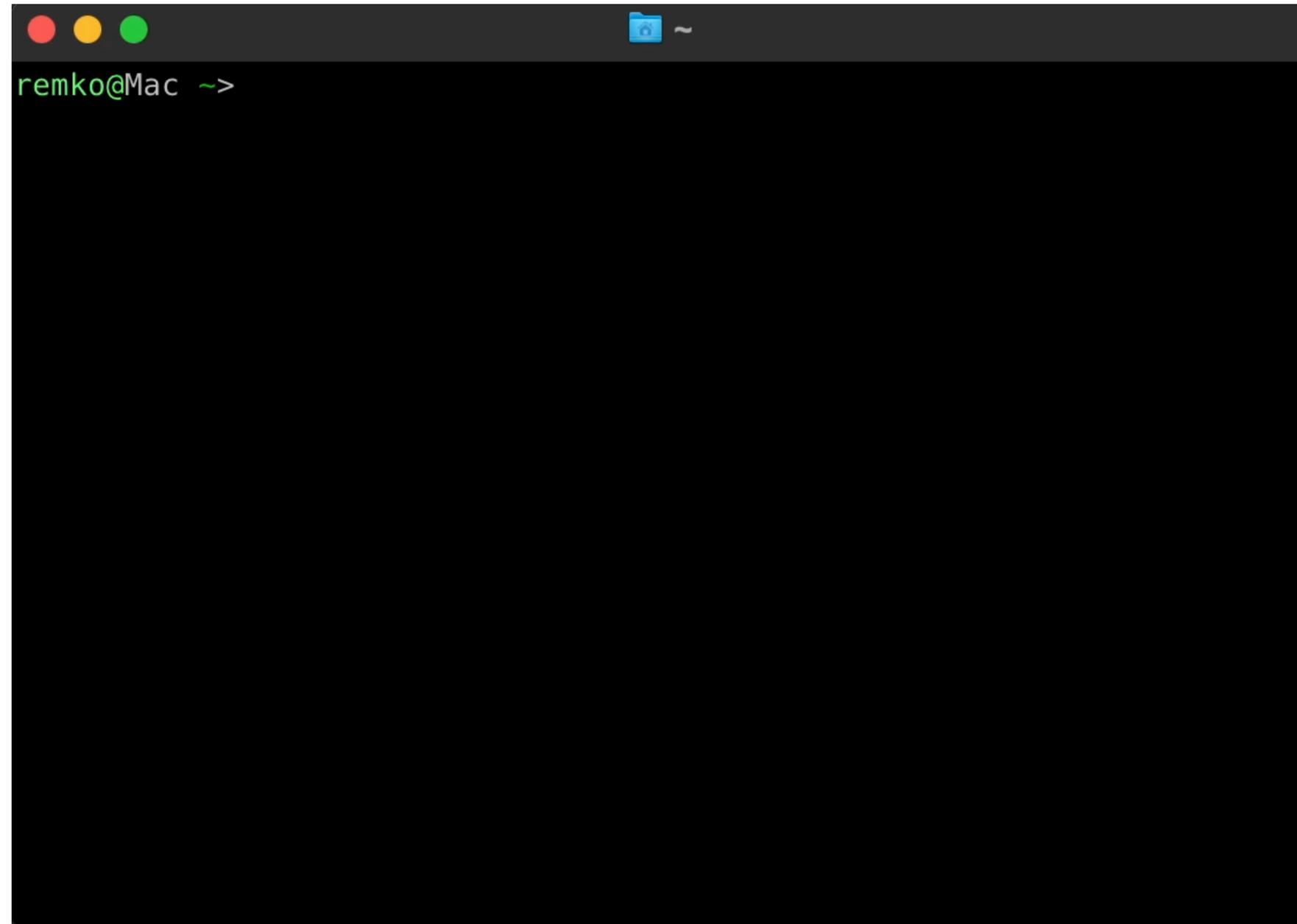
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Step 3 · Decrypt files



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Example: Password manager

A screenshot of a terminal window on a Mac. The window has a dark gray title bar with three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green) on the left and a blue folder icon with a tilde symbol on the right. The terminal content shows a green prompt 'remko@Mac ~>' on a black background.

```
remko@Mac ~>
```

