

# Introduction to BitLocker FVE

(Understanding the Steps Required to enable BitLocker)

Exploration of Windows 7  
Advanced Forensic Topics – Day 3

# What is BitLocker?

BitLocker Drive Encryption is a full disk encryption feature included with Microsoft's Windows Vista Ultimate, Windows Vista Enterprise, Windows Server 2008, Windows 7 Ultimate, and Windows 7 Enterprise operating systems designed to protect data by providing encryption for entire volumes. By default it uses the AES encryption algorithm with a 128 bit key, combined with a diffuser for additional disk encryption specific security not provided by AES.

# Why Bitlocker Exists

“Some of the largest and medium-sized U.S. airports report close to 637,000 laptops lost each year, according to the Ponemon Institute survey released Monday”  
– PC World June 2008

“More than 100 USB memory sticks, some containing secret information, have been lost or stolen from the Ministry of Defense since 2004, it has emerged.”  
– BBC News July 2008

# BitLocker Requirements

- Windows 7 Enterprise or Ultimate
- TPM Chip version 1.2 or later (and/or) a BIOS capable of reading USB devices pre-boot

# BitLocker Requirements

- BitLocker Installation
  - Operating System Installation
  - OPTIONAL: If not using TPM, edit Group Policy to allow USB key storage
  - Enabling of BitLocker and Volume Encryption

# Enabling OS BitLocker via USB Key



# Enabling BitLocker - OS



# Enabling BitLocker - OS



The screenshot shows the Windows Control Panel window for BitLocker Drive Encryption. The address bar indicates the path: All Control Panel Items > BitLocker Drive Encryption. The main content area is titled "Help protect your files and folders by encrypting your drives" and includes a brief explanation of BitLocker. Below this, there are two sections: "BitLocker Drive Encryption - Hard Disk Drives" and "BitLocker Drive Encryption - BitLocker To Go". In the "Hard Disk Drives" section, the drive C: is listed as "Off", and a blue "Turn On BitLocker" button is circled in red. In the "BitLocker To Go" section, the drive LOCKER (D:) is listed as "Off", and a blue "Turn On BitLocker" button is visible.

Control Panel Home

Help protect your files and folders by encrypting your drives

BitLocker Drive Encryption helps prevent unauthorized access to any files stored on the drives shown below. You are able to use the computer normally, but unauthorized users cannot read or use your files.

What should I know about BitLocker Drive Encryption before I turn it on?

BitLocker Drive Encryption - Hard Disk Drives

C: Off [Turn On BitLocker](#)

BitLocker Drive Encryption - BitLocker To Go

LOCKER (D:) Off [Turn On BitLocker](#)

See also

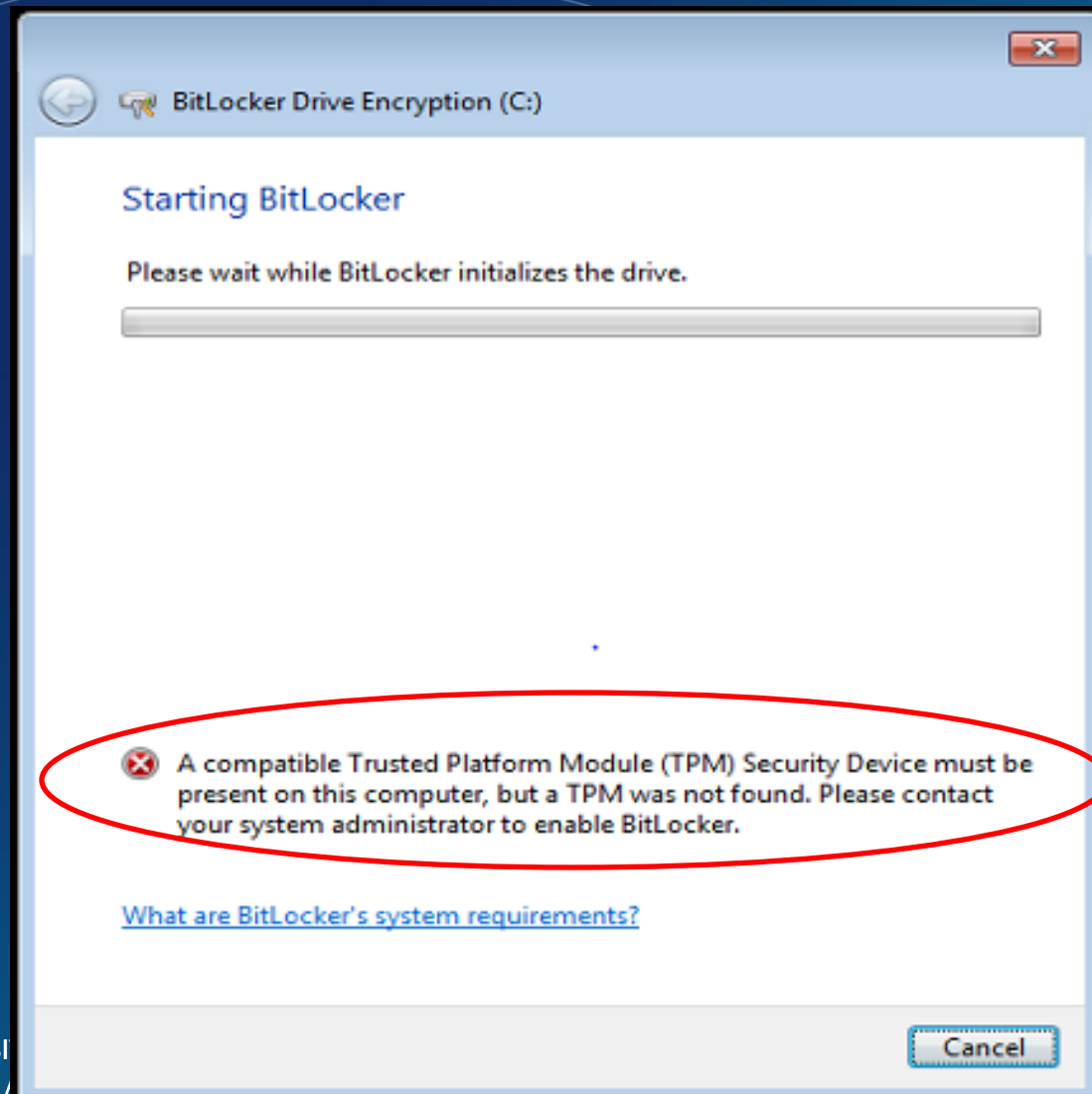
 [TPM Administration](#)

 [Disk Management](#)

[Read our privacy statement online](#)



# Enabling BitLocker - OS



# Enabling BitLocker - OS

Execute: gpedit.msc

Navigate: Computer Configuration\Administrative Templates\Windows Components

The screenshot shows the Local Group Policy Editor window. The left-hand tree view is expanded to 'Operating System Drives', and the 'Require additional authentication at startup' policy is selected. A red circle highlights this policy name in the list. The right-hand pane shows the details for this policy, including its requirements, description, and a list of settings. The 'Require additional authentication at startup' setting is also highlighted with a red circle. The status of this setting is 'Not configured'.

Setting	State
Require additional authentication at startup	Not configured
Require additional authentication at startup (windows Serve...	Not configured
Allow enhanced PINs for startup	Not configured
Configure minimum PIN length for startup	Not configured
Choose how BitLocker-protected operating system drives ca...	Not configured
Configure TPM platform validation profile	Not configured

# Enabling BitLocker – OS

Require additional authentication at startup

Require additional authentication at startup

Previous Setting Next Setting

Not Configured Comment:

Enabled

Disabled

Supported on: Windows 7 family

Options:

Allow BitLocker without a compatible TPM  
(requires a startup key on a USB flash drive)

Settings for computers with a TPM:

Configure TPM startup: Allow TPM

Configure TPM startup PIN: Allow startup PIN with TPM

Configure TPM startup key: Allow startup key with TPM

Configure TPM startup key and PIN: Allow startup key and PIN with TPM

Help:

This policy setting allows you to configure whether BitLocker requires additional authentication each time the computer starts and whether you are using BitLocker with or without a Trusted Platform Module (TPM). This policy setting is applied when you turn on BitLocker.

Note: Only one of the additional authentication options can be required at startup, otherwise a policy error occurs.

If you want to use BitLocker on a computer without a TPM, select the "Allow BitLocker without a compatible TPM" check box. In this mode a USB drive is required for start-up and the key information used to encrypt the drive is stored on the USB drive, creating a USB key. When the USB key is inserted the access to the drive is authenticated and the drive is accessible. If the USB key is lost or unavailable you will need to use one of the BitLocker recovery options to access the drive.

On a computer with a compatible TPM, four types of authentication methods can be used at startup to provide added protection for encrypted data. When the computer starts, it can use only the TPM for authentication, or it can also require insertion of a USB flash drive containing a startup key, the

OK Cancel Apply

# Enabling BitLocker - OS



The screenshot shows the Windows Control Panel window for BitLocker Drive Encryption. The address bar indicates the path: All Control Panel Items > BitLocker Drive Encryption. The main content area is titled "Help protect your files and folders by encrypting your drives" and includes a brief explanation of BitLocker. Below this, there are two sections: "BitLocker Drive Encryption - Hard Disk Drives" and "BitLocker Drive Encryption - BitLocker To Go". In the "Hard Disk Drives" section, the drive C: is listed as "Off", and a "Turn On BitLocker" button is circled in red. In the "BitLocker To Go" section, the drive LOCKER (D:) is listed as "Off", and a "Turn On BitLocker" button is visible.

Control Panel Home

Help protect your files and folders by encrypting your drives

BitLocker Drive Encryption helps prevent unauthorized access to any files stored on the drives shown below. You are able to use the computer normally, but unauthorized users cannot read or use your files.

What should I know about BitLocker Drive Encryption before I turn it on?

BitLocker Drive Encryption - Hard Disk Drives

C: Off [Turn On BitLocker](#)

BitLocker Drive Encryption - BitLocker To Go

LOCKER (D:) Off [Turn On BitLocker](#)

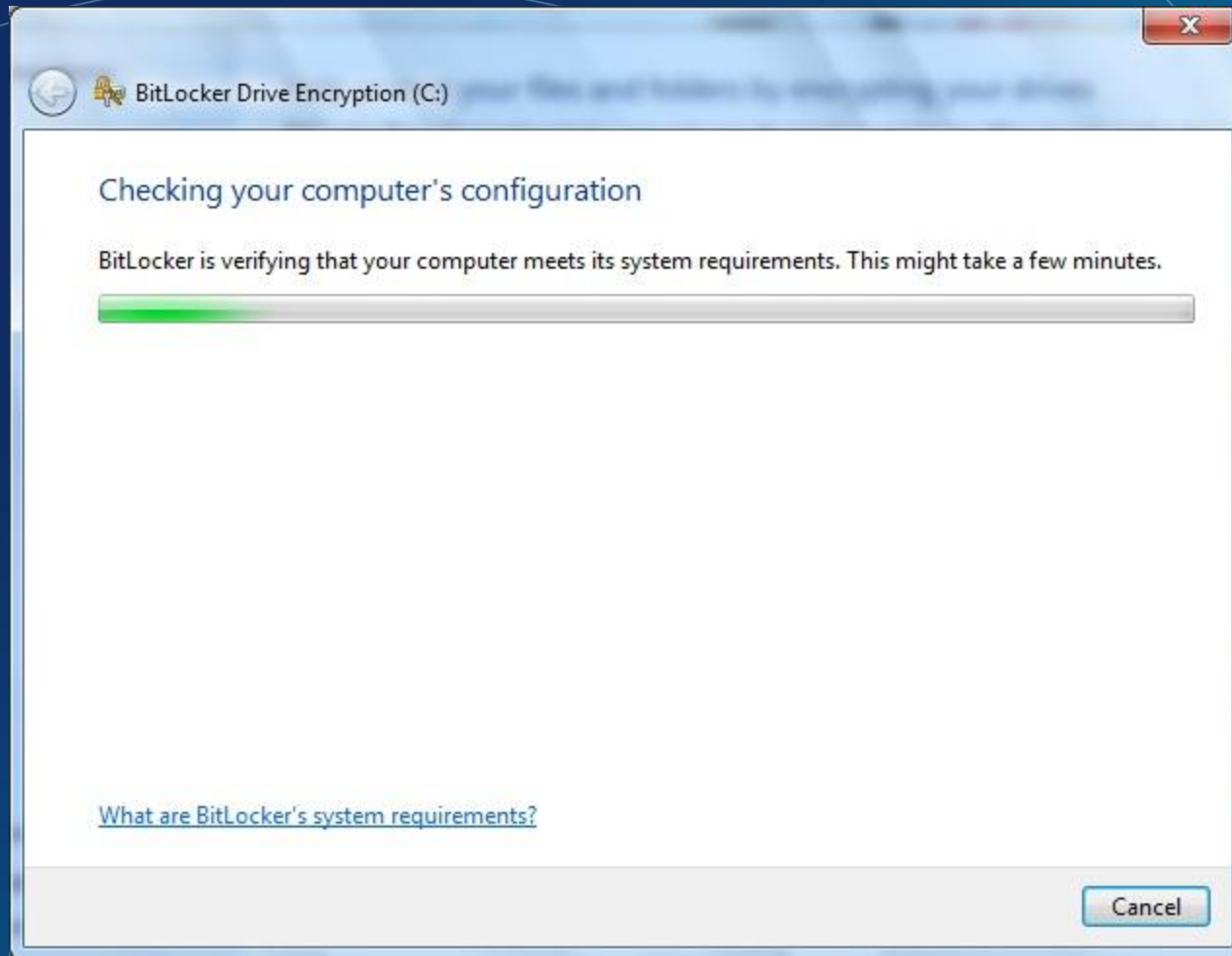
See also

 [TPM Administration](#)

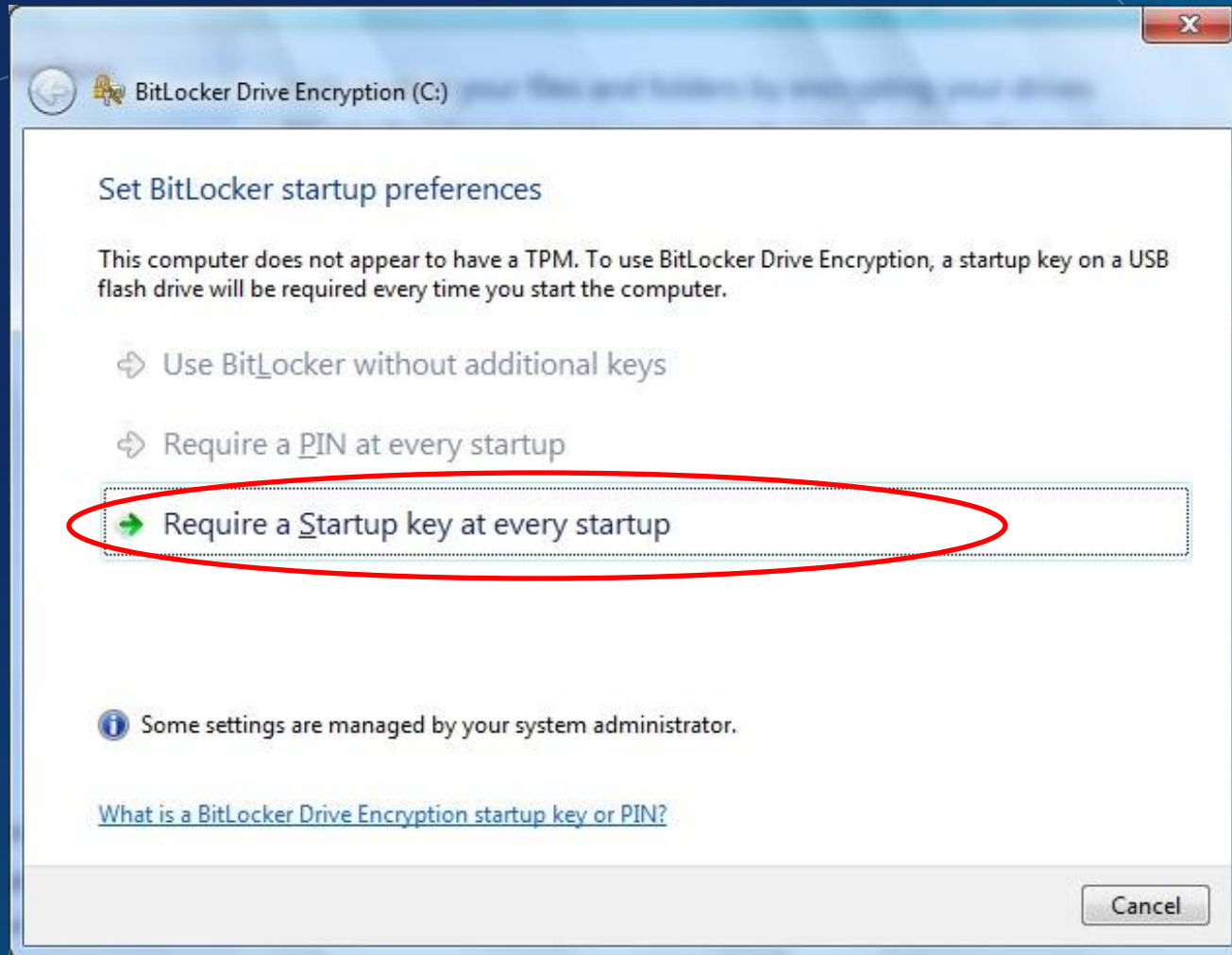
 [Disk Management](#)

[Read our privacy statement online](#)

