

Manual

Cryptify Call application for Windows



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1 Scope

This document describes how to install, configure, maintain, and operate the Cryptify Call application for Windows. The target audience is end users of Cryptify Call.

2 Introduction

2.1 Use and benefits of Cryptify Call

Cryptify Call is a modern digital communication solution that enables secure meetings and safe exchange of information, both within organizations and with external partners. The solution is fully autonomous, giving you complete control and ownership of everything from cryptographic keys to personal data. It also includes built-in identity verification, which is an essential component alongside its strong end-to-end encryption.

2.2 Functionality – Overview

In its basic configuration, Cryptify Call offers all the essential features expected from a modern collaboration platform. It supports both one-to-one communication and interaction within larger groups. The platform provides comprehensive functionality, including messaging with text and attachments, voice and video calls, and voice and video conferencing. It also enables centrally managed information channels with up to 2,000 recipients. During video conferences, participants can use features such as raising a hand to request the floor, screen sharing, and background blurring.

In addition to its core functionality, Cryptify Call offers several add-on features. For example, users can invite temporary guest participants (non-Cryptify users) to join voice and video conferences.

For more tactically oriented users, such as those in intelligence or military operations, the Tactical Edition is available. This edition includes features such as push-to-talk, screen-free conferencing, audio feedback, and automatic reconnection in case of lost coverage. It also supports integration with the Team Awareness Kit (TAK), enabling capabilities such as map-based collaboration.

Cryptify Call seamlessly switches between mobile networks and Wi-Fi, ensuring reliable performance both domestically and internationally. Users can choose whether to use mobile data abroad or restrict connectivity to Wi-Fi only.

2.3 Cryptify Call – Certified by Independent Parties

All forms of communication, including attachments, video, and reactions, are protected using cryptographic technologies certified by independent parties. This ensures that no unauthorized individual can eavesdrop on conversations or access attached documents or data, as everything is encrypted end-to-end from sender to recipient.

Cryptify Call, as well as Cryptify as a company and the processes used to develop and maintain its products, are continuously subject to rigorous review by independent and competent third parties. We are proud that Cryptify Call is certified by the UK

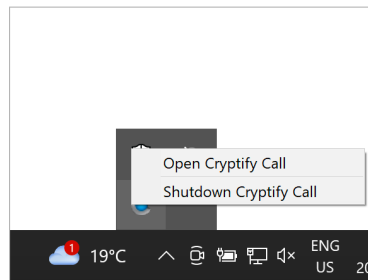


Figure 1: Cryptify Call service

National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) up to **UK OFFICIAL** level, and by NATO up to **NATO RESTRICTED** level.

Additionally, Cryptify is trusted by a wide range of international military units to secure their communications, including for tactically critical operations.

3 Procedures

3.1 Installation and configuration

There are two main ways in which Windows devices are used in enterprises; administrators may have set up the devices with the Cryptify Call application, and other apps, before delivering them to end users, or end users may be able to install and updates app themselves.

3.1.1 Install Cryptify Call

If users are permitted to install, update or modify the apps on their Windows devices, they can install Cryptify Call application on the device by opening the provided MSI installer.

Otherwise, if the Cryptify Call app is not installed, users should ask their administrators to provision it for them.

The application keeps running in the background, even if the main window is closed. To actually terminate the application, right-click the Cryptify Call icon in the Windows system tray select "Shutdown Cryptify Call" (figure 1).

3.1.2 Provisioning user credentials

Users are enrolled through a controlled onboarding process managed by the CMS Operator or another designated trusted authority. As part of this process, users are issued the Cryptify Call App (CCA) and provided with an initiation letter containing their unique provisioning QR codes.

It is essential that users verify the authenticity of the initiation letter prior to scanning the QR codes. The initiation letter must originate from the CMS Operator or another explicitly trusted and authorized party. Users must not scan QR codes received from unknown, unexpected, or unverified sources. Furthermore, the initiation letter must be treated as secret and disposed of in a secure manner after it has been used.

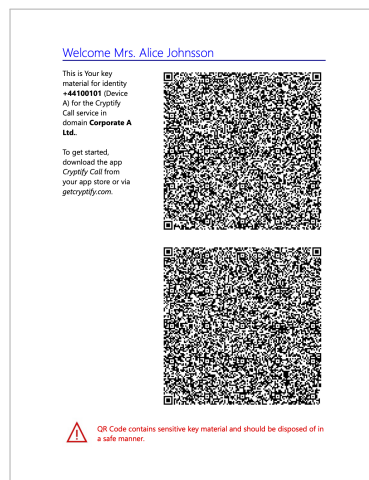


Figure 2: Initiation letter

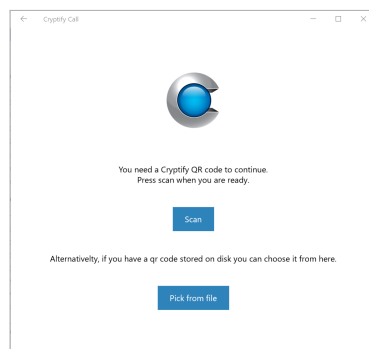


Figure 3: Read initiation letter from file

To provision the app, start the Cryptify Call app and use the embedded scanner to read the QR codes provided in the initiation letter (figure 2).

