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# Autocrypt Documentation

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**Note:** There is a [tentative name change consideration](#) for this project which would result in change of links.

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py-autocrypt provides a command line tool and a Python API to help mail agents integrate Autocrypt support and more.

See [Installation](#) for getting pip-installed with the `autocrypt` package released on the Python Package Index.

Here are some preliminary underlying aims and goals:

- [Autocrypt Level 1 compliant functionality](#) for use by mail user agents (MUAs)
- integrate with mailman3 and other server-side mailing software
- provide support for debugging error cases, easy deployment of fixes
- implement out-of-band verification and claimchains variants (see <https://nextleap.eu>)

The project was so far mainly developed by holger krekel (hpk42) with some participation/contributions from dkg, juga0 and azul. Holger work was and is partially funded by the European Commission through the [NEXTLEAP](#) research project on decentralized messaging.

Note that this repository got moved away from the <https://github.com/autocrypt> umbrella because that is mainly about the Autocrypt specification efforts while MUA/mail related implementations happen through different social arrangements.



# CHAPTER 1

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## Installation

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You need the python package installer “pip”. If you don’t have it you can install it on Debian systems:

```
sudo apt-get install python-pip
```

And now you can install the autocrypt package:

```
pip install --user autocrypt
```

And then make sure that `~/ .local/bin` is contained in your `PATH` variable.

See *getting started with the command line*.





## CHAPTER 2

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### installation for development

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If you plan to work/modify the sources and have a github checkout we recommend to create and activate a python `virtualenv` and issue **once**:

```
$ cd src
$ virtualenv venv
$ source venv/bin/activate
$ pip install -e .
```

This creates a virtual python environment in the “src/venv” directory and activates it for your shell through the `source venv/bin/activate` command.

Changes you subsequently make to the sources will be available without further installing the autocrypt package again.



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## Autocrypt command line docs

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**Note:** While the command line tool and its code is automatically tested against gpg, gpg2, python2 and python3, the sub commands are subject to change during the 0.x releases.

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The py-autocrypt command line tool helps to manage Autocrypt information for incoming and outgoing mails. It follows and implements the [Autocrypt spec](#) and some additional means to make working with it convenient.

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## 3.1 getting started, playing around

After *Installation* let's see what sub commands we have:

```
$ autocrypt
Usage: autocrypt [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...

    access and manage Autocrypt keys, options, headers.

Options:
  --basedir PATH  directory where autocrypt account state is stored
  --version       Show the version and exit.
  -h, --help      Show this message and exit.

Commands:
  init            init autocrypt account state.
  status          print account and identity info.
  add-identity    add an identity to this account.
  mod-identity    modify properties of an existing identity.
  del-identity    delete an identity, its keys and all state.
  process-incoming parse autocrypt headers from stdin mail.
  process-outgoing add autocrypt header for outgoing mail.
  sendmail        as process-outgoing but submit to sendmail...
  test-email      test which identity an email belongs to.
  make-header     print autocrypt header for an emailadr.
  export-public-key print public key of own or peer account.
  export-secret-key print secret key of own autocrypt account.
  bot-reply       reply to stdin mail as a bot.
```

For getting started we only need a few commands, first of all we will initialize our Autocrypt account. By default Autocrypt only creates and modifies files and state in its own directory:

```
$ autocrypt init
account directory initialized: /tmp/home/.config/autocrypt
account-dir: /tmp/home/.config/autocrypt

identity: 'default' uuid 64ee038effa649f8a82c22e4d2ec15a4
email_regex: .*
pgpmode: own [home: /tmp/home/.config/autocrypt/id/default/gpghome]
pggbin: gpg [currently resolves to: /usr/bin/gpg]
prefer-encrypt: nopreference
own-keyhandle: D67E0166618D4146
^^ uid: <64ee038effa649f8a82c22e4d2ec15a4@uuid.autocrypt.org>
---- no peers registered ----
```

This created a default identity: a new secret key and a UUID and a few settings. If you rather like autocrypt to use your system keyring so that all incoming keys are available there, see *syskeyring* but this will modify state on your existing keyring.

Let's check out account info again with the status subcommand:

```
$ autocrypt status
account-dir: /tmp/home/.config/autocrypt

identity: 'default' uuid 64ee038effa649f8a82c22e4d2ec15a4
email_regex: .*
pgpmode: own [home: /tmp/home/.config/autocrypt/id/default/gpghome]
pggbin: gpg [currently resolves to: /usr/bin/gpg]
prefer-encrypt: nopreference
own-keyhandle: D67E0166618D4146
^^ uid: <64ee038effa649f8a82c22e4d2ec15a4@uuid.autocrypt.org>
---- no peers registered ----
```

This shows our own keyhandle of our Autocrypt OpenPGP key.