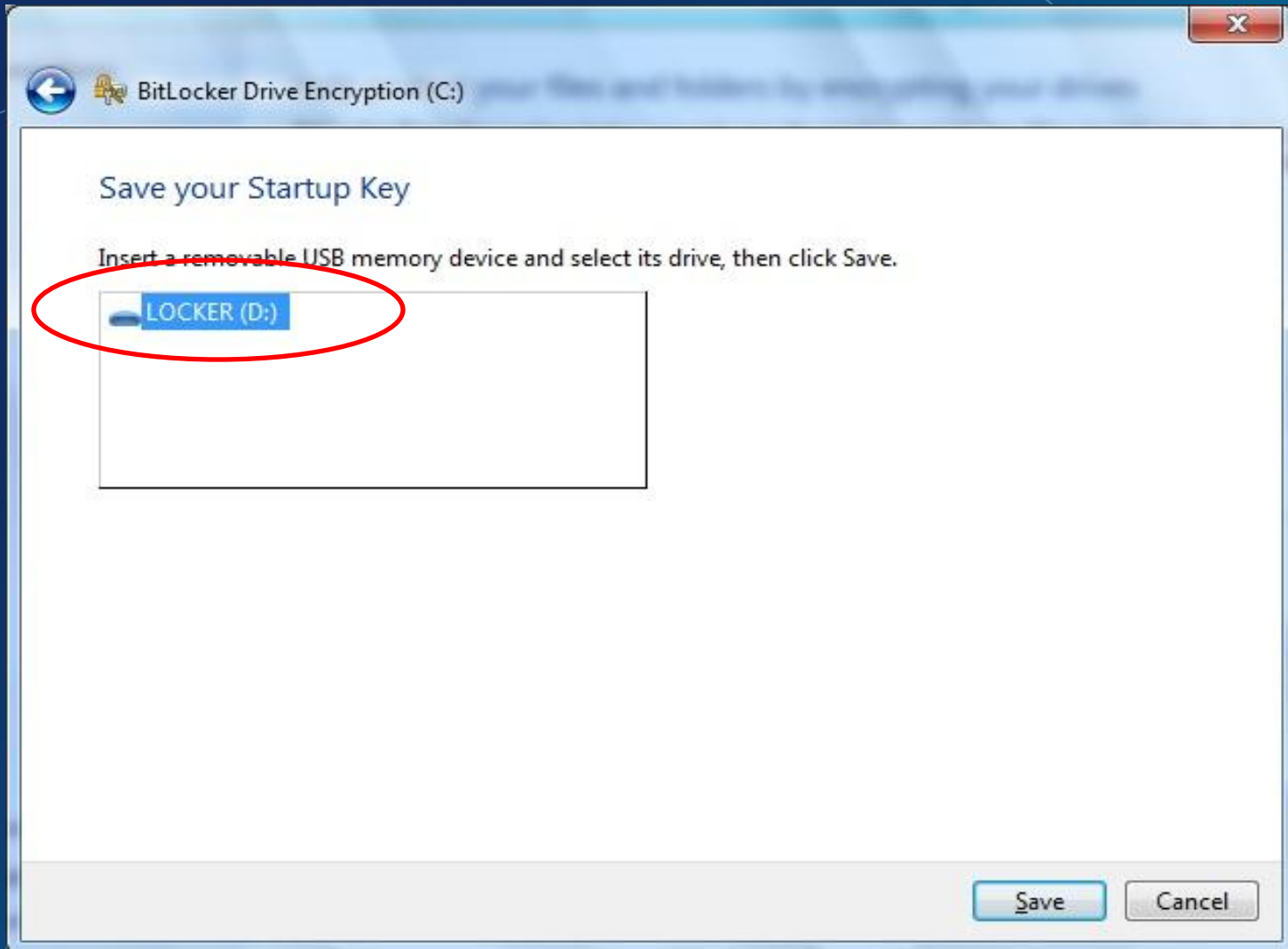
# Enabling BitLocker - OS



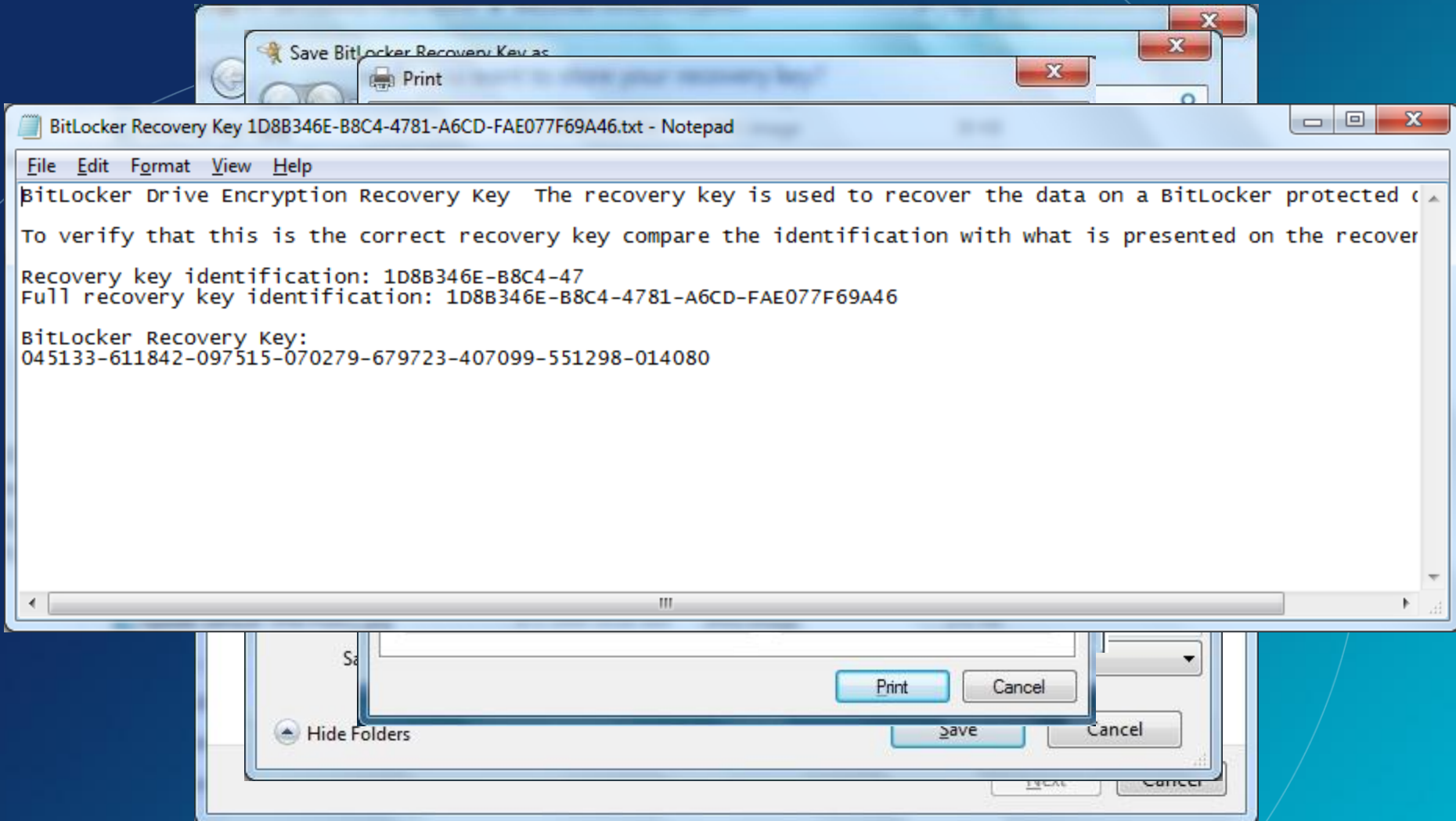
# Enabling BitLocker - OS



# Enabling BitLocker - OS

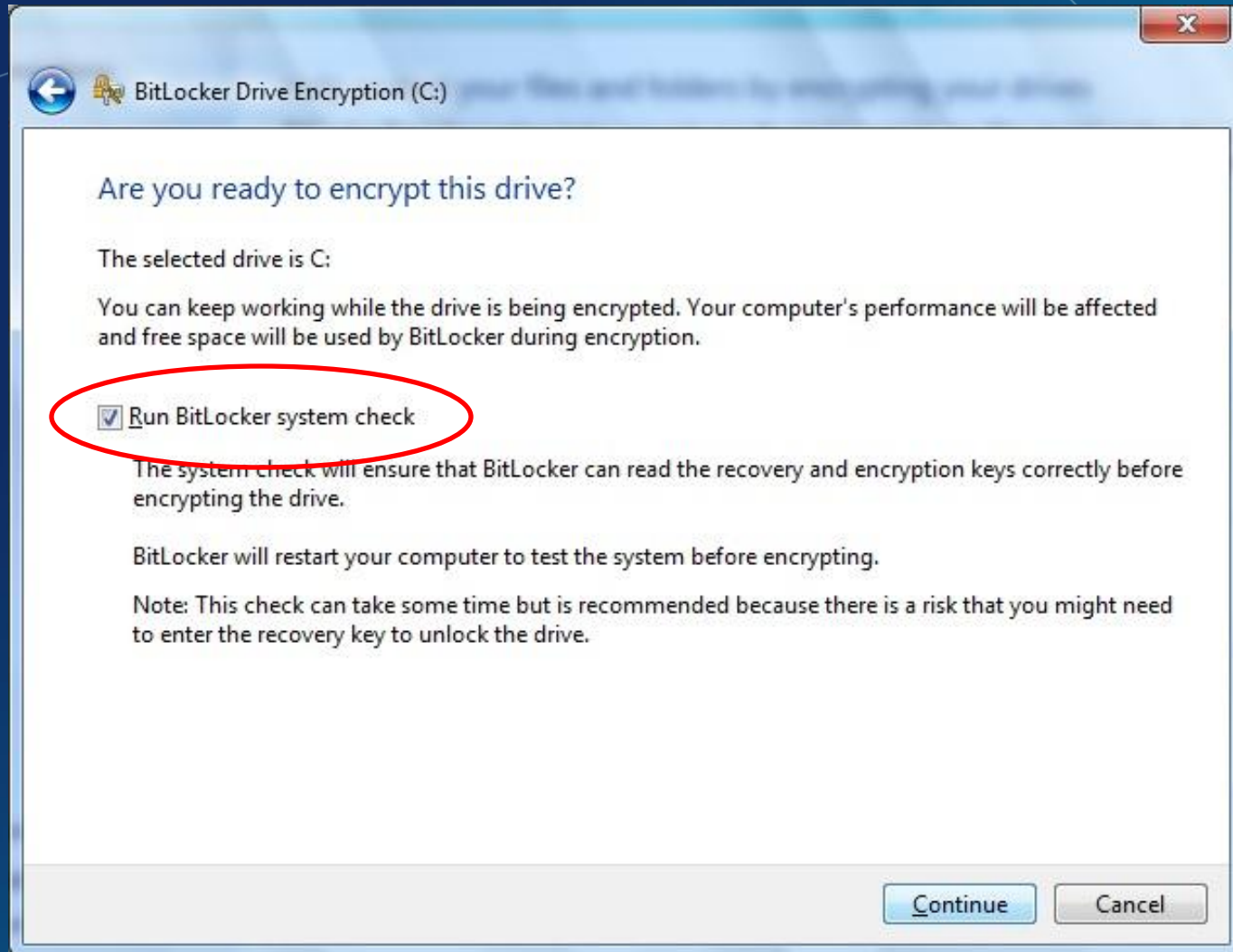


# Enabling BitLocker - OS





# Enabling BitLocker - OS



# Enabling BitLocker

The screenshot shows the Windows Control Panel window titled "BitLocker Drive Encryption". The address bar shows "All Control Panel Items > BitLocker Drive Encryption". The main content area has the heading "Help protect your files and folders by encrypting your drives" and a sub-heading "BitLocker Drive Encryption - Hard Disk Drives". Under this heading, the drive "C:" is listed with the status "Encrypting". A red circle highlights the "C: Encrypting" entry. To the right of the drive entry are two buttons: "Turn Off BitLocker" and "Manage BitLocker". Below this, the "BitLocker Drive Encryption - BitLocker To Go" section shows a drive "LOCKER (D:)" with the status "Off" and a "Turn On BitLocker" button. In the bottom right corner, a system tray notification bubble is visible, titled "Encryption in progress" and containing the text "Encryption of C: by BitLocker Drive Encryption has started. Click for more information." This notification bubble is also circled in red. The taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, Internet Explorer, File Explorer, Windows Media Center, and the Control Panel icon. The system clock in the bottom right corner displays "9:54 AM 4/1/2009".

Control Panel Home

Help protect your files and folders by encrypting your drives

BitLocker Drive Encryption helps prevent unauthorized access to any files stored on the drives shown below. You are able to use the computer normally, but unauthorized users cannot read or use your files.

What should I know about BitLocker Drive Encryption before I turn it on?

BitLocker Drive Encryption - Hard Disk Drives

C: Encrypting

Turn Off BitLocker

Manage BitLocker

BitLocker Drive Encryption - BitLocker To Go

LOCKER (D:)

Off

Turn On BitLocker

See also

- TPM Administration
- Disk Management

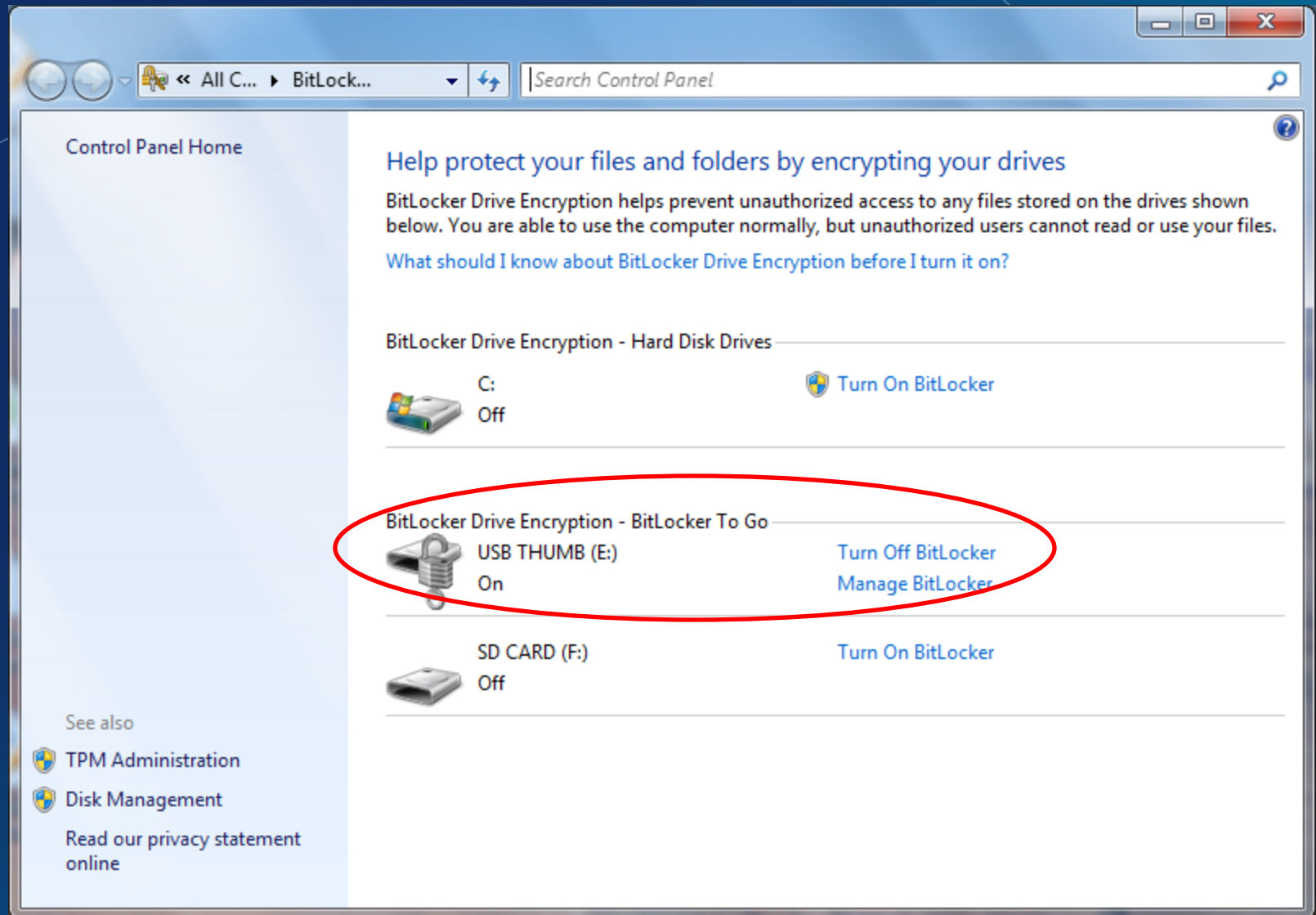
Read our privacy statement online

Encryption in progress

Encryption of C: by BitLocker Drive Encryption has started. Click for more information.

