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INTRODUCTION

Firstly, we would like to welcome you and thank you for acquiring the SuperStorm software package and for reading this document. We took great care while writing this help document and we hope that you will find it easy and useful to read. Let us go straight now and introduce the concept behind SuperStorm.

It's all about protecting the privacy of your information in a new, easy, and yet highly secured way. Why is privacy so important? Simply because it is the oxygen of Freedom and Security. In fact, let us consider the following situation:

You have important files (personal, financial, political, scientific, etc.) that you wish to archive on CD, send to someone by email, or upload to a web page, AND you don't want anyone to have access to that information, OR you wish to grant access to it only to a few people because you consider it to be too personal, inappropriate, dangerous, or simply embarrassing. It might be a confidential video file, a voice recording, a chat text log, a piece of software, a bunch of pictures, or anything. Most people would pick up the first encryption program around and spend some time learning about public and private keys and other tech concepts... To tell you the truth, we realized that most people feel uncomfortable with encryption programs, we mean people who are not familiar enough with computers or who simply don't have the time or passion for learning sophisticated things, and they end up choosing insecure ways to protect their information, or they simply decide to erase that information! Why? Because, this is not how people naturally behave when they want to HIDE something in real life!

If you wanted to hide an object for example, you wouldn't need to learn anything new; you would simply go and hide it inside an old box, behind a wall picture, inside a closet, or somewhere around the house. More importantly, you wouldn't go and tell everybody "Hey! I hid a secret thing this morning and I dare anyone to tell what it is!" You see, this is the big problem with the usual approach in encryption. Your files may be well encrypted but they are still showing there on your hard disk or CD like a valuable safe waiting to be hacked, stolen, or destroyed! What ordinary encryption software fails to hide is the fact that you are actually hiding something, which usually leads to exclamations like "Hum... why is s/he hiding this? Is it something wrong, embarrassing, or illegal so s/he had to hide it?", and then they go like "Ah! I might be able to break that code", or "I know someone who can break it".

To hide is to conceal from sight and other senses. That's 99% of the hiding and that's where SuperStorm makes a big difference. Not only it hides the fact that you are hiding anything but it can also make it practically impossible for anyone to reveal your secret in case they happen to know that you are hiding something. The good news is that SuperStorm is very easy to use simply because it is based on the natural idea of hiding something inside something else. Let's see technically how it works.

SuperStorm represents your secret file as a green little bird. This is called your data file. It could be any file, even a compressed file containing thousands of files and folders. To hide, the green little bird enters its birdhouse and disappears. No trace, only a birdhouse, who cares? In the SuperStorm world, the birdhouse is another file which may be a picture, a video, a song, a program... the list is long. We call it the media file: that's the file in which you hide your data (or secret) file. All you have to do is drag your data file (secret file) and drop it over the bird picture; drag your media file (picture, song...) and drop it over the birdhouse picture. Click a button and SuperStorm will produce a file that has the same name and date as your media file (picture, song...) and which will function exactly like before. In other words, if your media file is a picture, it will still open and look exactly the same. If it's a song or a video, it will play exactly like always. If it's a program, it will still function as usual. The only difference is that your picture, song, video, (or whatever you choose to hide your secret in) is now holding your secret file inside it, highly

encrypted! The file produced by SuperStorm after merging your data file and your media file is called an output file. As you can see, we mentioned no passwords yet. Now, when you wish to get back your secret file again out of your output file (your output file being your media file with the secret data file inside it), all you have to do is drag the output file over the bird-inside-the-house picture and click a button. Meanwhile, you can store, share, upload, and use your output file normally. Who would suspect that a picture displayed on a web page for example is actually hiding an encrypted file inside it, except those you may decide to tell?

Nice, isn't it? By the way, whenever you use an output file to extract your secret file later, SuperStorm regenerates your primary data and media files (this is called "splitting the output file") with the exact file names and file dates. Your output file is not erased automatically so you don't have to merge your data and media files again each time. More interesting, once you have extracted your secret file from your output file, you can use SuperStorm's "File Muncher" feature to destroy your data file after use. File Muncher can "eat" any file without leaving any trace. In fact, when you think you have deleted a file in Windows or emptied your Recycle Bin, the file's contents you think you have erased will remain on your hard disk for a variable period and can easily be recovered using a special kind of software known as an "unerase" or an "undelete" program (data recovery software or DRS). More seriously, special hardware-based techniques can be used in extreme situations to recover information that was deleted from a hard disk after a relatively long period! With such challenges in mind, SuperStorm hides AND leaves no trace at all. Knowing that no software or hardware can recover your erased information is key security insurance and an additional power point granted to you by SuperStorm.