Let's generate a static email Autocrypt header which you could add to your email configuration (substitute `a@example.org` with your email address):

```
$ autocrypt make-header a@example.org
Autocrypt: addr=a@example.org; keydata=
mQENBF1Lz1UBCADM2iM+Nqm8YtHEJYPXBhACycBOalFJAqZzMYUA46xGTop/jBddwgRvNh+C1hQL7H
xHE+bpFAE0Y1GBfw3PEI/rQGSyY7VhhH6nt7vTHCCYIRP64nfkK/PyRzGGT0AtS40fHc2DZ3kQxG7c
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XjmaZ3dME6KiHlKbUdTPiHIIIVREUnoywslTc+pt5jDEnABEBAAG0NiA8NjRlZTAzOGVmZmE2NDlmOG
E4MmMyMmU0ZDJlYzE1YTRAdXVpZC5hdXRvY3J5cHQu3JnPokBOAQTAAIAIgUCWUvPVQIbAwYLCQgH
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I0kKZx3MVAcCDI7N1JdBwNNqmgBdNhesGUwYd6nHb6tN9c3kG1NfxdNs1v0yXh8B1PwJsTBZPbkC3C
1x2Sv8FtIICO+e/2pc0PtAtdFARraeeYWgowzzQKZLe/rWc=
```

Getting our own public encryption key in armored format:

```
$ autocrypt export-public-key
-----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
Version: GnuPG v1

mQENBF1Lz1UBCADM2iM+Nqm8YtHEJYPXBhACycBOalFJAqZzMYUA46xGTop/jBdd
wgRvNh+C1hQL7HxHE+bpFAE0Y1GBfw3PEI/rQGSyY7VhhH6nt7vTHCCYIRP64nfk
K/PyRzGGT0AtS40fHc2DZ3kQxG7c9krprbm5fPwudgYzXDY+da7PwNxu9lJyPAj
HIfnEsEsxPvTpcChhUs5euiFT2sIzJF82UAs0oXqoAAk4G8JF2nZqCILQgkoKlAu
EJhw1lJrKQOr19J5UkLKgucNQoOnjJ4HvPdmEt02uqzNXrmUMWl+4YtbXjmaZ3dM
E6KiHlKbUdTPiHIIIVREUnoywslTc+pt5jDEnABEBAAG0NiA8NjRlZTAzOGVmZmE2
NDlmOGU4MmMyMmU0ZDJlYzE1YTRAdXVpZC5hdXRvY3J5cHQu3JnPokBOAQTAAIA
IgUCWUvPVQIbAwYLCQgHAWIGFQgCCQoLBBYCAwECHgECF4AACgkQ1n4BZmGNQUZl
RQgAr4ZK+0hZ6v65AHu+lw5xa5fIMpSCn6anI59VetBur7PbZBIlW5z0jbWW13d+
OsS0VW7Uuo07XXzWqc+rpsREpsBa+daWQdi7p/ahLiyd6mhNz8WdI+dod/NLmZuD
EGllypJveHmbmRreaqIevf5rW6UHhNMReGU9l+xHZcbhsqNDYBO/jiUK6EglRtZG
JJuiJcE3+C/Kqu352OkJQdLDXngkmN2JQsosOmMqIrtPZtVsDHdh1jMOOXumbH+G
0nJoNNJX25JviTKdAgaYIcJI5ncEEGVZ6cffN1hPZeM++MvHgnuZ15aWq1cNUXGa
h27rn/u6pSyKqP0Zq/7RVde+/rkBDQRZS89VAQgA5m0ZWf8entimetIOwWj78FZx
ZldLcZnNkBPiM5sIztTc2l3my0pfIzDxs9/PIj3EE+/ulxPMKWjmU0rh4KRqM1/
V7TRbRNOcQhc68OQ3f0yQmeu/B971XHxcslfRm5iV14RFNxbDjyx5OIUDSjNy4QB
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NfF9txy2Lu9quqiiklJDQ3R08ct4WAxMdf5cP/rTdAjRS1ikNR9GwwsHDHnfjVT1
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AQABiQEfBBgBAGAJBQJZS89VAhsMAAoJENZ+AWZhjUFGyFEH/AiFHmaU8XqDJFTk
PJX2cfNf8QDPHYio7M++Z15w9y5bp9OU5Amrh8N0Lp+rgv262KqED/7FhvMCA1jC
If9tk42y/b7jS1hg/qzXfN3wdEbwx1PVqmyZap4PEUXCL97JAjjY+J7D3Yd7LQME
N10GdehnWJzuACndx5q2pmkh8u2oHu3Y+XnRUXHm8LMCIRQF3VTzH0BaWm9kwqV
HeAqWpD1tOI0kKZx3MVAcCDI7N1JdBwNNqmgBdNhesGUwYd6nHb6tN9c3kG1Nfxd
Ns1v0yXh8B1PwJsTBZPbkC3C1x2Sv8FtIICO+e/2pc0PtAtdFARraeeYWgowzzQK
ZLe/rWc=
=RDVW
-----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
```