9:54 AM 4/1/2009

# Enabling BitLocker - OS



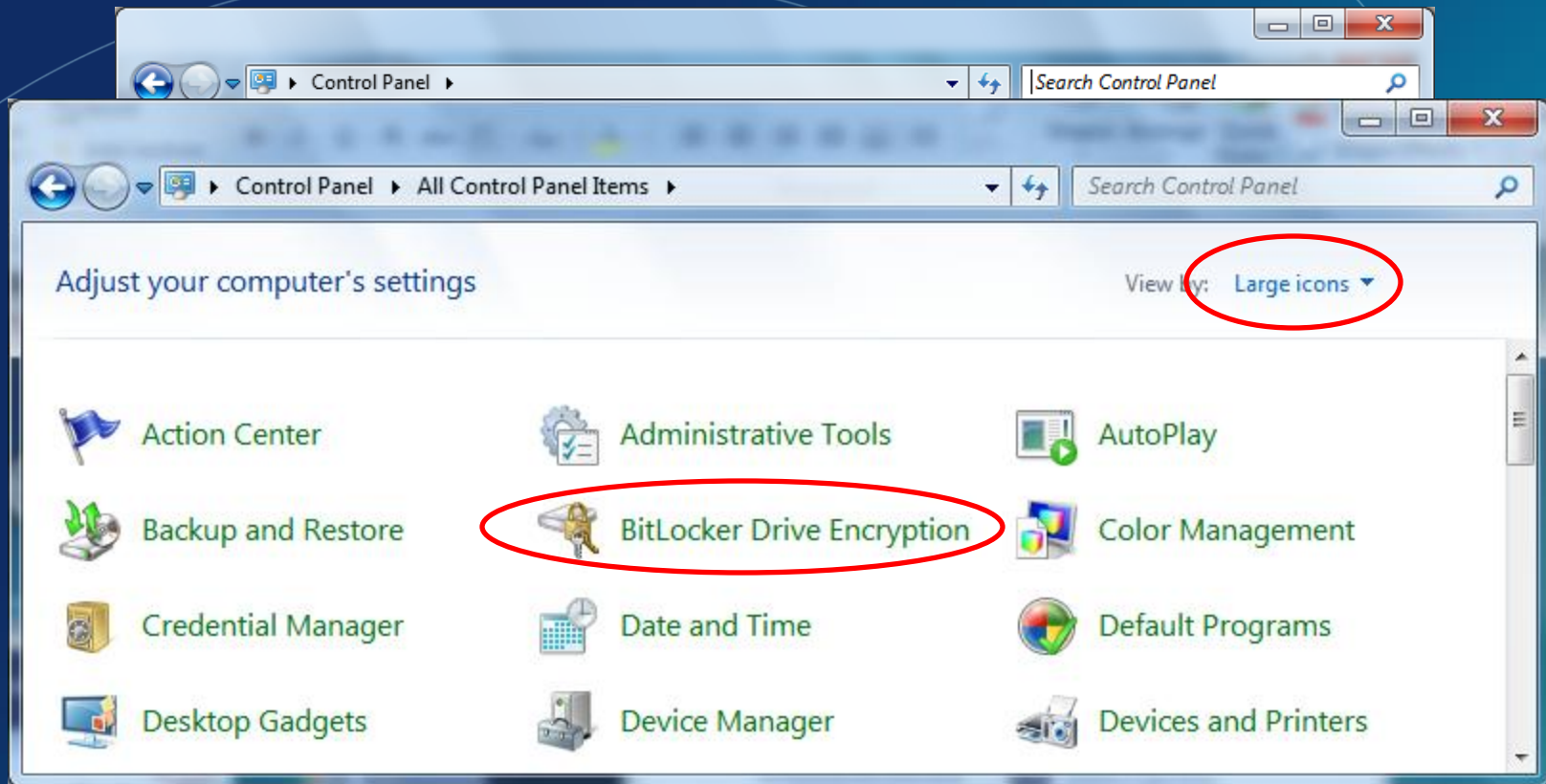


# Questions?

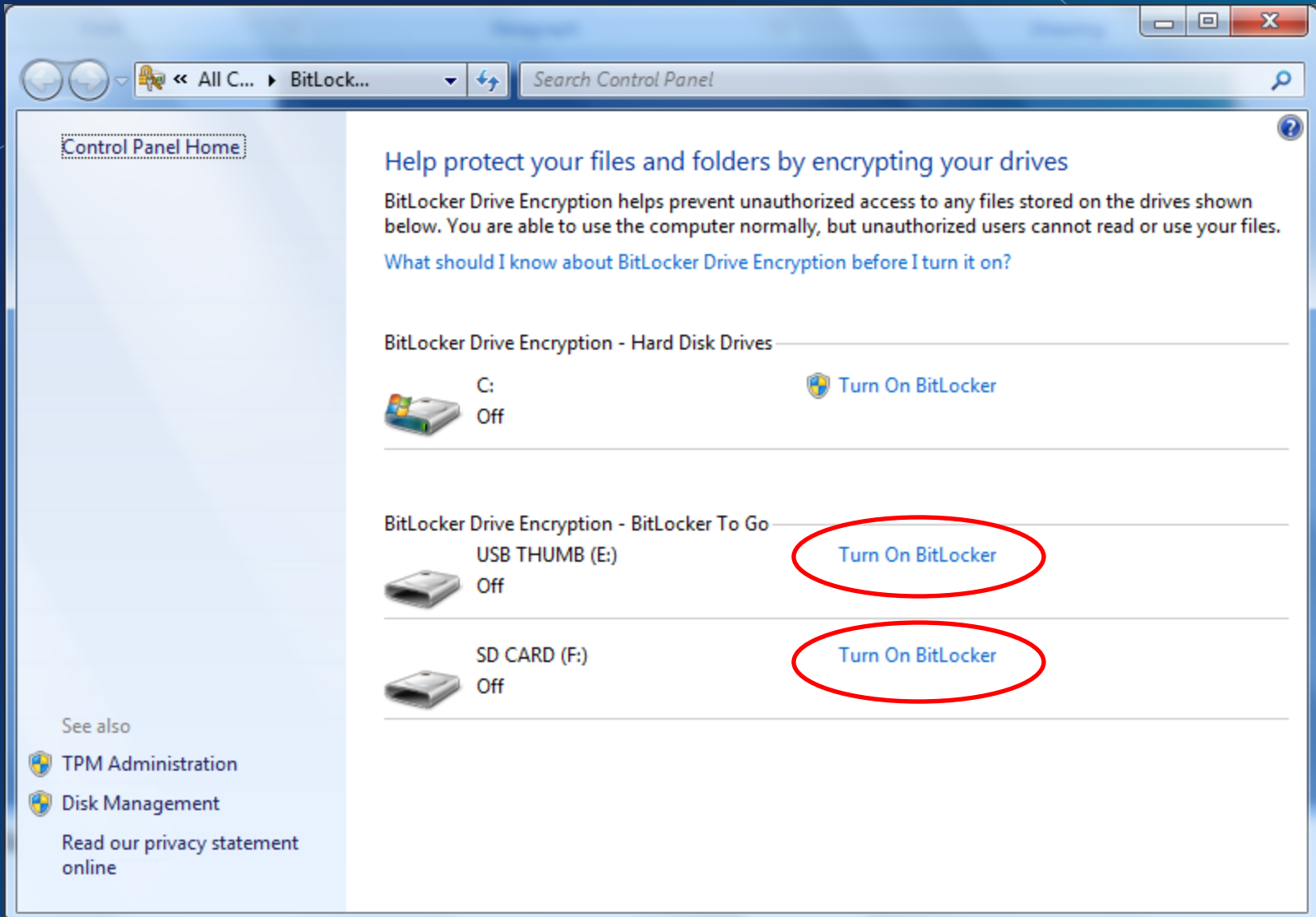
# Enabling BitLocker “To Go”



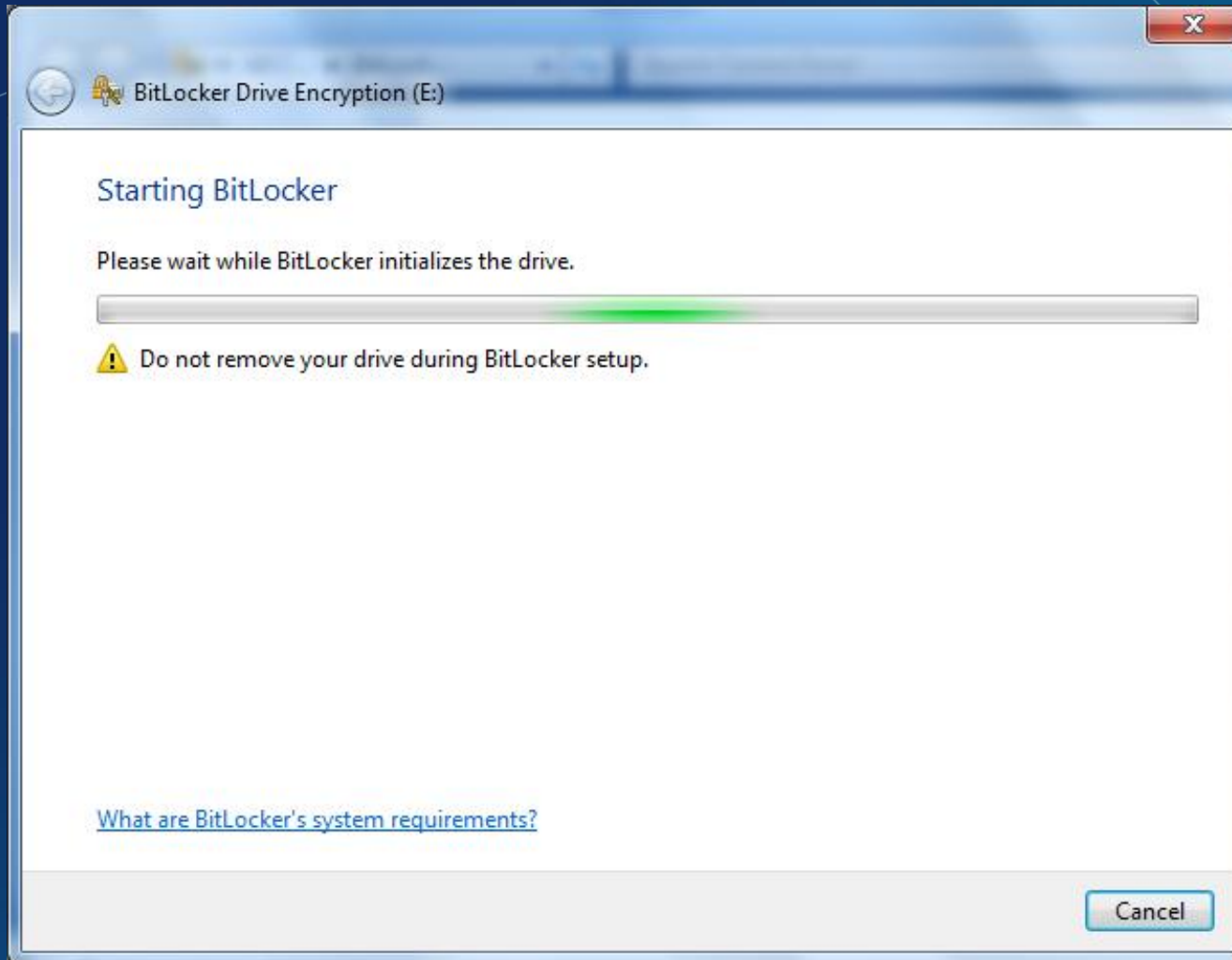
# Enabling BitLocker of USB Stick



# Enabling BitLocker of USB Stick



# Enabling BitLocker of USB Stick





# Enabling BitLocker of USB Stick

BitLocker Drive Encryption (E:)

## Choose how you want to unlock this drive

Use a **p**assword to unlock the drive  
Passwords should contain upper and lowercase letters, numbers, spaces, and symbols.

Type your password:

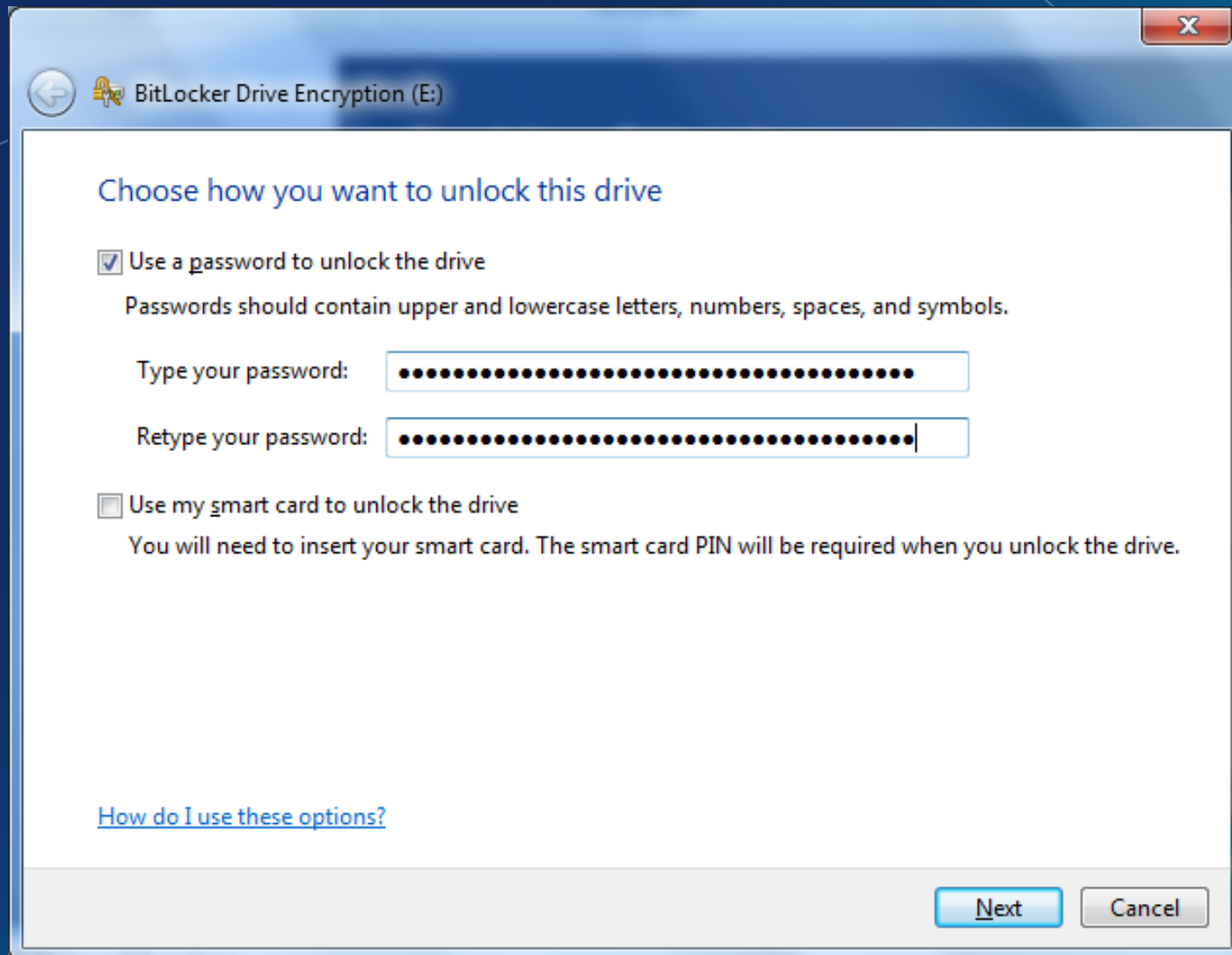
Retype your password:

Use my **s**mart card to unlock the drive  
You will need to insert your smart card. The smart card PIN will be required when you unlock the drive.

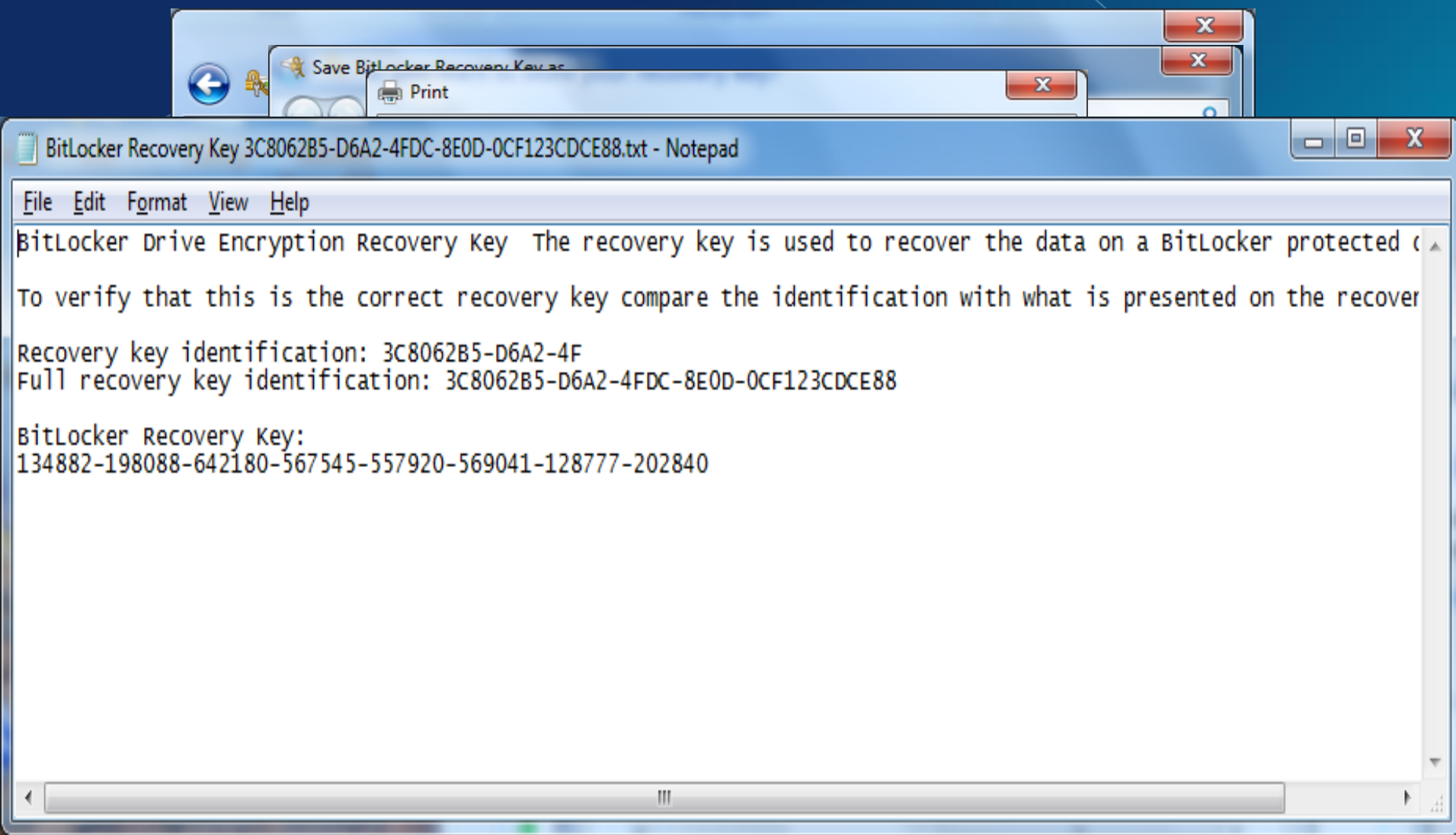
[How do I use these options?](#)