As we saw earlier, you can simply hide your secret data file in any media file and feel safe relying on the fact that the secret data file is automatically encrypted and hidden inside the "innocent" media file (that became the output file). However, if, for any reason, someone decided to give your output file to SuperStorm and clicked a button, the program would not hesitate to split your output file and your secrets would be revealed! To handle this serious risk, SuperStorm introduces two sorts of passwords: text passwords and file passwords.

On one hand, a text password can be defined or selected by you; 8 characters minimum and 10,000 characters maximum. Long text passwords can be copied and pasted from any document (online or offline). On the other hand, file passwords can be used by selecting any file you want. SuperStorm can use any file you specify as the password during a hide/extract operation. This feature allows you to use VERY strong encryption protection (not a 128-bit, 4096-bit, or 10240-bit encryption, but rather a zillion-bit encryption!) without taking the risk of forgetting or losing a complex password. You just have to remember and supply the file you used as your password for hiding your secret file. Since you happen to have thousands of files on your computer and CD's, you can pick up any file you want and use it as your password file! A password file size is unlimited.

A few more things. SuperStorm can be used from a removable disk, a flash or USB memory for example, so you can use it anywhere. It has a small size and it offers a lot of cool and powerful features: it is a multi-threaded program so you can let it work while running other programs without affecting performance. It has a built-in defense system that detects any tampering or attack and it can restore its settings and access code automatically. It also cleans all RAM and disk caches automatically leaving no sensitive information behind. Furthermore, SuperStorm offers an optional compact interface and it can stay on top of other windows if you wish.

We hope this help document will walk you through all the program's features and details. Please read the [Q&A section](#) for answers and feel free to [contact us](#) if you have any comment or question. We would love it!

Thank you for reading this introduction ☺



SUPERSTORM DESCRIPTION

SuperStorm allows you to hide your confidential files and folders in a wide variety of media files such as pictures, audio, video, executable programs among many other file types. Your secret file will be physically wiped out and merged inside the media file. After the operation, your final picture, audio, video, or executable program will continue to display, sound, play, and function exactly like before.

SuperStorm preserves and restores all original file names and file dates. The program offers an intuitive user interface supporting drag and drop and an optional compact display mode. Moreover, you can run SuperStorm from a removable disk (e.g. USB, floppy) or a CD without any setup. In fact, SuperStorm doesn't require any installation. It can be used and removed instantly.

To enforce security, you can define a password between 8 and 10000 characters before hiding your secret files or you can use any file as your encryption key. Even without a password, SuperStorm will still encrypt and decrypt your secret files. In addition, you can set a password to restrict access to SuperStorm and if any security settings are tampered or damaged, the program will repair them automatically.

Furthermore, SuperStorm can be used to destroy any sensitive file on your computer. Files are physically overwritten so they cannot be recovered by any software or hardware. Version 1.52 introduces advanced multi-threading capabilities, dynamic cleaning of sensitive information in RAM and in disk caches, higher levels of reliability and security, and more.

The freeware edition of SuperStorm can hide any file up to 1 MB large in any media file without a password. However, the freeware edition can also be used to extract any file hidden using the professional edition (with or without a password). The professional edition has no limitation and it offers more features.

We offer you secure online options to [order SuperStorm Pro](#) on CD and/or download it immediately.

NOTES ABOUT VERSION 1.52

Users of SuperStorm 1.0 and higher (Freeware & Pro editions): SuperStorm 1.52 will automatically detect and import your settings when you launch it for the first time. If you have already set an access code for version 1.0 (or higher), SuperStorm 1.52 will require the same access code.

Caution! If you set a different access code for each version and any version's configuration file is damaged, tampered, or erased, the version missing the correct configuration file will automatically import and apply the configuration of the other version on the same system. Therefore, **we strongly recommend that you remove version 1.0 from the Settings window before or immediately after installing version 1.52.**

Users of SuperStorm 1.5 and 1.51 (Freeware & Pro editions): Delete SuperStorm 1.5x folder and copy SuperStorm 1.52 folder to your hard disk or USB. SuperStorm 1.52 will import your settings automatically.

What's new in version 1.52?

Version 1.52 fixes minor interface problems, specifically the empty file list issue in file selection dialogs (users had to enter *.* manually to list files).

What's new in version 1.51?

Under certain configurations (XP/NTFS), false error messages were generated when the program tried to remove empty folders while exiting. This problem has been fixed. Version 1.51 can remove subfolders as well (in working directory). Other minor interface problems have been corrected.

What's new in version 1.5?