## 3.2 Using a key from the gpg keyring

If you want to use autocrypt with an existing mail setup you can initialize by specifying an existing key in your system gpg or gpg2 key ring. To present a fully self-contained example let's create a standard autocrypt key with gpg:

```
# content of autocrypt_key.spec

Key-Type: RSA
Key-Length: 2048
Key-Usage: sign
Subkey-Type: RSA
Subkey-Length: 2048
Subkey-Usage: encrypt
Name-Email: test@autocrypt.org
Expire-Date: 0
```

Let's run gpg to create this Autocrypt type 1 key:

```
$ gpg --batch --gen-key autocrypt_key.spec
gpg: keyring `/tmp/home/.gnupg/secring.gpg' created
gpg: keyring `/tmp/home/.gnupg/pubring.gpg' created
..+++++
.....+++++
...+++++
...+++++
gpg: /tmp/home/.gnupg/trustdb.gpg: trustdb created
gpg: key 4415EEF7 marked as ultimately trusted
```

We now have a key generated in the system key ring and can initialize autocrypt using this key. First, for our playing purposes, we recreate the account directory and make sure no default identity is generated:

```
$ autocrypt init --no-identity --replace
deleting account directory: /tmp/home/.config/autocrypt
account directory initialized: /tmp/home/.config/autocrypt
account-dir: /tmp/home/.config/autocrypt
no identities configured
```

and then we add a default identity tied to the key we want to use from the system keyring:

```
$ autocrypt add-identity default --use-system-keyring --use-key test@autocrypt.org
identity added: 'default'

identity: 'default' uuid 969736e569dc442ab92597fd05e8373c
  email_regex:      .*
  gpgmode:          system
  gpgbin:           gpg [currently resolves to: /usr/bin/gpg]
  prefer-encrypt:   nopreference
  own-keyhandle:    F81E1B474415EEF7
  ^^ uid:           <test@autocrypt.org>
  ---- no peers registered ----
```

Success! We have an initialized autocrypt account with an identity which keeps both our secret and the Autocrypt keys from incoming mails in the system key ring. Note that we created a identity which matches all mail address (.\*) you might receive mail for or from which you might send mail out. If you rather use aliases or read different accounts from the same folder you may want to look into *identities*.

## 3.3 Using separate identities

You may want to create separate identities with your account:

- if you receive mails to alias email addresses in the same folder and want to keep them separate, unlinkable for people who read your mails
- if you read mails from multiple sources in the same folder and want to have Autocrypt help you manage identity separation instead of tweaking your Mail program's config to deal with different Autocrypt accounts.

With py-autocrypt you can manage identities in a fine-grained manner. Each identity:

- keeps its autocrypt state in a directory under the account directory.
- is defined by a name, a regular expression for matching mail addresses and an encryption private/public key pair and prefer-encrypt settings.
- stores Autocrypt header information from incoming mails if its regex matches the `Delivered-To` address.
- adds Autocrypt headers to outgoing mails if its regex matches the "From" header.

In order to manage identities in a fine grained manner you need to delete the default identity or to re-initialize your Autocrypt account:

```
$ autocrypt init --no-identity --replace
deleting account directory: /tmp/home/.config/autocrypt
account directory initialized: /tmp/home/.config/autocrypt
account-dir: /tmp/home/.config/autocrypt
no identities configured
```

You can then add an example identity:

```
$ autocrypt add-identity home --email-regex '(alice|wonder)@testsuite.autocrypt.org'
↩
identity added: 'home'

identity: 'home' uuid 1d3bb960f1b347bda83dc3773211a791
email_regex:      (alice|wonder)@testsuite.autocrypt.org
pgpmode:          own [home: /tmp/home/.config/autocrypt/id/home/gpghome]
pgpbin:           gpg [currently resolves to: /usr/bin/gpg]
prefer-encrypt:   nopreference
own-keyhandle:    23117137B89DE0FB
^^ uid:           <1d3bb960f1b347bda83dc3773211a791@uuid.autocrypt.org>
---- no peers registered ----
```

This creates an decryption/encryption key pair and ties it to the name `home` and a regular expression which matches both `alice@testsuite.autocrypt.org` and `wonder@testsuite.autocrypt.org`.