Next Cancel

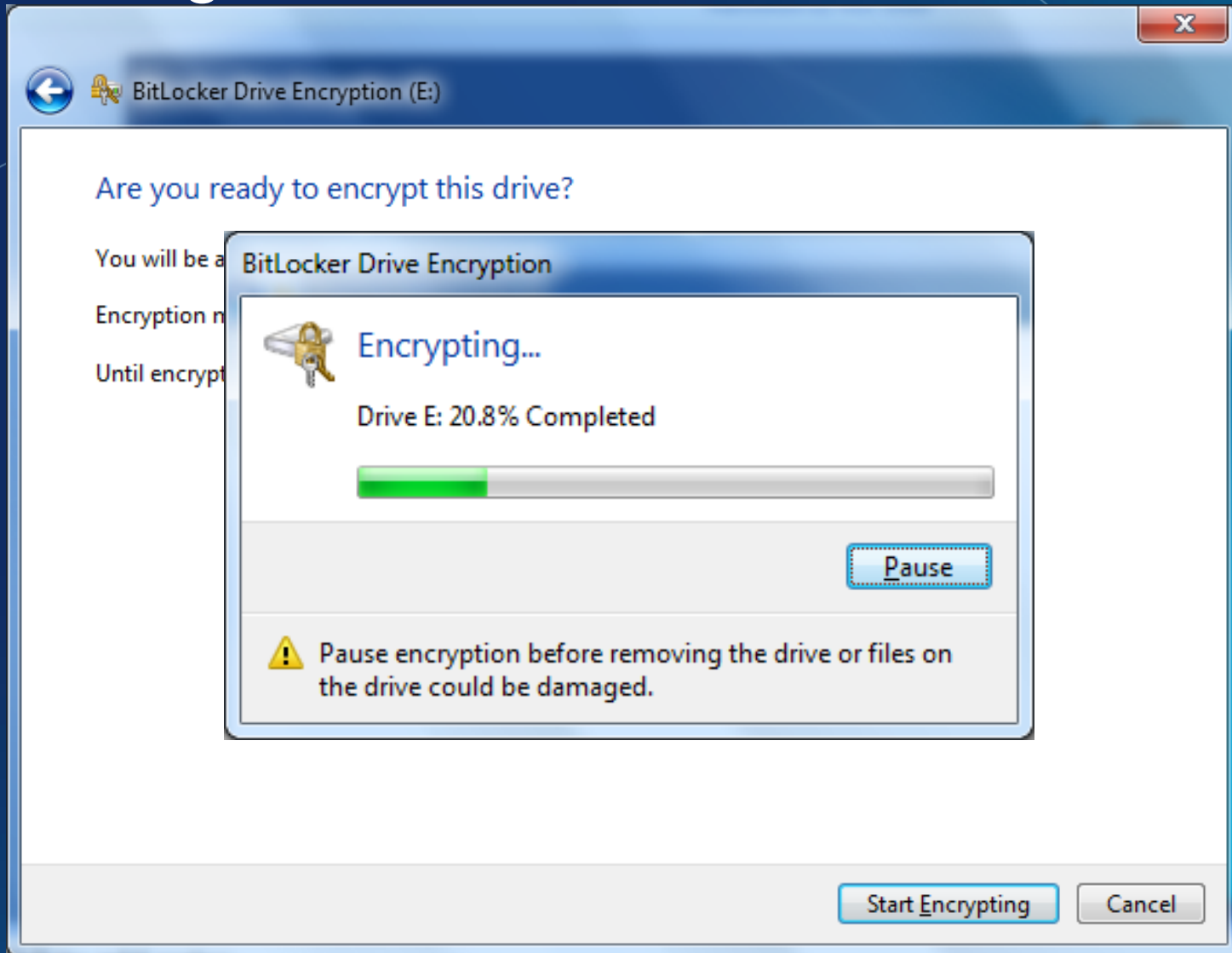
# Enabling BitLocker of USB Stick



# Enabling BitLocker of USB Stick

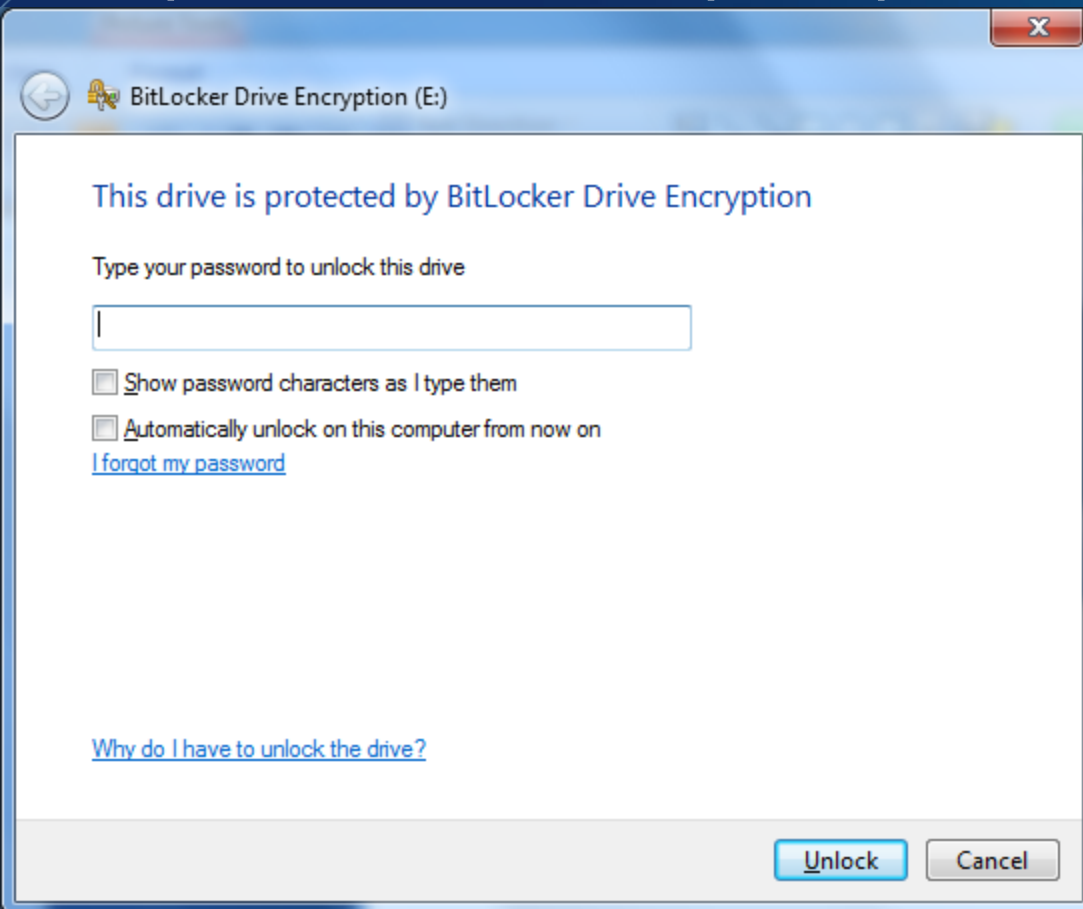


# Enabling BitLocker of USB Stick



# Unlocking your BitLocker enabled USB

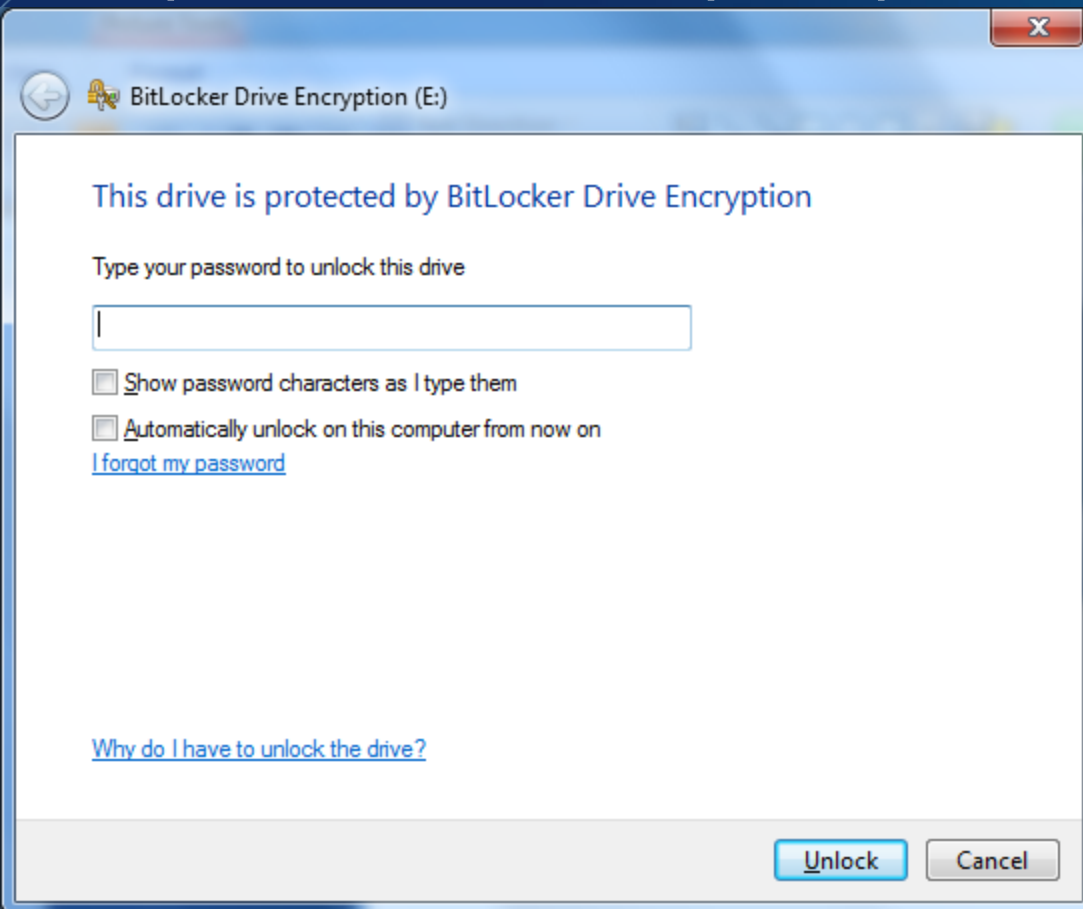
- Insert USB device into PC and type your password when prompted



NOTE: The device can be unlocked on any BitLocker To Go capable PC if you know the password

# Unlocking your BitLocker enabled USB

- Insert USB device into PC and type your password when prompted

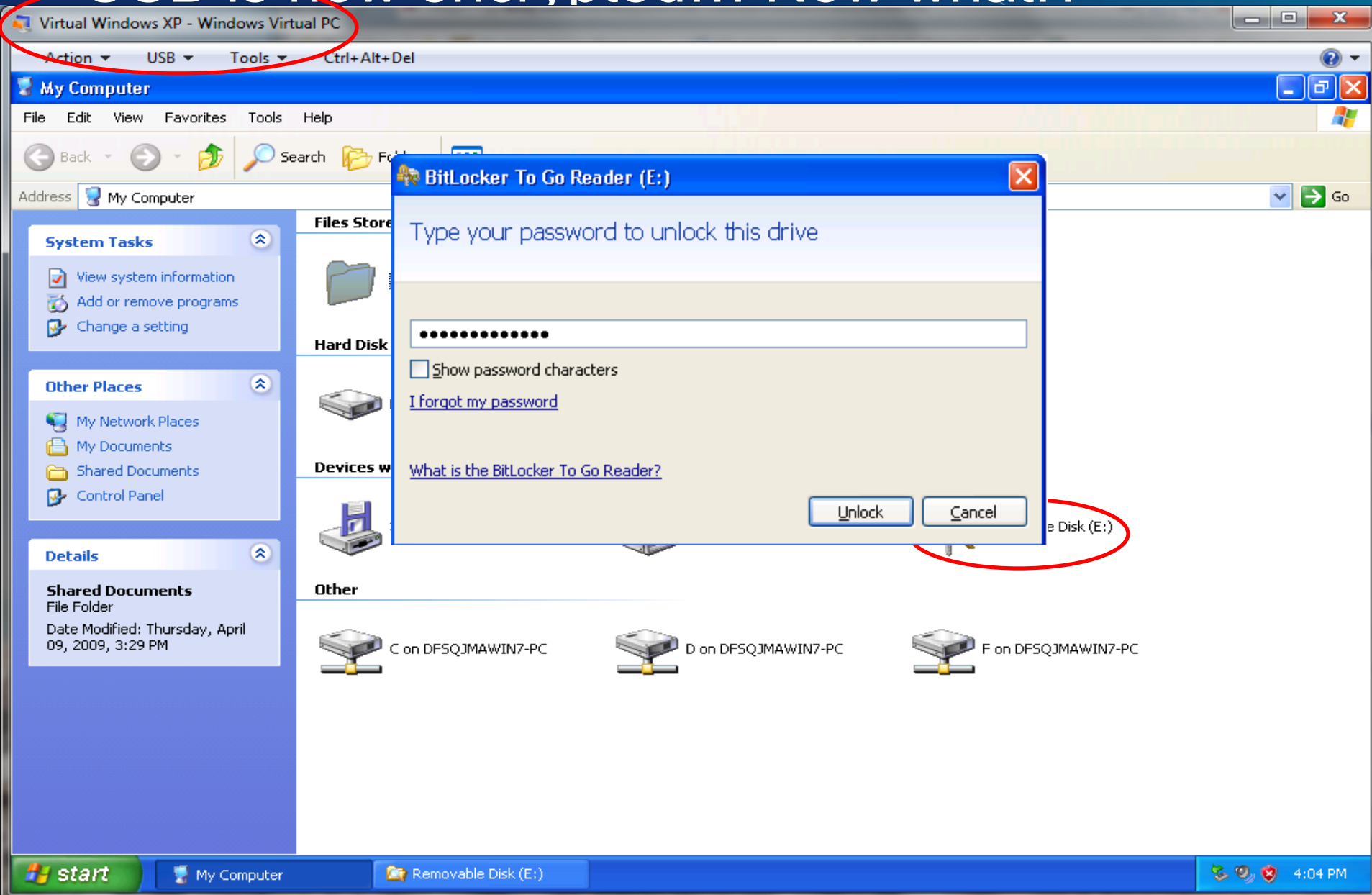


NOTE: The device can be unlocked on any BitLocker To Go capable PC if you know the password

# USB is now encrypted... Now what!?

- If the encrypted USB is formatted with FAT then it can be used on down level Operating Systems
  - Win XP
  - Windows Vista
- How is this possible? These Operating Systems did not have Bitlocker to go functionality.

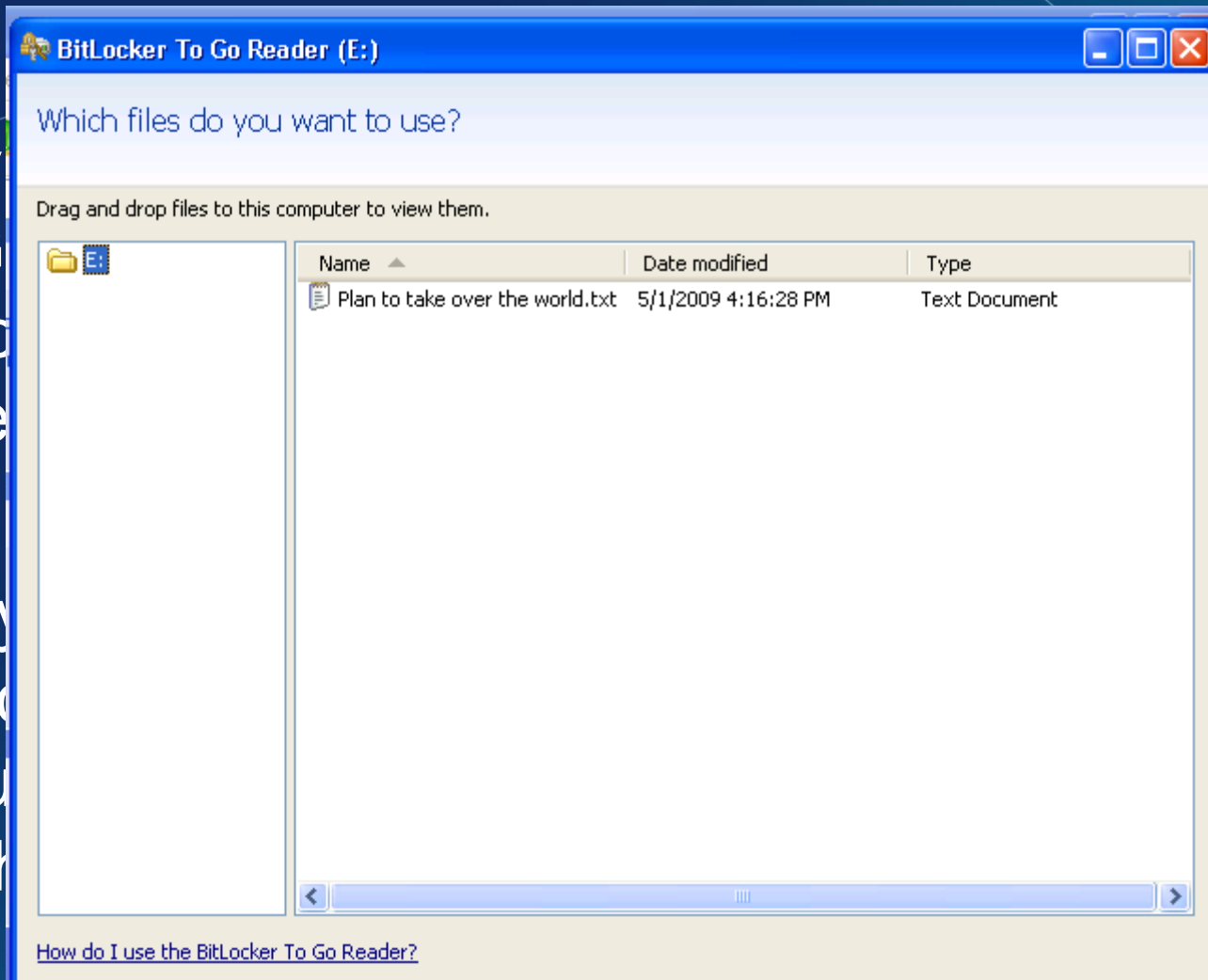
# USB is now encrypted... Now what!?