Multi-threading and CPU usage setting

SuperStorm 1.5 uses multi-threading while hiding, extracting, and destroying files. This feature allows you to pause and resume some operations and to work with other programs more easily. You can also set SuperStorm to use low processor power, minimize it, and let it run in the background while you work in other programs.

Operation progress window

SuperStorm 1.5 displays a monitoring window that shows the progress, the status, and a detailed log of the current operation. The user can suspend and resume the operation, tune the allocated CPU power, and lock the progress window with a password to prevent unauthorized access during lengthy operations. The progress window can be minimized to work in the background.

More features in the freeware edition

The freeware edition now offers more features. The data file can be 1 MB large instead of 200 KB and no restrictions on the media file type. Version 1.0 supported JPEG media files only.

RAM and disk cache cleaning

Version 1.5 automatically wipes all sensitive information from dynamic memory and disk buffers.

Enhanced documentation

Help was revised and corrected. You will find more answers and accurate information in this version.

Bug fixes

Version 1.5 corrects a few minor bugs found in version 1.0

STORM & SUPERSTORM FEATURE LIST

FEATURES	STORM FREE	STORM PRO	SUPERSTORM FREE	SUPERSTORM PRO
User interface	Minimal. Keyboard shortcuts driven interface.	Minimal. Keyboard shortcuts driven interface.	Intuitive user interface with pictures. Standard and compact mode. Full drag and drop support.	Intuitive user interface with pictures. Standard and compact mode. Full drag and drop support.
Multi-threading	No	No	Yes	Yes
Program file size	1700KB	48KB	612KB	280KB
Built-in Quick Help	No	No	Yes	Yes
Type of file that can be hidden (data file)	Any file	Any file	Any file	Any file
Size of file that can be hidden (data file)	100KB maximum	Any size*	1 MB maximum	Any size*
Type of file in which another file can be hidden (media file)	JPEG	Any picture, audio, video, or executable file, among many other file types**	Any picture, audio, video, or executable file, among many other file types**	Any picture, audio, video, or executable file, among many other file types**
Size of file in which another file can be hidden (media file)	Any size*	Any size*	Any size*	Any size*
Files should be renamed manually	Yes	Yes	No	No
Files should be in the same folder as the program	Yes	Yes	Not necessarily	Not necessarily
Preserves all file names and extensions	No	No	Yes	Yes
Preserves all files creation dates	No	No	Yes	Yes
Preserves all files last modification dates	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Preserves all file last access dates	No	No	Yes	Yes
Can encrypt/decrypt without a password	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can seal encryption with text password	No	Yes	No	Yes
Text Password strength	-	80,000 bits maximum (10,000 characters)	-	80,000 bits maximum (10,000 characters)
Encryption password is stored in output file	No	No	No	No
Capable of recovering lost passwords	No	No	No	No
Can seal encryption with password file	No	Yes	No	Yes
Type of password file	-	Any file	-	Any file
Size of password file	-	2 GB max. (1.7E10 bits)	-	2 GB max. (1.7E10 bits)
Can decrypt with text password (10,000 characters max.)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can decrypt with password file (any size)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Destroys secret file physically after hiding	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can destroy any file physically on demand	No	No	No	Yes
Can work in the background	No	No	Yes	Yes

FEATURES (continued)	STORM FREE	STORM PRO	SUPERSTORM FREE	SUPERSTORM PRO
Requires installation	No	No	No	No
Modifies Registry or system settings	No	No	No	No
Uses any network functions or communicates with the Internet	No	No	No	No
Can be removed instantly from computer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shows in Control Panel Add/Remove	No	No	No	No
Option to restrict program access with a password	No	No	Yes	Yes
Can lock operation monitor window	-	-	Yes	Yes
Program can stay on top of other windows	No	No	Yes	Yes
Can destroy sensitive files automatically before exiting	No	No	Yes	Yes
Cleans RAM and disk buffers from sensitive data.	No	No	Yes	Yes
Can be run from a removable disk or USB	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can use hard disk space if run from removable disk or USB	No	No	Yes	Yes
Can be run from a write-protected disk or read-only CD/DVD	No	No	Yes	Yes
Can restore its access password and settings automatically if damaged or tampered	No	No	Yes	Yes
Becomes inactive if cracked or tampered	No	No	Yes	Yes
Backward compatible	-	-	Yes	Yes
User Manual provided	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Technical Support	Basic	Advanced	Basic	Advanced
Current Price	Free	US \$12***	Free	US \$25***
Download available	Download now!	Order and download immediately!	Download now!	Order and download immediately!

* Size of output file (data+media) is 2 GB maximum.
 ** For more info about supported media file types, click [here](#).
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Steve May, CEO of Mindhills International.