And now let's create another identity:

```
$ autocrypt add-identity wonder --email-regex='alice@wunderland.example.org'
identity added: 'wonder'

identity: 'wonder' uuid abebb96743964765af8706f45a4cae76
email_regex:      alice@wunderland.example.org
pgpmode:          own [home: /tmp/home/.config/autocrypt/id/wonder/gpghome]
pgpbin:           gpg [currently resolves to: /usr/bin/gpg]
prefer-encrypt:   nopreference
own-keyhandle:    20367F911DD2CA72
^^ uid:           <abebb96743964765af8706f45a4cae76@uuid.autocrypt.org>
---- no peers registered ----
```

We have now configured our Autocrypt account with two identities. Let's test if Autocrypt matches our wonder address correctly:

```
$ autocrypt test-email alice@wunderland.example.org
wonder
```

then one of our home ones:

```
$ autocrypt test-email wonder@testsuite.autocrypt.org
home
```

Looks good. Let's modify our home identity to signal to its peers that it prefers receiving encrypted mails:

```
$ autocrypt mod-identity home --prefer-encrypt=mutual
Usage: autocrypt mod-identity [OPTIONS] IDENTITY_NAME

Error: Invalid value for "--prefer-encrypt": invalid choice: yes. (choose from
↪no-preference, mutual)
```

This new `prefer-encrypt: mutual` setting tells our peers that we prefer to receive encrypted mails. This setting will cause processing of outgoing mails from the home address to add a header indicating that we want to receive encrypted mails if the other side also wants encrypted mails. We can check the setting works with the *make-header* subcommand:

```
$ autocrypt make-header wonder@testsuite.autocrypt.org
Autocrypt: addr=wonder@testsuite.autocrypt.org; keydata=
mQENBF1Lz1kBCADd4K43W/x/im2sASRoURw9Pxa2uz+aiEbGQnuz6+fOJMmcJl2MRIsQVh6vKpPuOh
qE9JLgGqxbgv9oaC97RgY00JCeabXHAse00Y9AXsyaGmur1BLp0kV4IE+sqHZWtqudT/F+7FDxdkMN
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E4M2RjMzc3MzIxMWE3OTFAdXVpZC5hdXRvY3J5cHQuY3JnPokBOAQTaQIAIgUCWUvPWQIbAwYLCQgH
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lvclRpj+b/+SBbECMMYlBvUgk1k3do8K2mmWdei12tJtsBSXvFy1ZB0JWZ5PXSly8CAAJGtp2GShvC
3z4x7WdfgMX/HJgMfexUil8Q+kUwPuRVo5CU+Po0l3E/huSpmRoGEJMeZGAtI07F9OxffyBcEsKI4q
fzug3ID9wDZQoX2zNZB/9998BhZi1d0e2/acnux7aedDsMxu3sAj/kVd8WRifPxw2//L+oqhP6/s+H
8voljHI0UFyFMfNLzeU1+puyKmRMNM13tFjC9gCJ/pskieI1DMtMVA4LNdNF9fRGbEg1lSrg6zaZ5r
kBDQRZS89ZAQgAtmeWmxdYh80lkkgp/wJL/GGKKPHMxJnuXO+rFecW4j/S3u1dmU84Z5Iz1o31Py9b
aOM2xv3ylbqTnLINNqf+2BjXbVRyTf3vuXIOxwbsMRcZmI+tOdc+CDIjceq5Hr7jWCTT9diBiMSCmE
fSLyWykAZpBINbmgmXTk53wRsn6WoiU6CGGslfOn5gcKQWgzHDPX7764XEOM9ShJgMYLYfESyrJbK
/c3f49mh2TN4u+6l27KHxCWt/bC+FcADYeS+b/YvVz0vNlmgx+0SCXDq0V9VA4tWPDhewDTK/E5itU
iH2UUJg0WYZRT3yWwleQuKu+ctQnrOEYIUOeWwkEzicwARAQABiQEfBBgBAGAJBQJZS89ZAhsMAAoJ
ECMRcTe4neD7e8IIAJQh5oNB0CkYnMn6uSBp2ePF9hId8SIIflSX6vHChLt394VByb3VNeQgfZ3oRk
1ZzPHAPnEw7OoV5momM5JoR8lset3vt5LJamUcNCuQsJgZwD5pfhrJO5qgfARaKskTtAX8/2oKDznI
HDFftAhAd45cegE4UL5fkNqZQat0z84jAiSk+F6cCdGpFPaLApMoQTOlMnGfk9KSIORu/7fsvw3m9f
76ml1/UKCwJRPgaIwIOgTaXfhzUM/pyXFp/JoHJchKaLbbbJimfwNvzUj3YkUm4057qnHF07tXnojSN
rCGPzrHYIP092Sm2w1V54VV3q0aVpF/P6UCna7SNWDzxiEg=
```