Apple CryptoKit

SecureEnclave.P256.KeyAgreement.PrivateKey

P256.KeyAgreement.PublicKey

ChaChaPoly.SealedBox

HMAC<SHA256>.MAC

SharedSecret

Swift Crypto

Open-source replacement for CryptoKit on Linux/Windows

~~SecureEnclave.P256.KeyAgreement.PrivateKey~~

P256.KeyAgreement.PublicKey

ChaChaPoly.SealedBox

HMAC<SHA256>.MAC

SharedSecret

Build

```
remko@ubuntu: ~/age-pli
remko@ubuntu:~/age-plugin-se$ swift build
Building for debugging...
[1/6] Write swift-version-27E9AB724D15CA20.txt
```

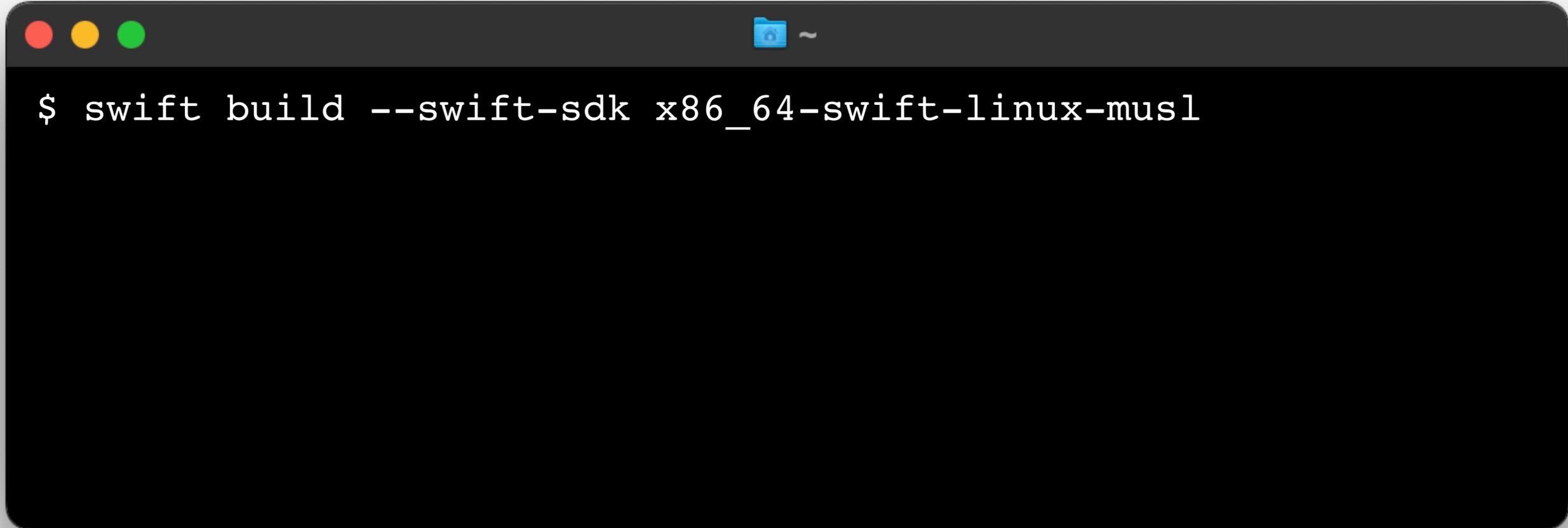
```
Command Prompt - swift build
C:\Users\Remko\age-plugin-se>swift build
Building for debugging...
[11/423] Compiling CCryptoBoringSSL crypto\x509v3\v3_prn.c_
```

Building for Alpine Linux

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<https://mko.re/blog/swift-alpine-packaging/>

Cross-compiling on macOS



```
$ swift build --swift-sdk x86_64-swift-linux-musl
```

Packaging for Alpine Linux

Cross-platform packaging script

```
$ apk add ./age-plugin-se-0.1.3-r0.aarch64.apk
(1/1) Installing age-plugin-se (0.1.3-r0)
OK: 237 MiB in 72 packages
$
```

Cross-compiled binary size

Dynamic		252 KiB
Dynamic		1.2 MiB
Dynamic + static Swift stdlib		43.4 MiB
Dynamic + static Swift stdlib + dylibs		48.1 MiB
Static		100.4 MiB