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SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

SuperStorm (Freeware/Professional Edition) requires the following software/hardware minimal configuration:

- . **A 100% Windows 98/ME/NT/2Kx/XP (32-bit) compatible computer system**
- . **Pentium 166MHZ or better**
- . **64 MB RAM or better**
- . **3 MB free hard disk space minimum**
- . **Microsoft Windows 98/ME/NT/2Kx/XP English or Western language operating system**

QUICK START



WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ THE INTRODUCTION FIRST? [CLICK HERE!](#)

So you've got your SuperStorm ZIP package and you're eager to try it. Quite easy!

1. Your SuperStorm ZIP file contains a compressed folder named **superstorm** (free edition) or **superstormpro** (pro edition). Use any decompression utility (or Windows XP's built-in feature if applicable) to extract or drag and drop the compressed folder and its contents anywhere on your hard disk (your desktop for example) or on your removable disk (e.g. USB flash disk).
2. Open the folder you have just extracted and double click on the program executable (superstorm.exe or superstormpro.exe).
3. In the main program window, click the Explorer button on the right and resize Explorer window so that the bird and birdhouse pictures remain visible on the screen (we recommend that you get familiar with the program using the standard interface before using the compact interface which can be activated from the Settings window).
4. From Explorer, browse and select any confidential file (1 MB maximum if you're using the free edition), then drag the file from Explorer and drop it over the bird picture.
5. Browse and select any media file (any picture, audio, video, or executable file. Click [here](#) for more information). Drag your media file and drop it over the birdhouse picture.
6. If you're using SuperStorm Pro, you can click on "Use Password" to enter a text password between 8 and 10000 characters (copied/pasted from any online or offline document), or you can select any file and use it as your encryption password by clicking on the Browse button or using drag and drop.
7. Click the Execute button.
8. SuperStorm will inform you that your output file was generated successfully. Click Yes to see the result. You will find a file that has the same name and date as your media file. The only difference is that it now contains your secret file safely encrypted. For this reason, we call it the output file. You can move the final output file to any folder and use it as usual.

Notice that your secret file (also called the data file) and your media file (the picture, video clip, etc. in which you hid your data file) have both vanished. In fact, SuperStorm has wiped them out physically, which means that they were overwritten several times before being deleted. Hence, no software or hardware can recover them or "unerase" them 😊

Note: When you exit SuperStorm, it will ask you if you wish to destroy its work folders and files. Thus, we recommend that you move your output file (the final media file holding the secret data) into another folder. You can configure the exit notification question message from Settings (click the Settings button in the main window).

Let's follow the rabbit...

Now we'll try to get back our secret data file again using SuperStorm and our output file (the final picture or video clip etc. holding the secret file):

1. Open SuperStorm and select the "Extract data file from output file" radio button.
2. Click the Explorer button.
3. Drag your output file and drop it over the bird-inside-the-house picture.
4. If you're using SuperStorm Pro and you previously used a password to generate your output file, you should enter the same password (text or file). Note that passwords are case sensitive which means that "Hello123" is not the same as "HELLO123".
5. Click on Execute.
6. Answer Yes to open the data folder. Your data file should reappear —same name, contents, creation and modification dates! Your original media file can also be found in your media folder.
7. Move your data file into another folder.

SuperStorm has many cool features. Please read the following "Questions and Answers" section to learn all features and technical details.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions and answers should cover every aspect and detail about SuperStorm. If you can't find an answer to your question in the list below, feel free to [contact us](#).

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[I have an ordering question.](#)
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[I have a question which is not covered in this Q&A. Can you help?](#)



Q. How do I install SuperStorm?

A. Read [QUICK START](#).

Q. How do I remove SuperStorm from my computer?

A. Run SuperStorm. Click Settings. Click Remove. Click OK. Delete installation folder. Note that SuperStorm doesn't show in Add/Remove and it doesn't alter your registry settings ☺

Q. What is the difference between the freeware and the professional edition?

A. See [STORM & SUPERSTORM FEATURE LIST](#) for all details. Basically, there are three important differences between the free and the pro edition.

- The free edition cannot hide files larger than 1 MB.
- The free edition cannot seal data files with a password.
- The free edition cannot physically destroy a file on demand.

The Pro edition has no limitation and offers more features. To purchase and download the professional edition immediately, please click [here](#).

Q. Can I use SuperStorm Freeware and SuperStorm Pro at the same time?

A. Yes you can. SuperStorm Freeware and SuperStorm Pro manage separate configuration files. However, we do not recommend using both versions on the same system. Moreover, we do not recommend using SuperStorm Freeware version 1.0 and SuperStorm Freeware version 1.5 or higher on the same system. Also, do not use SuperStorm Pro version 1.0 and SuperStorm Pro version 1.5 or higher on the same system. Read [NOTES ABOUT VERSION 1.52](#) for more details.