When you pipe a message with a From-address matching Alice's home addresses into the *process-outgoing* subcommand will add this header. By using the *sendmail* subcommand (as a substitute for unix's sendmail program) you can cause piping the resulting mail to the `/usr/sbin/sendmail` program.

## 3.4 subcommand reference 0.8

### 3.4.1 init subcommand

**init:**

Usage: autocrypt init [OPTIONS]

init autocrypt account state.

By default this command creates account state in a directory with a default “catch-all” identity which matches all email addresses and uses default settings. If you want to have more fine-grained control (which gpg binary to use, which existing key to use, if to use an existing system key ring ...) specify “--no-identity”.



**Options:**

<b>--replace</b>	delete autocrypt account directory before attempting init
<b>--no-identity</b>	initializing without creating a default identity
<b>-h, --help</b>	Show this message and exit.

### 3.4.2 status subcommand

**status:**

Usage: autocrypt status [OPTIONS]

print account and identity info.

**Options:**

<b>-h, --help</b>	Show this message and exit.
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### 3.4.3 add-identity subcommand

**add-identity:**

Usage: autocrypt add-identity [OPTIONS] IDENTITY\_NAME

add an identity to this account.

An identity requires an identity\_name which is used to show, modify and delete it.

Of primary importance is the “email\_regex” which you typically set to a plain email address. It is used when incoming or outgoing mails need to be associated with this identity.

Instead of generating a key (the default operation) you may specify an existing key with `--use-key=keyhandle` where keyhandle may be something for which gpg finds it with ‘`gpg --list-secret-keys keyhandle`’. Typically you will then also specify `--use-system-keyring` to make use of your existing keys. All incoming autocrypt keys will thus be stored in the system key ring instead of an own keyring.

**Options:**

<b>--use-key KEYHANDLE</b>	use specified secret key which must be findable through the specified keyhandle (e.g. email, keyid, fingerprint)
<b>--use-system-keyring</b>	use system keyring for all secret/public keys instead of storing keyring state inside our account identity directory.
<b>--gpgbin FILENAME</b>	use specified gpg filename. If it is a simple name it is looked up on demand through the system’s PATH.
<b>--email-regex TEXT</b>	regex for matching all email addresses belonging to this identity.
<b>-h, --help</b>	Show this message and exit.

### 3.4.4 mod-identity subcommand

**mod-identity:**

Usage: autocrypt mod-identity [OPTIONS] IDENTITY\_NAME

modify properties of an existing identity.

An identity requires an identity\_name.

Any specified option replaces the existing one.

**Options:**

- use-key KEYHANDLE** use specified secret key which must be findable through the specified keyhandle (e.g. email, keyid, fingerprint)
- gpgbin FILENAME** use specified gpg filename. If it is a simple name it is looked up on demand through the system's PATH.
- email-regex TEXT** regex for matching all email addresses belonging to this identity.
- prefer-encrypt** modify prefer-encrypt setting, default is to not change it.
- h, --help** Show this message and exit.

### 3.4.5 del-identity subcommand

**del-identity:**

Usage: autocrypt del-identity [OPTIONS] IDENTITY\_NAME

delete an identity, its keys and all state.

Make sure you have a backup of your whole account directory first.

**Options:**

- h, --help** Show this message and exit.

### 3.4.6 process-incoming subcommand

**process-incoming:**

Usage: autocrypt process-incoming [OPTIONS]

parse autocrypt headers from stdin mail.

**Options:**

- h, --help** Show this message and exit.