# USB is now encrypted... Now what!?

- Preventing unauthorized access to encrypted data on USB drives
- This feature allows you to encrypt and control access to files on a USB drive



BitLocker  
ed  
ck the  
ad  
ill  
7

**45**  
**Minutes**



**Enabling BitLocker with a Thumb drive as a startup key**

# **Exercise**

**Microsoft** | Services

**25**  
**Minutes**



**Enabling BitLocker Encryption of a Thumb drive**

# **Exercise**

**Microsoft** | Services

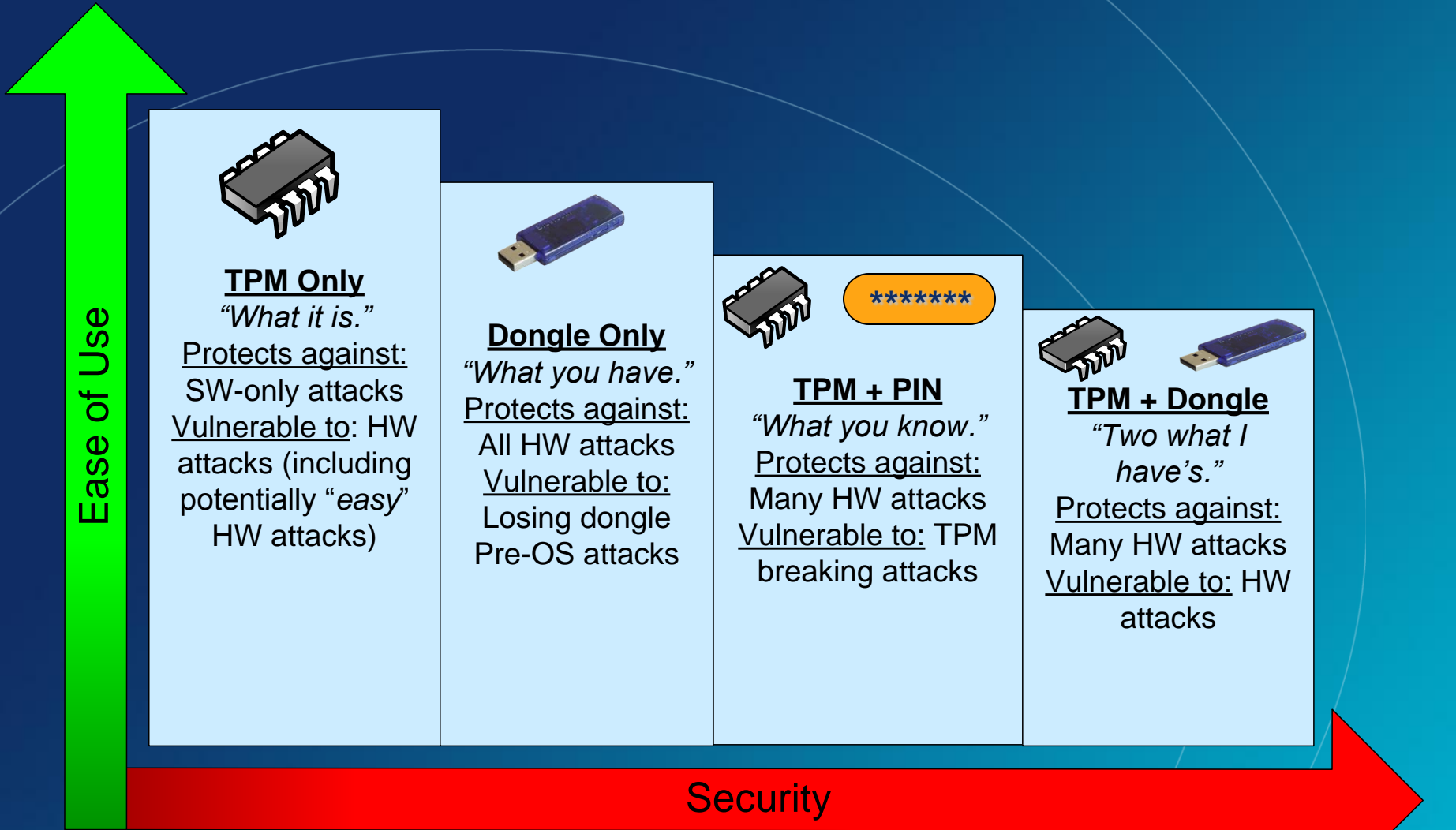
# BitLocker Technical Details

Exploration of Windows 7  
Advanced Forensic Topics – Day 3

# What is BitLocker

- Review: BitLocker is a mechanism by which entire volumes of data can be secured in Windows 7:
  - Enterprise
  - Ultimate
- Why is this important?
  - This mechanism helps to protect systems from offline attacks.
  - Tell me again, how do we examine a suspect machine?

# How is BitLocker Implemented



# BitLocker in Windows Vista

Drive Type	Unlock Methods	Recovery Methods	Management	Other requirements
Operating System Drives	TPM TPM+PIN TPM+Startup key TPM+PIN+Startup Key* Startup key	Recovery password Recovery Key Active Directory backup of recovery password	Group policy controlled options presented to users	Use of the BitLocker Drive Preparation Tool to create a system partition where boot files are located. System partition size: 1.5GB System partition assigned a drive letter NTFS file system.
Fixed Data Drives*	Automatic unlocking	Same as OS drive	No policies	Operating System drive must be encrypted. NTFS file system.

\*Introduced in Windows Vista SP1

# BitLocker in Windows 7

## Operating system drive overview

Drive Type	Unlock Methods	Recovery Methods	Management	Other requirements
Operating System Drives	<p>TPM</p> <p>TPM+PIN</p> <p>TPM+Startup key</p> <p>TPM+PIN+Startup Key</p> <p>Startup key</p>	<p>Recovery password</p> <p>Recovery Key</p> <p>Active Directory backup of recovery password</p> <p>Data Recovery Agent</p>	<p>Robust and consistent Group Policy enforcement</p> <p>Minimum Pin Length</p>	<p>Drive preparation fully integrated in BitLocker setup.</p> <p>System partition size: 200MB without WinRE 400MB with WinRE</p> <p>System partition letterless</p> <p>NTFS file system.</p>



# BitLocker in Windows 7

## Setup improvements

- Windows 7 is BitLocker ready
  - A separate system partition is now standard
  - System partition is now letter-less and hidden
  - BitLocker Drive Preparation Tool now integrated into the BitLocker setup experience
- Improved setup experience
  - Improved BitLocker setup wizard
  - Windows RE will be moved if installed on O/S partition

# BitLocker in Windows 7

## Specifications for split-loader configuration

Windows RE 250 MB NTFS	System Partition 200 MB NTFS	OS Remaining Disk NTFS
------------------------------	------------------------------------	------------------------------

Note: An additional 50MB is required on the recovery partition for volume snapshots during Complete PC backups

System Partition/Windows RE 400 MB NTFS	OS Remaining Disk NTFS
---	------------------------------

# Windows 7 BitLocker To Go

Drive Type	Unlock Methods	Recovery Methods	Management	Other requirements
<b>Removable data drives</b>  e.g.: <b>USB flash drives</b>  <b>External Hard Drives</b>	<b>Passphrase</b>  <b>Smart card</b>  <b>Automatic Unlocking</b>	Recovery password  Recovery Key  Active Directory backup of recovery password  <b>Data Recovery Agent</b>	<b>Robust and consistent group policy controls</b>  <b>Ability to mandate encryption prior to granting write access</b>	File systems: NTFS FAT FAT32 ExFAT

# Windows 7 BitLocker To Go

## New unlock methods

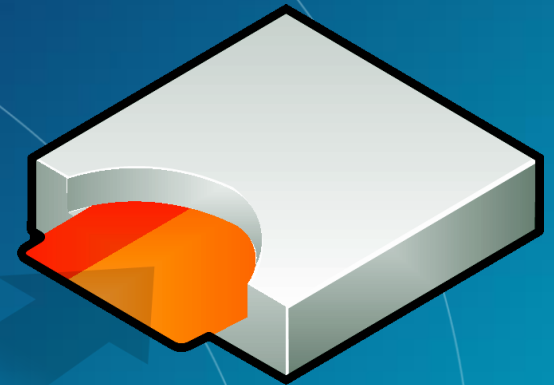
- Roaming using a Passphrase
  - No specific hardware requirement
  - Easily roam inside and outside domains/organizations
  - Complexity and length requirements managed by Group Policy



# Windows 7 BitLocker To Go

## New unlock methods

- Roaming using Smart Cards
  - Leverages existing PKI infrastructure
  - Requires specific hardware
  - Can roam to any computer running Windows 7 or Server 2008 R2
  - Uses much stronger keys than passphrase Roaming using a Passphrase



# Windows 7 BitLocker To Go

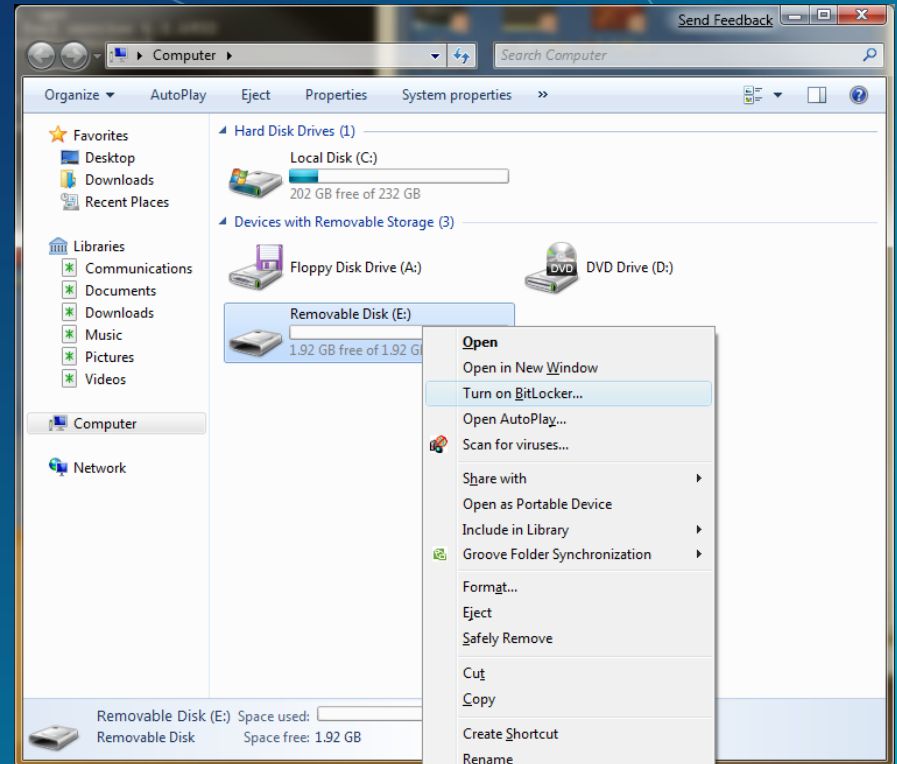
## New recovery mechanism

- Data Recovery Agents (DRA)
  - Certificate-based key protector
    - > A certificate containing a public key is distributed through Group Policy and is applied to any drive that mounts
    - > The corresponding private key is held by a DRA in corpsec
  - Allows IT department to have a way to unlock all protected drives in an enterprise
  - Leverage existing PKI infrastructure
  - Saves space in AD – same Key Protector on all drives
  - Also applies to O/S and fixed drives

# Windows 7 BitLocker To Go

## Managing BitLocker

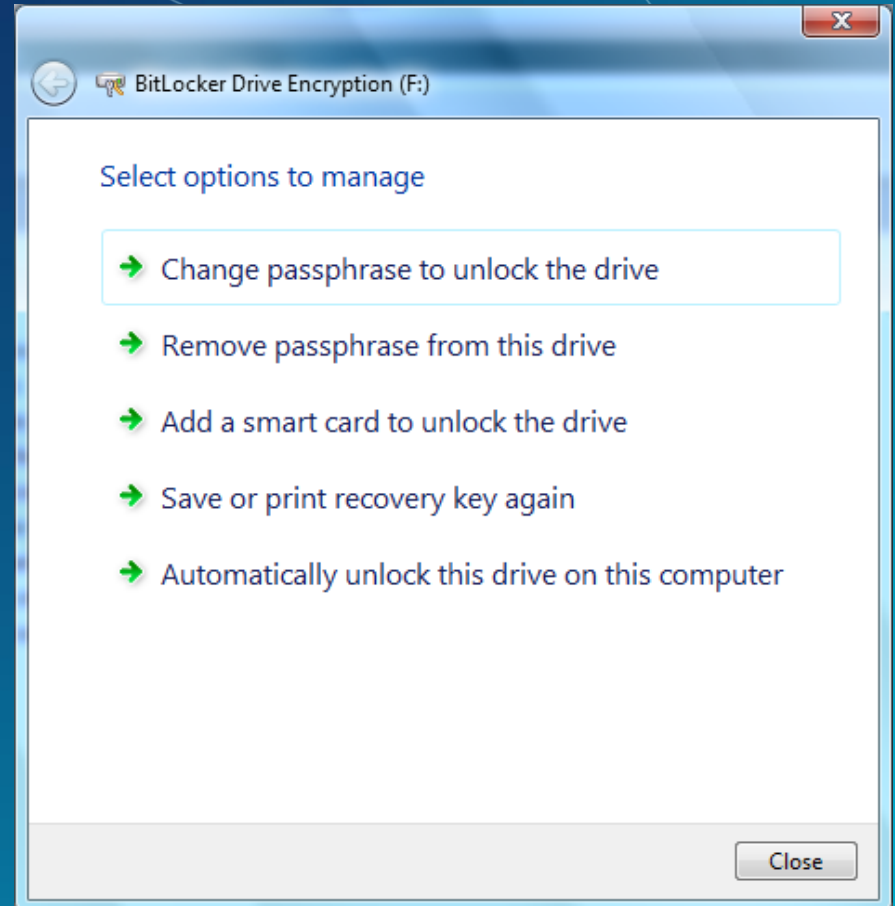
- BitLocker from Windows Explorer
- Right click drives in Windows Explorer to:
  - Turn on BitLocker
  - Unlock a drive
  - Manage BitLocker



# Windows 7 BitLocker To Go

## Managing BitLocker removable drives

- Data Drives
  - Add, remove, or change their passphrase
  - Add or remove a smart card
  - Add or remove automatic unlocking
  - Duplicate their recovery key/password





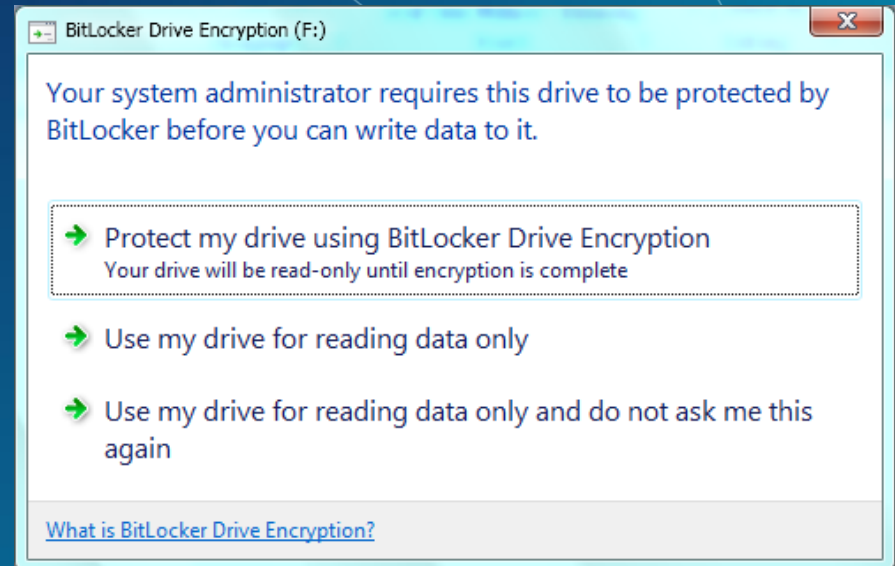
# Windows 7 BitLocker To Go - Enterprise

## Mandating BitLocker on removable drives

- Requiring BitLocker for removable data drives
  - When this policy is enforced, all removable drives will require BitLocker protection in order to have write access
  - As soon as a drive is plugged into a machine, a dialog is displayed to the user to either enable BitLocker on the device or only have read-only access

# Windows 7 BitLocker To Go Mandating BitLocker on removable drives

- The user gets full RW access only after encryption is completed
- Users can alternatively enable BitLocker at a later time





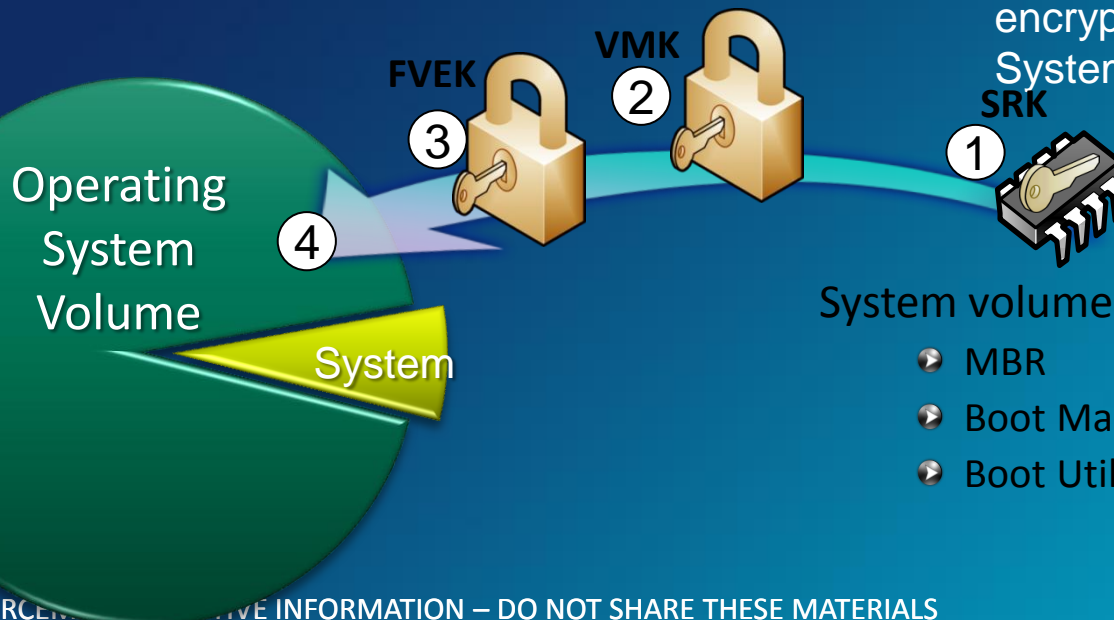
# Disk Layout and Key Storage

## Operating system volume contains:

- encrypted OS
- encrypted page file
- encrypted temp files
- encrypted data
- encrypted hibernation file

## Where's the encryption key?

- SRK (Storage Root Key) contained in TPM
- SRK encrypts the VMK (Volume Master Key).
- VMK encrypts FVEK (Full Volume Encryption Key) – used for the actual data encryption.
- FVEK and VMK are stored encrypted on the Operating System Volume.