Q. What are data files, media files, output files, and work folders?

A. A SuperStorm data file is any confidential file that you wish to hide inside another file called the media file. In the freeware edition, data files cannot exceed 1 MB. With SuperStorm you can hide word processor documents, PDF files, pictures, spreadsheets, or any other file. The easiest way to hide more than one file in one shot is to compress a secret folder for example and use the archive as a data file.

A media file is usually any picture, audio, video, or executable file in which you choose to hide your data file. Both the freeware edition and the professional edition support the following media file types: JPEG, GIF, TIFF, BMP, AVI, MOV, DAT, MPEG, WMV, WMA, MP3, WAV, RA, EXE, DLL, as well as many other types (see next Q&A for explanation).

When SuperStorm merges data and media files together, it generates what we call an output file. An output file has the same name, date, and property as the media file used in the merge operation. The only difference between the media and the output file is the size. Output files are larger than media files simply because they hold hidden data. Nevertheless, an output file will still function normally like the media file, so there will be no difference in picture quality or dimensions, video duration, sound quality, and your programs will continue to function normally. However, exceptions may include some programs that auto-check their own files and documents. Such programs or documents may fail to function or open properly after injecting a data file. If an output file fails to function correctly, you should split it again to extract your data file then choose another media file to hide your data.

SuperStorm creates and manages a work folder named “_superstorm_temp_” (free edition) or “_superstormpro_temp_” (pro edition). By default, the work folder is created in the same folder as SuperStorm executable file. When SuperStorm is run from a removable disk, you can configure it to create its work folder on the same drive as Windows (on the host computer). This setting can be selected from the Settings window. You will find it useful in case you don't have enough free space left on your removable disk. The work folder contains three subfolders for the data, media, and output files generated by SuperStorm. We recommend that you move your data and output files into another folder as soon as they are generated to avoid destroying them by mistake when SuperStorm exits (this behavior can be defined in Settings)

Q. Can I use any file as my media file?

A. No. Although you have hundreds of file types that can be used as media files, some applications do not tolerate any change in their document files. For example, you cannot use a PDF document as your media file because Adobe Acrobat Reader will fail to read the modified PDF. So how can you tell if a file type can be used as a media file? By doing a simple test. Suppose you want to find out if you can hide a secret file in a specific X document type. Create a test folder and copy a picture and a sample X document to it. Use SuperStorm to hide the picture inside the X document (X stands for any file type that you wish to validate as a media file). When SuperStorm generates the output file, try to open the X document (your output file now). If it's OK, use SuperStorm again to extract your data file. If everything is fine, you can use X document types in the future as media files. Usually, all pictures, sound, video, and executable files (except programs that auto-check their size or content) can be used as media files but if you encounter a file type not clearly mentioned in this document, please do a test before using it as a media file.

Note: If you use an MP3 file as your media file, you will notice that a certain period of silence is added at the end of the file when you play it. The duration of the silent segment will depend on the size of the hidden data. This issue is specific to some audio file formats but you won't encounter it with video clips for example.

Q. What happens if I edit or modify a media file in which I previously injected a confidential file?

A. You won't be able to extract your hidden data! The final output file should not be altered in any way. You may display it, play it, or open it normally but you may not edit it or change it. Moreover, if you run SuperStorm to extract the data and media files using an altered or damaged output file, you will get an error or an unexpected result.

Q. Can I hide more than one file in the same media file?

A. There are many ways to do this. The easiest way is to zip all your files (and folders if you wish) and use the compressed archive as your data file. Alternatively, you can hide your first file, move the output file into a different folder, and then use your output file as a media file to inject another data file in it. Repeat the process to hide as many data files as you want in the same media file. Pay attention not to exceed the 2 GB size limit for your output file. You can use different passwords in the process if you wish (Pro edition only). However, you will need to reverse the operation later on to extract all your intermediate data files by supplying passwords in the last-in-first-out order. Every time you split an output file, use the generated media file as an output file until you extract all your data files. We recommend that you do some testing and get familiar with this technique before hiding important data.

Q. Can I hide one data file under many layers of media files?

A. Yes. This is what we call the multi-layer encryption technique. In fact, this technique allows you to hide a secret file “under” many layers of encrypted data, all in one single file! Start by hiding your first data file in a media file, move the output file into a different folder, and then use your output file again as a data file and merge it with another media file. Repeat the process using as many media files as you want. Pay attention not to exceed the 2 GB size limit for your output file. You can use different passwords in the process if you wish (Pro edition only). However, you will need to reverse the operation later on to extract all your intermediate media files by supplying passwords in the last-in-first-out order until you recover your original data file successfully. We recommend that you do some testing and get familiar with this technique before hiding important data.