### 3.4.7 process-outgoing subcommand

**process-outgoing:**

Usage: autocrypt process-outgoing [OPTIONS]

add autocrypt header for outgoing mail.

We process mail from stdin by adding an Autocrypt header and send the resulting message to stdout. If the mail from stdin contains an Autocrypt header we keep it for the outgoing message and do not add one.

**Options:**

- h, --help** Show this message and exit.

### 3.4.8 sendmail subcommand

**sendmail:**

Usage: autocrypt sendmail [OPTIONS] [ARGS]...

as process-outgoing but submit to sendmail binary.

Processes mail from stdin by adding an Autocrypt header and pipes the resulting message to the “sendmail” program. If the mail from stdin contains an Autocrypt header we use it for the outgoing message and do not add one.

Note that unknown options and all arguments are passed through to the “sendmail” program.

**Options:**

**-h, --help**                      Show this message and exit.

### 3.4.9 test-email subcommand

**test-email:**

Usage: autocrypt test-email [OPTIONS] EMAILADR

test which identity an email belongs to.

Fail if no identity matches.

**Options:**

**-h, --help**                      Show this message and exit.

### 3.4.10 make-header subcommand

**make-header:**

Usage: autocrypt make-header [OPTIONS] EMAILADR

print autocrypt header for an emailadr.

**Options:**

**-h, --help**                      Show this message and exit.

### 3.4.11 export-public-key subcommand

**export-public-key:**

Usage: autocrypt export-public-key [OPTIONS] [KEYHANDLE\_OR\_EMAIL]

print public key of own or peer account.

**Options:**

**--id identity**                  perform lookup through this identity

**-h, --help**                      Show this message and exit.

### 3.4.12 export-secret-key subcommand

**export-secret-key:**

Usage: autocrypt export-secret-key [OPTIONS]

print secret key of own autocrypt account.

**Options:**

**--id identity**                  perform lookup through this identity

**-h, --help**                      Show this message and exit.



#### **4.1 class diagram**

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#### **4.2 packages diagram**

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## Autocrypt Python API Reference

**Note:** While the code documented here is automatically tested against `gpg`, `gpg2`, `python2` and `python3`, all of the API here is subject to change during 0.x releases. This doesn't mean that everything will actually change.

<code>autocrypt.account</code>	
<code>autocrypt.storage</code>	
<code>autocrypt.storage_fs</code>	HeadTracker and BlockService filesystem implementation.
<code>autocrypt.bingpg</code>	BinGPG is a “gpg” or “gpg2” command line wrapper which implements all operations we need for Autocrypt usage.
<code>autocrypt.cmdline</code>	
<code>autocrypt.bot</code>	
<code>autocrypt.mime</code>	mime message parsing and manipulation functions for Autocrypt usage.

### 5.1 account module

### 5.2 cmdline module

### 5.3 storage module

### 5.4 storage\_fs module

HeadTracker and BlockService filesystem implementation.

## 5.5 bot module

## 5.6 mime module

mime message parsing and manipulation functions for Autocrypt usage.

`autocrypt.mime.parse_ac_headervalue (value)`  
return a autocrypt attribute dictionary parsed from the specified autocrypt header value. Unspecified default values for prefer-encrypt and the key type are filled in.

`autocrypt.mime.parse_email_addr (string)`  
return a (prefix, emailadr) tuple.

`autocrypt.mime.render_mime_structure (msg, prefix=u'^u2514')`  
msg should be an email.message.Message object

`autocrypt.mime.verify_ac_dict (ac_dict)`  
return a list of errors from checking the autocrypt attribute dict. if the returned list is empty no errors were found.

## 5.7 bingpg module

BinGPG is a “gpg” or “gpg2” command line wrapper which implements all operations we need for Autocrypt usage. It is not meant as a general wrapper outside Autocrypt contexts.

**class** `autocrypt.bingpg.BinGPG (homedir=None, gpghpath=u'gpg')`  
basic wrapper for gpg command line invocations.

`__init__ (homedir=None, gpghpath=u'gpg')`

### Parameters

- **homedir** (*unicode or None*) – gpg home directory, if None system gpg homedir is used.
- **gpghpath** (*unicode*) – If the path contains path separators and points to an existing file we use it directly. If it contains no path separators, we lookup the path to the binary under the system’s PATH. If we can not determine an eventual binary we raise ValueError.

`autocrypt.bingpg.find_executable (name)`  
return a path object found by looking at the systems underlying PATH specification. If an executable cannot be found, None is returned. copied and adapted from py.path.local.sysfind.



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