Testing

Unit tests

```
$ swift test
Building for debugging...
[1/1] Write swift-version--58304C5D6DBC2206.txt
Build complete! (0.13s)
[87/87] Testing Tests.StanzaTests/testWriteTo
◇ Test run started.
↳ Testing Library Version: 102 (arm64e-apple-macos13.0)
✓ Test run with 84 tests passed after 0.001 seconds.
$
```

Testing Coverage



```
$ swift test --enable-code-coverage
$ swift ./Scripts/ProcessCoverage

Code coverage (lines):
Sources/Base64.swift
Sources/Bech32.swift
Sources/CLI.swift
Sources/Crypto.swift
Sources/Plugin.swift
Sources/Stream.swift
---
TOTAL
```

Coverage

85%

```
Sources/Plugin.swift (99.3%) ! ChaChaPoly.Nonce(data: Data(count: 12)))
    stanzas.append(
        Stanza(
            type: "recipient-stanza",
            args: [
                String(index),
                recipientStanzaType.rawValue,
                recipientStanzaType == .p256tag
                    ? recipientKey.hmacTag(using: SymmetricKey(data: ephemeralPublicKeyBytes))
                      .base64RawEncodedString : recipientKey.sha256Tag.base64RawEncodedString,
                ephemeralPublicKeyBytes.base64RawEncodedString,
            ], body: sealedBox.ciphertext + sealedBox.tag
        )
    )
} catch {
    errors.append(
        Stanza(error: "internal", args: [], message: error.localizedDescription))
}
}
}
for stanza in (errors.isEmpty ? stanzas : errors) {
    stanza.writeTo(stream: stream)
    let resp = try! Stanza.readFrom(stream: stream)
    assert(resp.type == "ok")
}
Stanza(type: "done").writeTo(stream: stream)
}

func runIdentityV1() {
    // Phase 1
    var identities: [String] = []
    var recipientStanzas: [Stanza] = []
```

Testing

swift test + nvim-coverage + vim-test

```
3 S/Plugin.swift T/PluginTests.swift
21 class Plugin {
17   init(crypto: Crypto, stream: Stream) {
16     self.crypto = crypto
15     self.stream = stream
14   }
13
12   func generateKey(accessControl: KeyAccessControl, recipientType: RecipientType, now: Date) throws
11     -> (String, String)
10   {
9     if !crypto.isSecureEnclaveAvailable {
8       throw Error.seUnsupported
7     }
6     #if !os(Linux) && !os(Windows)
5       let createdAt = now.ISO8601Format()
4       var accessControlFlags: SecAccessControlCreateFlags = [.privateKeyUsage]
3       if accessControl == .anyBiometry || accessControl == .anyBiometryAndPasscode {
2         accessControlFlags.insert(.biometryAny)
1       }
30      if accessControl == .currentBiometry || accessControl == .currentBiometryAndPasscode {
1         accessControlFlags.insert(.biometryCurrentSet)
2       }
3       if accessControl == .passcode || accessControl == .anyBiometryAndPasscode
4         || accessControl == .currentBiometryAndPasscode
5       {
6         accessControlFlags.insert(.devicePasscode)
7       }
8       if accessControl == .anyBiometryOrPasscode {
9         accessControlFlags.insert(.userPresence)
10      }
11      var error: Unmanaged<CFError>?
12      guard
13        let secAccessControl = SecAccessControlCreateWithFlags(
14          kCFAllocatorDefault, kSecAttrAccessibleWhenUnlockedThisDeviceOnly,
15          accessControlFlags,
16          &error)
17      else {
18        throw error!.takeRetainedValue() as Swift.Error
19      }
20      #else
21        // FIXME: ISO8601Format currently not supported on Linux:
22        // https://github.com/apple/swift-corelibs-foundation/issues/4618
23        // This code is only reached in unit tests on Linux anyway
24        let createdAt = "1997-02-02T02:26:51Z"
25        let secAccessControl = SecAccessControl()
```

Links

- **age-plugin-se:** <https://github.com/remko/age-plugin-se>
- **age:** <http://age-encryption.org>
- **Swift Crypto:** <https://github.com/apple/swift-crypto>
- **nvim-coverage:** <https://github.com/andythigpen/nvim-coverage>
- **vim-test:** <https://github.com/vim-test/vim-test>

Blog posts

- <https://mko.re/blog/age-plugin-se/>
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