Q. What happens if I use SuperStorm to split the wrong output file?

A. If SuperStorm encounters unexpected data it will generate unexpected results. Usually, it will inform you that your output file may be damaged, but in some cases, it may generate invalid files with invalid file names.

Q. Does SuperStorm store the encryption password in the output file?

A. No. The encryption password you enter before hiding a data file is used dynamically during the merge operation. The password isn't stored anywhere.

Q. What happens if I enter the wrong password to split an output file?

A. SuperStorm will generate your data file as usual but, because the password (or password file) is wrong, you will get an invalid data file with an unreadable file name and incorrect file dates. If this happens, you can try again using the same output file and the right password (or password file).

Q. What if I lose my encryption password?

A. Because SuperStorm uses the encryption password dynamically and doesn't store it anywhere, there will be no way to recover your data file if you lose your password!

Q. Are SuperStorm passwords case sensitive?

A. Yes. "Hello123" and "HELLO123" are two different passwords.

Q. Can I use a paragraph or a document as my encryption password?

A. Yes. You can select and copy/paste any paragraph from any document. However, you should avoid selecting (and pasting) the blank lines between two paragraphs! If you do, your password will be truncated at the blank line position.

Q. Can I use white space and other special characters in my encryption password?

A. Yes. You can use any character in your encryption password EXCEPT the CR/LF (ASCII 13 and 10) characters usually used to separate paragraphs. If your password contains CR/LF, it will be truncated at the CR position. CR stands for Carriage Return and LF for Line Feed. CR/LF are generated when you press Enter to create a new paragraph. CR/LF are invisible characters. Therefore, you should only select one single paragraph as your password, starting from the first character in the paragraph and ending at the last character (included) —avoiding the selection of any blank lines (CR/LF) before or after the selected paragraph.

Q. How long can an encryption password be?

A. A text password can be 8 characters (64-bit) minimum and 10000 characters (80000-bit) maximum. Use a password file for longer passwords. See next Q&A.

Q. Can I use a binary file as my encryption password?

A. Yes. You can use any file (2 GB max.) as your encryption password. We recommend using compressed files, such as MP3 files, compressed video files (e.g. MPEG, WMV, DAT, etc.), ZIP or RAR archives etc. Check the "Use Password" box then check the "Use Password File" box to activate this feature. You can select your password file using the Browse button or via drag and drop. If you use a password file to hide your data, you must use the same password file again in order to extract your data. You should not modify the password file in any way. Otherwise, you won't be able to extract your data file! Avoid using uncompressed files (such as text files, BMP, uncompressed AVI,

etc.) as your password files. Encryption is stronger when you use compressed password files such as JPEG, MP3, MPEG, ZIP, or RAR.

Q. Are there any size limitations for SuperStorm files?

A. The freeware edition allows you to hide data files that do not exceed 1 MB. The media file can have any size provided that the output file doesn't exceed 2 GB. SuperStorm Pro allows you to hide any data file (less than 2 GB) but the output file should not be larger than 2 GB.

Q. Can I use the freeware edition to split an output file generated using the pro edition?

A. Definitely. The freeware edition can be used to extract a hidden file from an output file generated using Storm, Storm Pro, SuperStorm Freeware, and SuperStorm Pro. If the file requires an encryption password, the freeware edition can be used to enter the password (text or password file) before extracting the secret data. To extract an output file generated using Storm or Storm Pro, you must check the BC (Backward Compatibility) box before clicking on Execute. Click [here](#) to download the freeware edition now.

Q. What is the BC check box for?

A. BC stands for Backward Compatibility. You must check the "BC" box in the main window before splitting an output file that was generated using Storm or Storm Pro. Because Storm and Storm Pro do not preserve file names, your data file will be named "data" with no file extension—you must rename your data file manually.

Do NOT check the BC box to split an output file from SuperStorm (Free/Pro) version 1.0

Q. Can I use SuperStorm to extract a file hidden using Storm or Storm Pro?

A. Yes. Read previous Q&A.

Q. Can I use SuperStorm 1.5x to extract a file hidden using SuperStorm 1.0?

A. Yes. However, do NOT check the BC (backward compatibility) box. The BC box must be checked to split and output file produced by Storm or Storm Pro (not SuperStorm).