## System volume contains:

- MBR
- Boot Manager
- Boot Utilities

# BitLocker Explained

- BitLocker can be implemented in a number of ways and can be thought of as a 2 phase approach to securing a machine
  - Phase 1: Pre-OS Validation
  - Phase 2: Full Volume Encryption

Note: Both phases may not be implemented depending on hardware and software versions

# Drive Encryption Specifics

- Some of the tenants of BitLocker
  - Once enabled the data on the drive is always encrypted unless the volume is decrypted
  - FVEVOL.SYS sits underneath the file system driver and performs all encryption / decryption
  - The drive is encrypted a sector at a time and supports sector sized from 512 – 8192 bytes

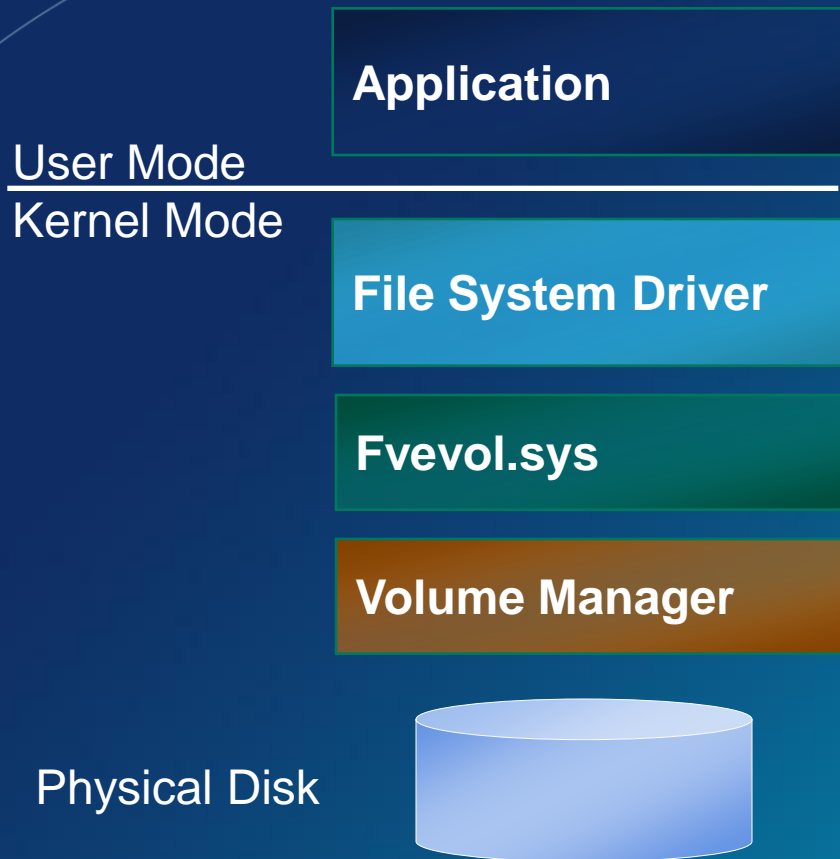
# Drive Encryption Specifics

*Once enabled the data on the drive is always encrypted unless the volume is decrypted*

- The initial process of enabling BitLocker takes a while as all of the data on the disk is encrypted.
- There are 2 options once a drive is encrypted:
  - Disabled: Volume is still encrypted but the VMK is stored in the clear (used for updates)
  - Decrypt: Decrypting the drive completely

# Drive Encryption Specifics

*FVEVOL.SYS sits underneath the file system driver and performs all encryption / decryption*



- Once booted, Vista (and the user) sees no difference in experience
- The encryption / decryption happens at a lower level



# Drive Encryption Specifics

*The drive is encrypted a sector at a time and supports sector sized from 512 – 8192 bytes*

- It would be impractical to encrypt the entire drive as one blob not to mention unmanageable given the number of reads and writes
- BitLocker encrypts the drive a sector at a time so that only the sectors that are being read or written have to be manipulated.

# BitLocker Forensic View (Details and Artifacts in BitLocker Data)

Exploration of Windows Vista  
Advanced Forensic Topics – Day 3

# Examination of Physical Image

- Despite the fact that BitLocker implements full volume encryption, there are a number of locations that contain clear text data
- The BIOS Parameter Block (BPB) is the first 54 bytes in the first sector of a volume and has volume “signature” data

# Examination of Physical Image

Offset (h)	Offset (d)	Size	Field	Required Value for BitLocker
0x003	3	8	Signature	'-', 'F', 'V', 'E', '-', 'F', 'S', '-'
0x00B	11	2	BytesPerSector	
0x00D	13	1	SectorsPerCluster	One of 0x01, 0x02, 0x04, 0x08, 0x10, 0x20, 0x40 or 0x80
0x00E	14	2	ReservedClusters	0x0000
0x010	16	1	FatCount	0x00
0x011	17	2	RootEntries	0x0000
0x013	19	2	Sectors	0x0000
0x016	22	2	SectorsPerFat	0x0000
0x020	32	4	LargeSectors	0x00000000
0x038	56	8	MetadataLcn	

# Examination of Physical Image

- In addition to the data in the volume signature field, BitLocker stores copies of the metadata in other locations.
- First location is calculated with the following data from the signature field:

MetadataLCN \* SectorsPerCluster \* BytesPerSector

# Examination of Physical Image

Offset (h)	Offset (d)	Size	Field	Content
0x000	0	8	Signature	'-', 'F', 'V', 'E', '-', 'F', 'S', '-'
0x008	8	2	Size	Size of structure. Validation data follows this structure.
0x002	2	10	Version	0x0001 for current version.
0x004	4	12		Version specific content.

- Additionally a text string search for –FVE-FS- to find this location and verify the calculation

# Examination of Physical Image - VISTA

00000000	eb 52 90 2d 46 56 45 2d-46 53 2d 00 02 08 00 00	ëR--FVE-FS-.....
00000016	00 00 00 00 00 f8 00 00-3f 00 ff 00 00 e8 2e 00	.....ø..?·ÿ..è..
00000032	00 00 00 00 80 00 80 00-ff 37 25 02 00 00 00 00	.....ÿ7%.....
00000048	00 00 0c 00 00 00 00 00-26 17 00 00 00 00 00	.....&.....
00000064	f6 00 00 00 01 00 00 00-9b 3a 85 90 6b 85 90 6e	ö.....:..k..n

- Viewing the volume signature in your favorite forensic tool makes the issue very clear
- Notice the signature “-FVE-FS-”

# Examination of Physical Image – Win 7

0000000000	eb 58 90 2d 46 56 45 2d-46 53 2d 00 02 08 00 00	ëX --FVE-FS-----
0000000010	00 00 00 00 00 f8 00 00-3f 00 ff 00 00 28 03 00	.....ø--?·ÿ--{ ..
0000000020	00 00 00 00 e0 1f 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....à .....
0000000030	01 00 06 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....

- Viewing the volume signature in your favorite forensic tool makes the issue very clear
- Notice the signature “-FVE-FS-”



# Examination of Physical Image – BL To Go DOS – IS THIS RIGHT?

00000000	33 c0 8e d0 bc 00 7c fb-50 07 50 1f fc be 1b 7c	3À·Ð¼· ûP·P·ü¼·
00000010	bf 1b 06 50 57 b9 e5 01-f3 a4 cb bd be 07 b1 04	¿·-·PW²·â·ó¼È¼¼·±·
00000020	38 6e 00 7c 09 75 13 83-c5 10 e2 f4 cd 18 8b f5	8n· ·-u·-·Ã·âôÍ·-ô
00000030	83 c6 10 49 74 19 38 2c-74 f6 a0 b5 07 b4 07 8b	·E·It·8,·tö·µ·'·-·
00000040	f0 ac 3c 00 74 fc bb 07-00 b4 0e cd 10 eb f2 88	8-<·tü»·-·'·-Í·-èò·
00000050	4e 10 e8 46 00 73 2a fe-46 10 80 7e 04 0b 74 0b	N·-èF·s*þF·-·-·-·t·
00000060	80 7e 04 0c 74 05 a0 b6-07 75 d2 80 46 02 06 83	·-·-·t··¶·uÒ·F·-·-·
00000070	46 08 06 83 56 0a 00 e8-21 00 73 05 a0 b6 07 eb	F·-·-·V·-·-è!·-s··¶·-è
00000080	bc 81 3e fe 7d 55 aa 74-0b 80 7e 10 00 74 c8 a0	¼·->þ}U²·t·-·-·-·tÈ
00000090	b7 07 eb a9 8b fc 1e 57-8b f5 cb bf 05 00 8a 56	·-·èø·ü·W·-ôÈ¿·-·-·V
000000a0	00 b4 08 cd 13 72 23 8a-c1 24 3f 98 8a de 8a fc	·-·-·Í·-r#·-Ã¿?·-·-P·-ü
000000b0	43 f7 e3 8b d1 86 d6 b1-06 d2 ee 42 f7 e2 39 56	C·-ã·-Ñ·-Ö±·-ÒíB·-â9V
000000c0	0a 77 23 72 05 39 46 08-73 1c b8 01 02 bb 00 7c	·w#r·-9F·-s·-·-·-»·-
000000d0	8b 4e 02 8b 56 00 cd 13-73 51 4f 74 4e 32 e4 8a	·N·-V·-Í·-sQOtN2ä·
000000e0	56 00 cd 13 eb e4 8a 56-00 60 bb aa 55 b4 41 cd	V·-Í·-èä·-V·-·-»²U·-AÍ

- Viewing the volume signature in your favorite forensic tool makes the issue very clear
- Notice the signature “FVE!”

# Examination of Physical Image – BL To Go NTFS

00000000	eb 58 90 2d 46 56 45 2d-46 53 2d 00 02 08 00 00	èX --FVE-FS-----
00000010	00 00 00 00 00 f8 00 00-3f 00 ff 00 20 00 00 00	.....ø...?·ÿ· ...
00000020	00 00 00 00 e0 1f 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....à.....
00000030	01 00 06 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
00000040	80 00 29 00 00 00 00 4e-4f 20 4e 41 4d 45 20 20	..) ....NO NAME
00000050	20 20 46 41 54 33 32 20-20 20 33 c9 8e d1 bc f4	FAT32 3É·Ñ·ô
00000060	7b 8e c1 8e d9 bd 00 7c-a0 fb 7d b4 7d 8b f0 ac	{·Á·Û·¼· ·û}'·}·8·
00000070	98 40 74 0c 48 74 0e b4-0e bb 07 00 cd 10 eb ef	·@t·Ht·'·»··í·ëí
00000080	a0 fd 7d eb e6 cd 16 cd-19 00 00 00 00 00 00	ý)ëæí·í.....
00000090	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00-00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
000000a0	3b d6 67 49 29 2e d8 4a-83 99 f6 a3 39 e3 d0 01	;ÖgI)·ØJ··ö£9ãÐ·
000000b0	00 00 10 02 00 00 00 00-00 e0 47 29 00 00 00 00	.....àG) .....

- Viewing the volume signature in your favorite forensic tool makes the issue very clear
- Notice the signature “-FVE-FS-”

# Examination of the BEK File

- We can also see the Recovery Key ID number (i.e. the GUID like name of the BEK file)

Offset 56(d), Length 4 bytes (Reversed)

Offset 60(d), Length 2 bytes (Reversed)

Offset 62(d), Length 2 bytes (Reversed)

Offset 64(d), Length 2 bytes (Forward)

Offset 66(d), Length 6 bytes (Forward)

# Examination of the BEK File

Recovery Key:

ID: {7C6CA4B3-F630-4BE2-A23E-5CF79BADA160}

External Key File Name:

7C6CA4B3-F630-4BE2-A23E-5CF79BADA160.BEK

000	9c 00 00 00 01 00 00 00-30 00 00 00 9c 00 00 00	.....0.....
016	75 39 c1 de 46 02 87 44-8b 55 b5 9f f4 1e b0 2e	u9ÁBF..D·Uu·ô·°.
032	01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00-c0 97 7b 0e d9 a3 c7 01	.....À·{·Û£Ç·
048	6c 00 06 00 09 00 01 00-b3 a4 6c 7c 30 f6 e2 4b	l.....³µl 0öâK
064	a2 3e 5c f7 9b ad a1 60-80 2e 34 0e d9 a3 c7 01	o>\÷--j' .4·Û£Ç·
080	20 00 00 00 02 00 01 00-45 00 78 00 74 00 65 00	.....E·x·t·e·
096	72 00 6e 00 61 00 6c 00-4b 00 65 00 79 00 00 00	r·n·a·l·K·e·y·..
112	2c 00 00 00 01 00 01 00-02 20 00 00 f8 1a b4 18	,.....·ø·'
128	71 fe 50 98 8d 66 42 5e-94 a0 66 92 d9 1d 65 5b	qpP··fB^· f·Û·e[
144	d4 64 f8 eb 72 a2 06 52-de fc 02 81	Ôdøëro·RPü··

# Examination of the BEK File

- When implementing BitLocker with a Startup Key (USB drive or encrypting a data volume) we can get additional information from the file itself.
  - Date of key generation
  - Time of key generation

Offset 72(d), Length 8 bytes (Little endian)

# BitLocker Investigative Impact

- What do investigators have on our side?
  - BitLocker is only available in Windows Enterprise and Ultimate SKUs
  - BitLocker has a number of “Recovery” scenarios that we can exploit
  - Encryption is “scary” to users (even criminals)
  - BitLocker, at its core, is a password technology, we simply have to get the password from our suspect or surroundings

# BitLocker Investigative Impact

- What do investigators have on our side?
  - We are investigators, and should be aware if our suspect is using encryption technology prior to entry
  - BitLocker in the Enterprise should have a high likelihood of recovery information availability
  - BitLocker protected drives can be mounted and examined forensically if we can get in
  - We are the good guys!

# BitLocker Investigative Impact

- What do investigators have working against us?
  - BitLocker has very low user interaction after the initial setup
  - BitLocker has <5% overhead on performance
  - If used in the TPM + PIN scenario, we need the user to provide the PIN or recovery info
  - If used in the TPM + USB scenario, we need the USB drive or user supplied recovery info



# BitLocker Investigative Impact

- What do investigators have working against us?
  - BitLocker uses US Government grade encryption in 128 bit or 256 bit AES keying
  - BitLocker operates at a lower level of the OS so security technologies can be layered (EFS)

# BitLocker Investigative Impact

- Introduction of this security technology in Windows Vista and Windows 7 does not amount to an overwhelming blow to the efforts of law enforcement
- As has been true throughout history the dumb criminals will be easy to catch and the smart ones harder...