Q. How can I show file extensions (file types) in Windows Explorer?

A. To show file extensions such as .TXT, .JPG, and so on, open any Explorer window, click Tools, click Folder Options, click View, check “Hide extensions for known file types”, and click OK.

Q. Can I use SuperStorm from a removable disk?

A. Sure. Just copy or move SuperStorm folder and files to your removable disk. We recommend you remove it from Settings (in the main window) before copying it. When SuperStorm is used from a removable disk (USB flash disk for example) you can let it create and manage its work folders and files on the host computer's hard disk (where Windows is installed). This is useful if you want to process large files but you don't have enough space left on your removable disk. This feature can be enabled or disabled from Settings. Pay attention not to leave any sensitive data on the host computer (configure SuperStorm to clean its work folders and files automatically from Settings).

Q. Can I use SuperStorm from a write-protected disk or a read-only CD/DVD?

A. Yes. We recommend that you configure SuperStorm settings while SuperStorm is still installed on the hard disk before copying SuperStorm folder and write-protecting the removable disk or CD. That's because, you won't be able to save your settings after you copy SuperStorm and write-protect the disk. Nevertheless, SuperStorm will automatically use the drive where Windows is installed in order to create and manage its work folders and files. Pay attention not to leave any sensitive data on the host computer (configure SuperStorm to clean its work folders and files automatically from Settings). Once you have configured and copied SuperStorm and write-protected the disk, we recommend that you remove SuperStorm from the hard disk (Settings/Remove).

Q. Can I set a password to restrict access to SuperStorm?

A. Yes. Click Settings in the main window. Enter a password (6 characters minimum), repeat it, and click Set. Close the Settings window. If you restart SuperStorm, it will ask you to enter the password. In addition, the access password is required to use the Lock function in the Operation Progress window.

Q. How do I change SuperStorm's access password?

A. Click Settings. Enter the current password. Click Reset. Enter the new password twice (6 characters minimum) then click Set.

Q. How do I remove or reset SuperStorm's access password?

A. Click Settings. Enter the current password. Click Reset.

Q. Can I access SuperStorm if I delete its configuration file?

A. No. If the configuration file is tampered or deleted, SuperStorm will restore it automatically ☺

Q. What if I lose my SuperStorm access password?

A. We provide a special tool to unlock SuperStorm. SuperStorm Pro users can download it for free. Please [contact us](#) with your order ID for more information.

Q. When I try to extract my data file, I get a weird file name. Why?

A. You must be using the wrong password or the output file is damaged or invalid. If your output file was generated using Storm or Storm Pro, you must check the BC box (Backward Compatibility) before clicking Execute to extract your data file. Note that passwords are case sensitive ("Hello123" is not the same as "HELLO123"). Don't lose your encryption passwords or password files! No one can help you recover your data if you lose your password. It is technically impossible.

Q. Can I send a song or a picture with a hidden file to someone who doesn't have SuperStorm?

A. Yes. The receiver can download the freeware edition to extract the hidden file(s). The freeware edition is available [here](#). The URL is <http://www.thegreatpuzzle.com/superstorm.zip>

You can prepare your output file and email the picture or song (or other supported file type) as an attachment. However, if you use a password to hide your data, the receiver must use the same password to extract the data correctly. One common way to share the same password easily is when both parties agree to use the same paragraph from the same online or offline page. If you copy your password from an online page, we strongly recommend that you save the page to disk in case it is changed in the future! Both parties may also use the same file as the password file. For example, they can download a zip file from the Internet and use it as a password file to hide and extract data files correctly or, if they use the same build of the operating system, they can use any program (such as calc.exe [Calculator]) as the password file. Last and not least, both parties should be able to afford safe communication channels (face-to-face if possible) to define or exchange password deployment strategies safely.

Q. How do I choose a “strong” password?

A. The longer the password, the stronger the encryption. However, other factors can determine the strength of your password. In general, you should avoid using passwords from the dictionary. Do NOT use your birthday date, your mother’s name, and so on. With some imagination, you can define passwords that are strong and easy to remember by combining different pieces of common information into one password. For example, if your wife’s name is Suzy, your phone number starts with 5263, and your favorite band is AC/DC, you can come up with a password like Suzy5263ACDC—which is a strong password and not so hard for you to remember.

Since SuperStorm allows you to use text passwords up to 10000 characters as well as password files, you can use very strong passwords without torturing your memory ☺ However, you still have to remember which document or file you used for your password AND make sure that the document or file will be available when needed (if it’s an online page, SAVE IT because it may change).

Q. Can I keep SuperStorm on top of other Windows?

A. Yes. You can do it from Settings. Here’s another tip to drag and drop easily. Maximize Explorer to cover SuperStorm. Drag your file to SuperStorm’s tab in the task bar without releasing the mouse button. When SuperStorm is displayed, drop your file where needed.

Q. My SuperStorm window is too big. Can I reduce its size?

A. Yes. Click Settings and select Compact. Restart SuperStorm. You can return to the standard window again from Settings/Standard.

Q. Can I use SuperStorm to destroy any sensitive file I want?

A. Yes. If you’re using the professional edition, the File Muncher tool allows you to wipe out any file physically and permanently. To destroy a file, drag and drop it over File Muncher.

Note: When you destroy a file with File Muncher, the data will be physically and permanently overwritten many times before the file is actually deleted. There is no software or hardware able to recover or “unerase” a file devoured by File Muncher ☺

Q. Can I lock SuperStorm's Operation Progress window during my absence?

A. SuperStorm may spend a relatively long time to finish an operation depending on the size of your files and your computer speed. Meanwhile, the progress window will display sensitive information like your data file name and your password file name (if any). If you wish to leave your computer during a SuperStorm operation, you can click on the Lock check box in order to clear the log from the status box and disable all buttons. This function can be used only if you have already defined an access

password in the Settings window (accessible from the main window). To unlock the progress window later, you should click on the Lock check box again and enter your password.

Q. Can I work with other programs during a long SuperStorm operation?

A. During a lengthy SuperStorm operation, you can set the Priority slider between Low and High positions to determine the maximal amount of CPU time that SuperStorm is allowed to use. If you wish to open other programs while SuperStorm is processing large files, you can set the priority slider to the Low position and minimize the progress window. The SuperStorm taskbar button will display the progress percentage in its title continuously. However, you can set the priority slider to High to allow SuperStorm to use a maximum amount of CPU time and finish its work as quickly as possible. Setting the priority slider to High will slow down other programs and almost freeze other windows in the system. This is quite normal.

Q. How can I use SuperStorm Pro on more than one computer simultaneously?

A. If you purchase a one-copy user license, you may use the program from any computer but it may not be used simultaneously on more than one computer. If you wish to use SuperStorm Pro on more than one computer simultaneously, you must purchase enough copies by entering the desired quantity while ordering online.

Q. What are the payment options to purchase SuperStorm Pro?

A. Please click here.

Q. If I purchase SuperStorm Pro online, can I download it immediately?

A. Yes. Once your payment is authorized (which should take a minute or two), our payment service will invite you to download the professional (from a web page and/or by email).

Q. I would like to have SuperStorm Pro delivered to me on CD. Is it possible?

A. Yes. Click here please.

Q. Is it legal to use SuperStorm?

A. If and only if you respect THE LAW, the answer is definitely yes! SuperStorm was created to allow you to keep your confidential information away from unauthorized access and to communicate it

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Q. Is SuperStorm a dangerous tool?

A. A knife can be used to peel an apple, but it can also be used to kill another person. The WAY you use anything makes it safe or dangerous, legal or illegal.

Q. Can SuperStorm affect my privacy in any way or does it contain any spyware routines?

A. Absolutely not. This is against the law and against our privacy policy. Please click [here](#) to read our privacy policy. If you have any questions, feel free to [contact us](#).

Q. How can I be sure that my SuperStorm package is original and/or virus free?

A. Download your SuperStorm package DIRECTLY from our server. Getting your package, from ANY other source may be risky. Scan the downloaded package with anti-virus and anti-spyware tools.

Q. Will you release any future patches, upgrades, etc.?

A. Please visit the following pages frequently for the latest patches and news:

<http://www.thegreatpuzzle.com/superstorm.php>
<http://www.thegreatpuzzle.com/superstormpro.php>

Q. I have questions about sharing, distributing, or reselling SuperStorm.

A. All questions related to SuperStorm Freeware Edition copyright and distribution rights are stated in the [SuperStorm End User License Agreement](#). If you wish to resell SuperStorm Pro, please [contact us](#).

Q. I have an ordering question.

A. Please click [here](#).

Q. I have purchased Storm Pro. Can I have a discount on SuperStorm Pro?

A. Sure. You can have a nice discount. Please email us with your registration and order information at sspdiscount@thegreatpuzzle.com

Q. I have a question which is not covered in this Q&A. Can you help?

A. Please visit our FAQ pages at:

<http://www.thegreatpuzzle.com/superstorm.php>
<http://www.thegreatpuzzle.com/superstormpro.php>

If you can't find the answer to your question, please [contact us](#).



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<http://www.thegreatpuzzle.com/superstorm.php>
<http://www.thegreatpuzzle.com/superstormpro.php>

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