# Questions?

# 30

Minutes



Enabling BitLocker on Data volumes

## Exercise 6

**Microsoft** | Services

# Mounting BitLocker Protected Volumes

Exploration of Windows 7  
Advanced Forensic Topics – Day 3

# Requirements – NEED TO TEST Versions

- Examiner System must be running either Windows Win 7 Enterprise or Ultimate
- BitLocker does NOT have to be enabled on the Examiner system
- All obvious write protection mechanisms should be in place – Forensics 101

# Mounting a BitLocker Drive

- Investigators can use the recovery mechanisms built into the BitLocker mechanism to access the protected drive
- Just like EFS
- 

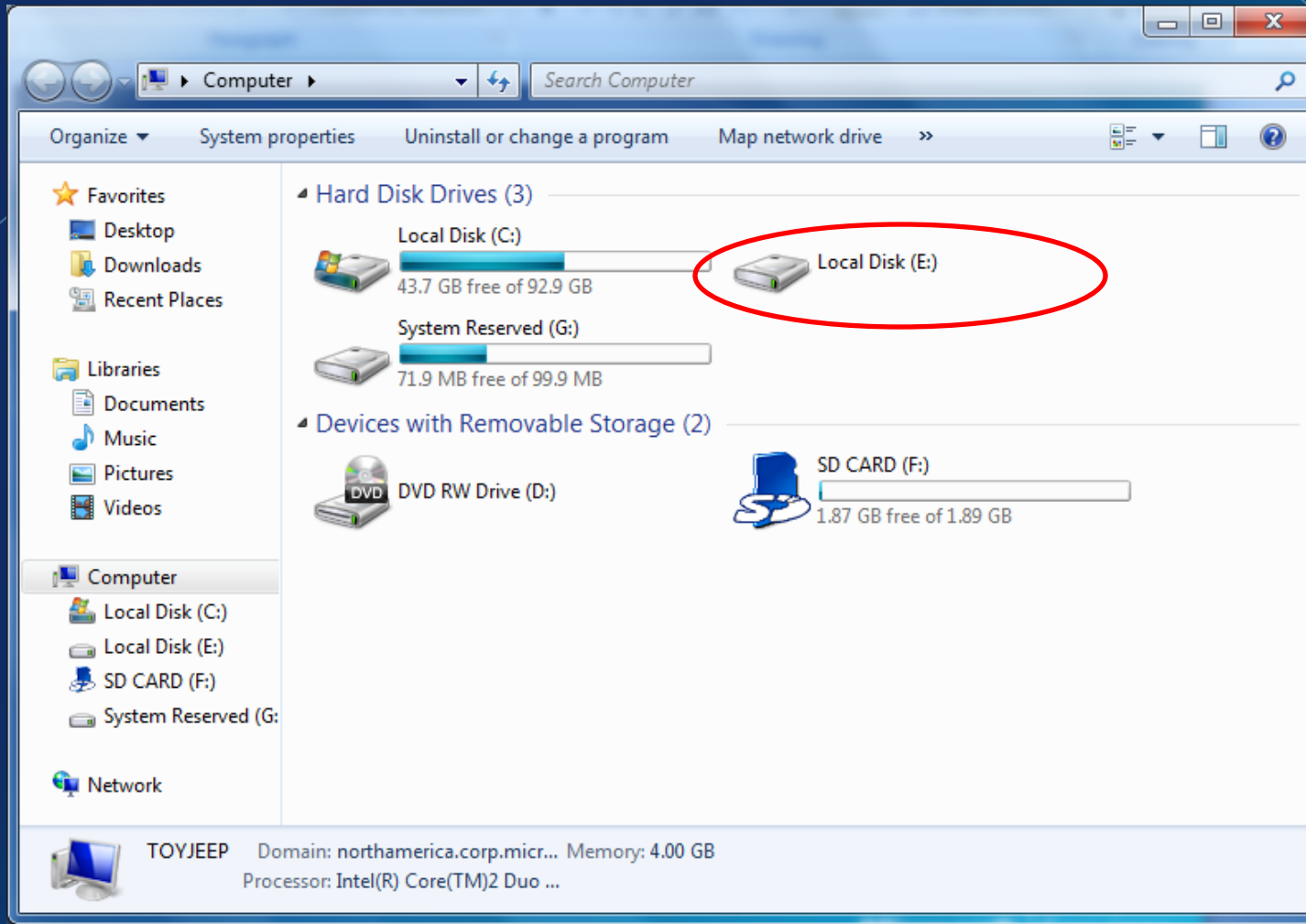
**WE STILL NEED THE PASSWORD!!!**

# Mounting a BitLocker Drive

- Physical Mount
  - Install the “suspect” drive as a secondary drive through a write blocker
  - Boot to a BitLocker capable version of Win 7
  - Access the BitLocker MMC
  - You should see the “suspect” drive
  - Use the BitLocker recovery process to temporarily access the data

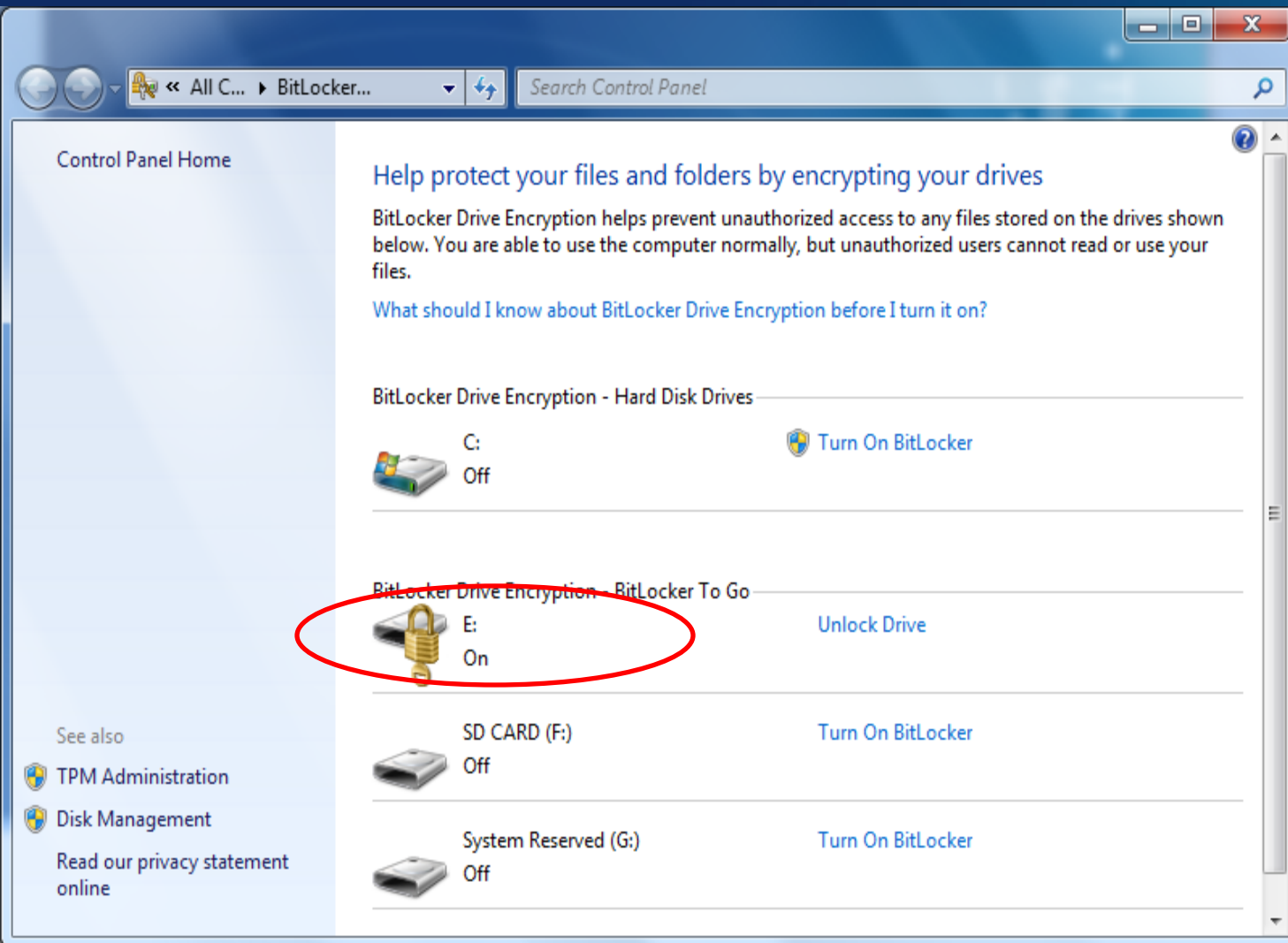


# Mounting a BitLocker Drive



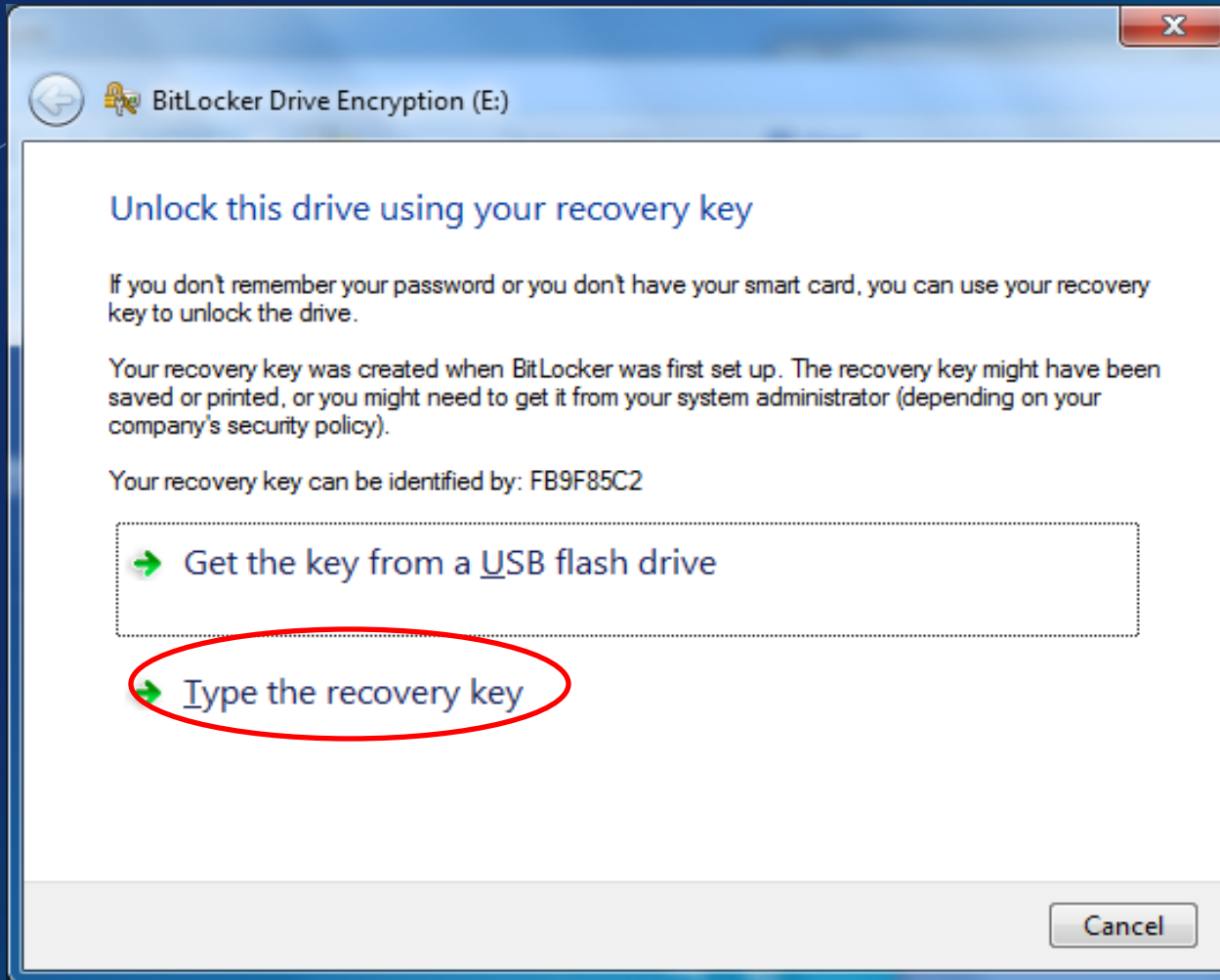
- The drive is recognized but it can not be read
- Details are unavailable

# Mounting a BitLocker Drive



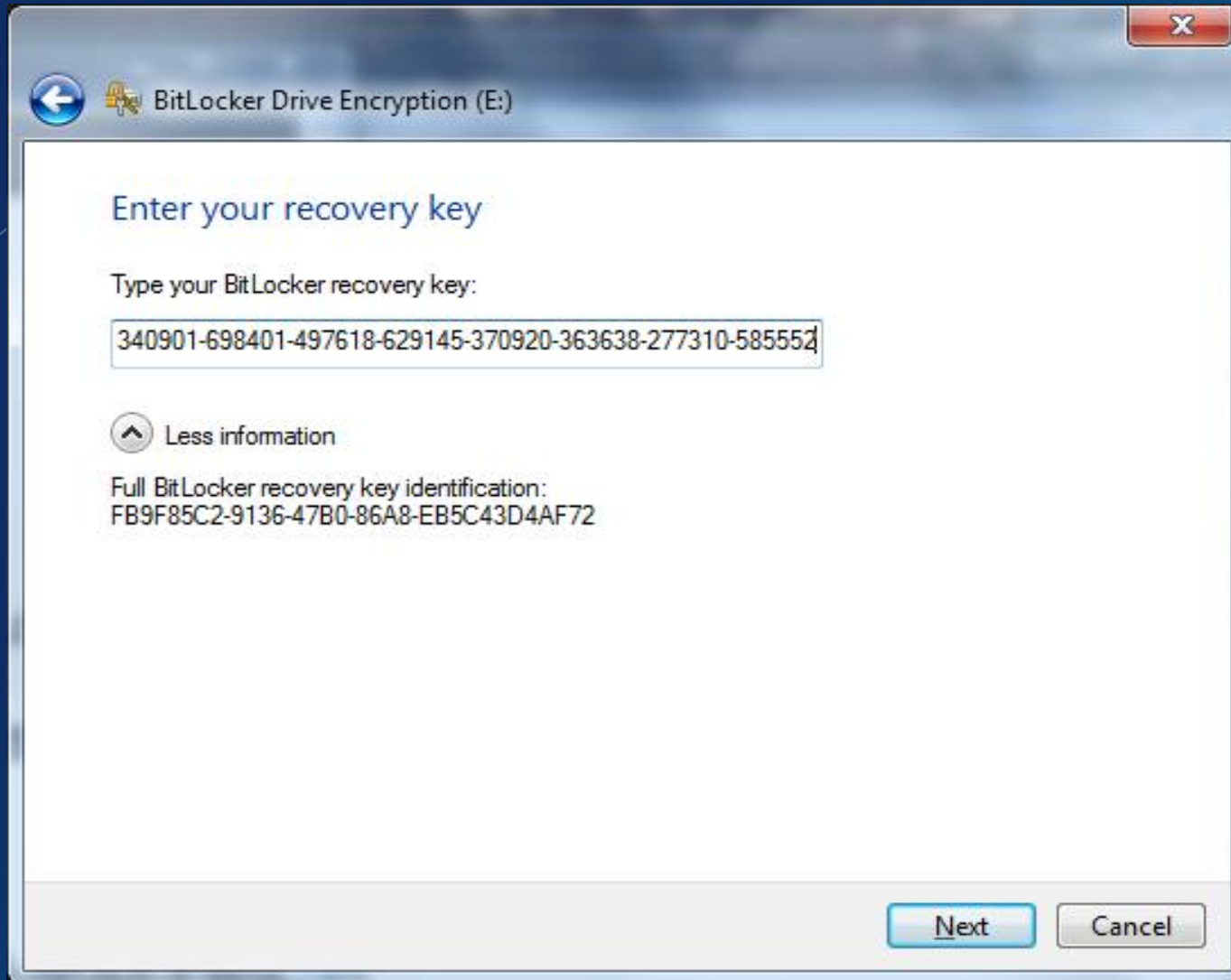
- The BitLocker MMC is  
— “Unlock”  
sees the drive as protected

# Mounting a BitLocker Drive



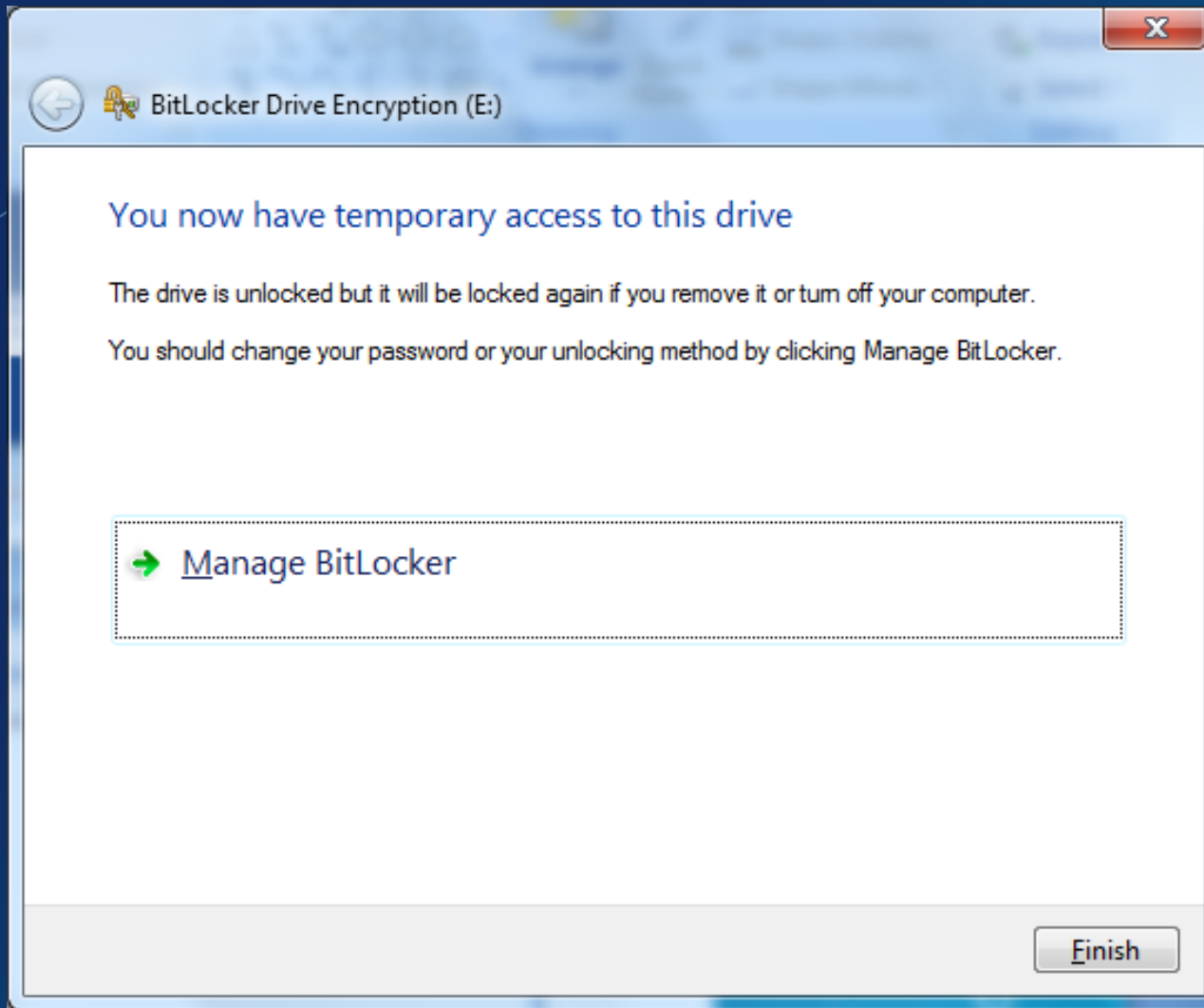
- Choose password format – “USB Key” or “Manually”

# Mounting a BitLocker Drive



- We have the Recovery Key Password so we type it in

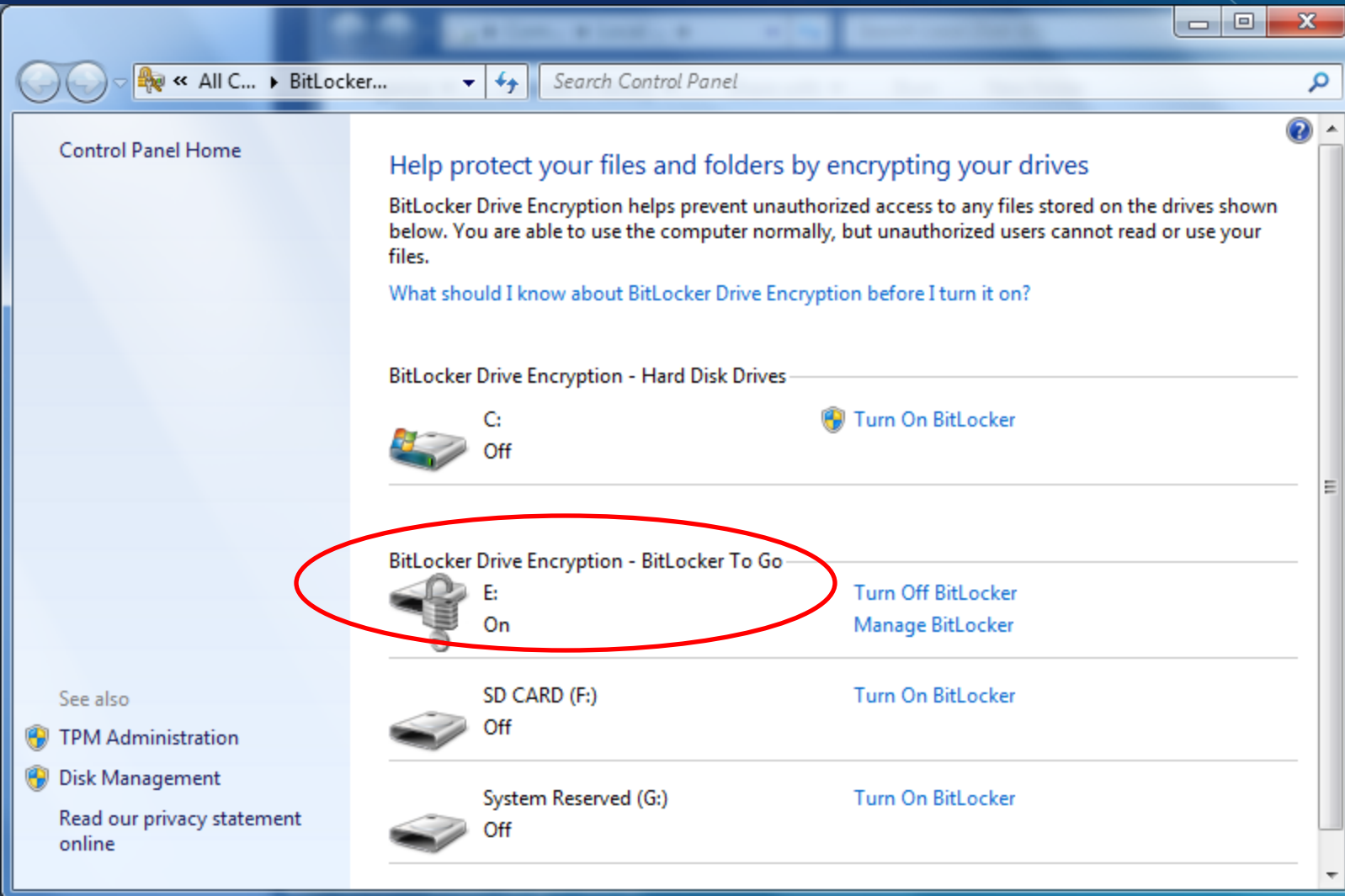
# Mounting a BitLocker Drive



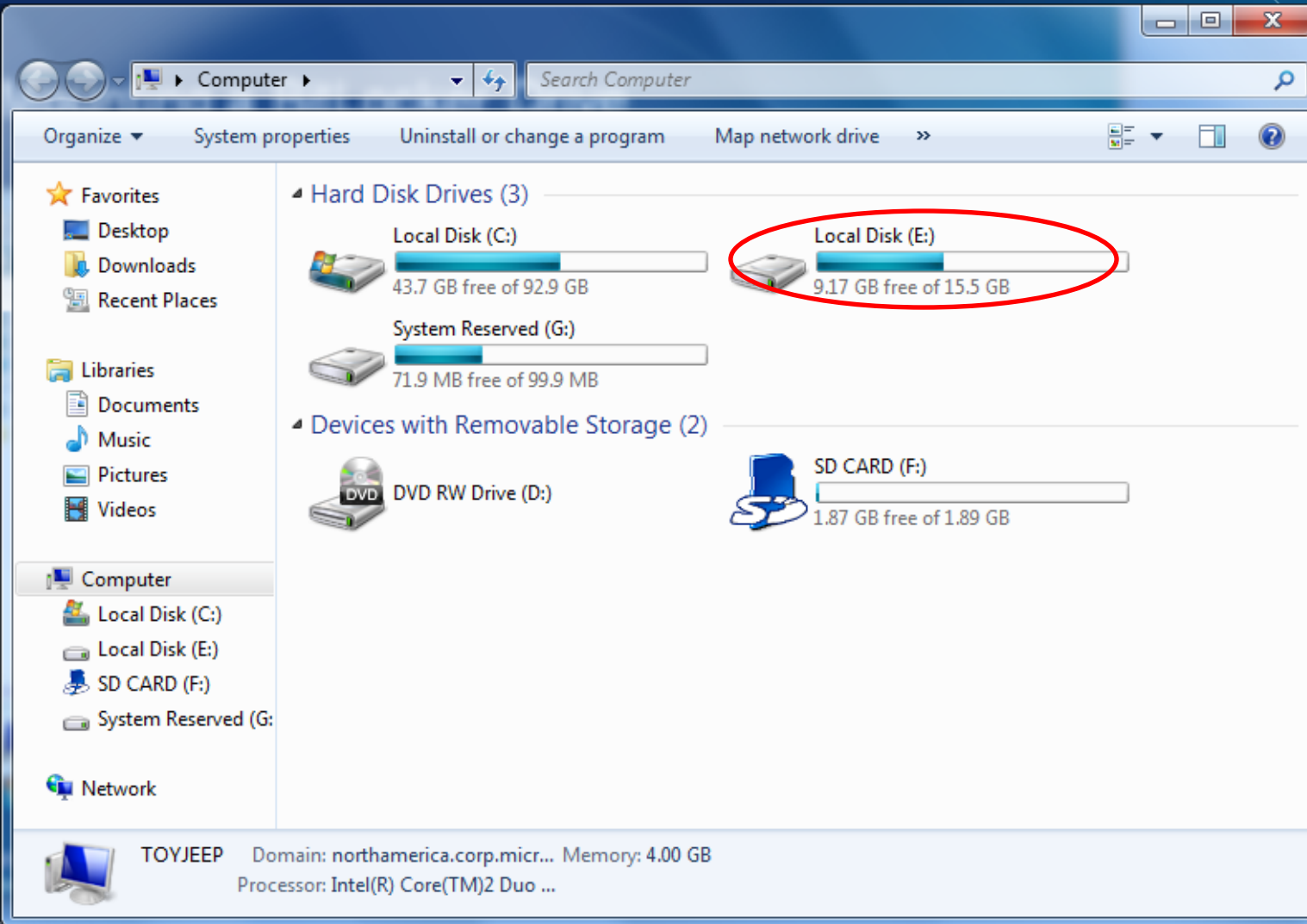
- “You can now temporarily access this drive”

# Mounting a BitLocker Drive

- Granted access to a BitLocker protected drive!

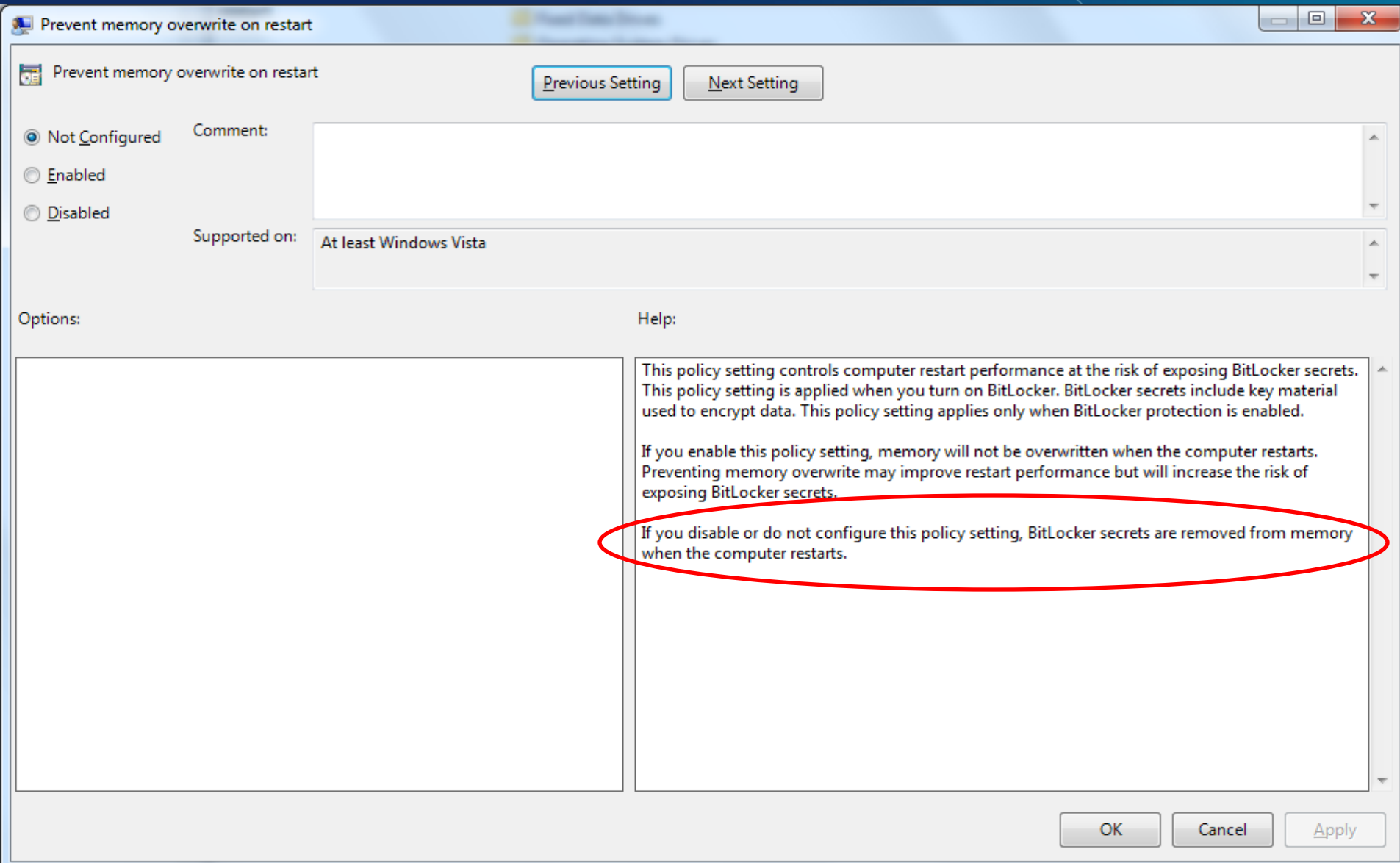


# Mounting a BitLocker Drive



- Drive details are now available and we can process the drive

# Bitlocker "Cold Boot" attack?







# Questions?

# Tools for Dealing with BitLocker Evidence

Exploration of Windows 7  
Advanced Forensic Topics – Day 3

# BitLocker Aware Forensic Tools

- Some tools already handle disk images of encrypted drives provided the investigator has recovery or startup key material

# Alternatives

- If the tool used does not support BitLocker, an investigator should obtain 2 images of the suspect system
  - Physical – To allow for booting and testing
  - Logical – To allow for examination in the tool

# Alternatives

- The increase in use of encryption and the number of most technically savvy criminal necessitates the move from traditional offline only forensic to a hybrid online / offline approach where two sets of data are collected and examined.

# Dealing with BitLocker on a Live System

Exploration of Windows Vista  
Advanced Forensic Topics – Day 3

# Manage-BDE

- In Vista this tool was a script. Manage-BDE.WSF
- In Win7 it was converted to an EXE.
- C:\Windows\System32\Manage-BDE.exe
- Manage-BDE and Repair tool are now part of Windows PE, Windows RE and Windows 7

# Manage-BDE

- This tool can manage every aspect of BitLocker on a system
  - Encrypt drives
  - Lock and Unlock drives
  - Decrypt drives
  - Manage BitLocker Keys
  - View Recovery Key information



# Manage-BDE

- Viewing if BitLocker is enabled on any drive on a live system:

Note: You must run as Administrator

**manage-bde -status**

# Manage-BDE

```
C:\Windows\system32>manage-bde -status
BitLocker Drive Encryption: Configuration Tool version 6.1.7072
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
Disk volumes that can be protected with
BitLocker Drive Encryption:
```

```
Volume D: []
[Data Volume]
Size: 1.89 GB
BitLocker Version: None
Conversion Status: Fully Decrypted
Percentage Encrypted: 0%
Encryption Method: None
Protection Status: Protection Off
Lock Status: Unlocked
Identification Field: None
Automatic Unlock: Disabled
Key Protectors: None Found
```

```
Volume C: []
[OS Volume]
Size: 144.02 GB
BitLocker Version: Windows 7
Conversion Status: Fully Encrypted
Percentage Encrypted: 100%
Encryption Method: AES 128 with Diffuser
Protection Status: Protection On
Lock Status: Unlocked
Identification Field: None
Key Protectors:
  External Key
  Numerical Password
```

Volume

Encryption State

Encryption Used

# Manage-BDE

- What about recovery information?

**manage-bde –protectors –get c:**

Note: You will need to run this for all drives attached to the system. i.e.

**manage-bde –protectors –get d:**

**manage-bde –protectors –get e:**

# Manage-BD

```
C:\Windows\system32>manage-bde -protectors -get c:  
BitLocker Drive Encryption: Configuration Tool version 6.1.7072  
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.  
Volume C: []  
All Key Protectors  
  External Key:  
    ID: {B2EDF460-234E-40D4-8F2D-14DC4D29722C}  
    External Key File Name:  
      B2EDF460-234E-40D4-8F2D-14DC4D29722C.BEK  
  Numerical Password:  
    ID: {738C71C6-8CEA-4273-81EC-8A2F23A7DF21}  
    Password:  
      290103-627220-601392-709918-475816-546480-189739-185042
```

# Manage-BDE

- We can even unlock the drive with the manage-bde tool.
- Remember unlocking the drive leaves the data encrypted but simply stores the Volume Master Key (VMK) in the clear so the system can boot without a startup key

**manage-bde –unlock c:**

**manage-bde –autounlock –enable c:**

# Forensic First Responders

- Inclusion of this tool in any first responder toolkit is a must.
- A script can be leveraged to detect BitLocker on a live system and automatically obtain Recovery Key data and/or unlock the drive



# Questions?

**30**  
**Minutes**



**Mounting BitLocker Protected Volumes for Preview**

# **Exercise**

**Microsoft** | Services



# 30

Minutes



Imaging Implications for BitLocker Protected Drives

# Exercise

**Microsoft** | Services

# 30

Minutes



Examining File system Signatures of BitLocker Protected Volumes

# Exercise

# BitLocker in Win7 at a Glance

Drive Type	Unlock Methods	Recovery Methods	Management	Other requirements
Operating System Drives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TPM</li> <li>TPM+PIN</li> <li>TPM+Startup key</li> <li>TPM+PIN+Startup Key</li> <li>Startup key</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recovery password</li> <li>Recovery Key</li> <li>Active Directory backup of recovery password</li> <li>Domain Recovery Agent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robust and consistent Group Policy enforcement</li> <li>Minimum Pin Length</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drive preparation fully integrated in BitLocker setup.</li> <li>System partition size: 200MB without WinRE 400MB with WinRE</li> <li>System partition letterless</li> <li>NTFS file system.</li> </ul>
Data Drives <i>Includes fixed and removable</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passphrase</li> <li>Smart Card</li> <li>Automatic Unlocking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as OS drives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robust and consistent group policy controls</li> <li>Ability to mandate encryption prior to granting write access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>File systems: NTFS, FAT, FAT32, ExFAT</li> </ul>