Alternatively, the app can be provisioned using a PDF-file containing the QR-codes (figure 3).

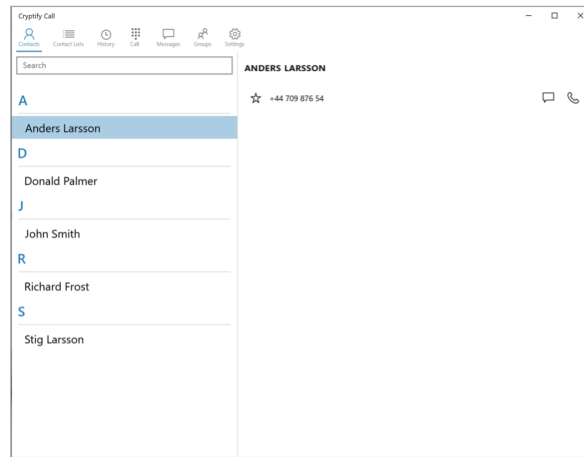
It is recommended that the initiation letter be destroyed once successfully used in order to ensure the credentials don't get into the wrong hands.

3.2 Managing contacts

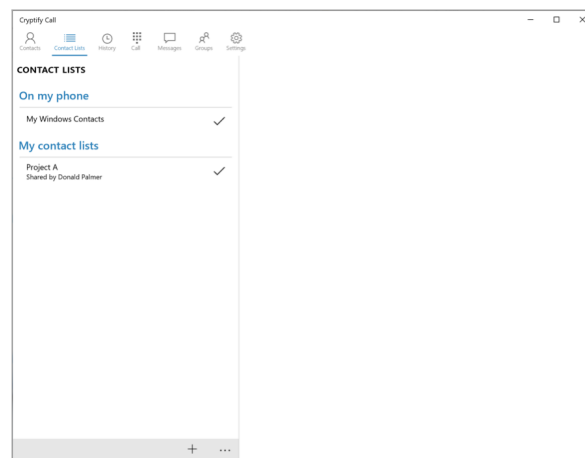
The application also has a Contacts tab (figure 4), showing all contacts available to the app. Contacts are sourced from the contact book stored on the phone and from distributed contact lists as well as from the personal contact list.

A personal contact can be created by tapping the Add personal contact button for a phone number that is not already in a contact source, or by using the "+"-button in the Contacts tab.

All available contact lists are shown under "Lists". Lists that are enabled – that is,



(a) Contacts



(b) Contact lists

Figure 4: All available contacts are listed in the Contacts tab.

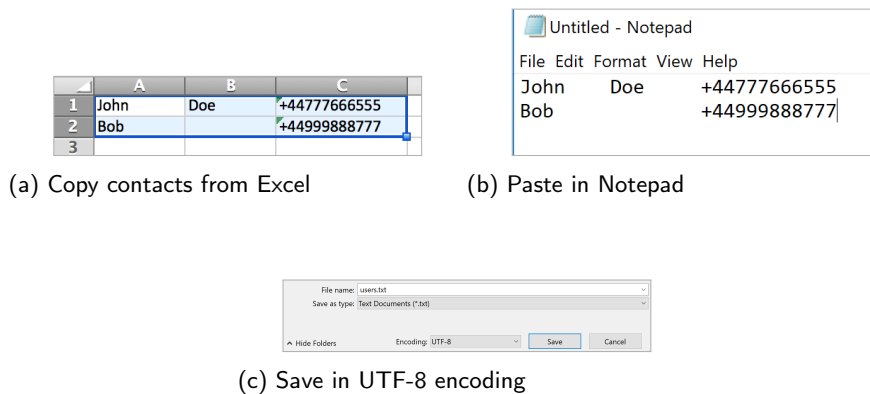


Figure 5: A list of contacts that can be imported into Cryptify Call can be created using Excel and Notepad.

those lists that populate the “Contacts” tab and are used as a source of contact information – are marked with a checkmark. To enable or disable a list, tap the list and toggle the “Enabled” switch.

Shared contact lists are automatically kept up-to-date, and to unsubscribe from future updates you need to contact the admin of the list.

Only enable or import lists from trusted and verified sources. Importing or activating lists from untrusted or unknown sources may compromise the security of the application.

3.2.1 Creating and sharing contact lists

Contact lists can be created within the Cryptify Call app, and optionally shared with other users in a secure manner. To create a new contact list, tap the “+” button in the “Lists” view and enter a name for the contact list. To modify the entries of the contact list, tap “Contacts” and then “Edit”.

To add a new contact, tap “Add Contact” and select either “Pick from Contacts” to copy existing contacts from other contact sources – including the native phone book – or “Create New” to manually create a new contact list entry.

It is also possible to import contacts from a TSV (tab separated values) file by clicking the import button and selecting “Import from file”.

The file should have UTF-8 (or ASCII) encoding with three columns per line, specifying the first name, the last name and the phone number. It is easy to create such a file using Excel and Notepad (or TextEdit on macOS), see figure 5:

1. Select a range of cells containing three columns and choose copy the cells using Edit > Copy (or control-C).
2. Paste the result into a new document in Notepad. (If using TextEdit on macOS, select Format > Make Plain Text before pasting the data.)
3. Save the document, and make sure to select UTF-8 encoding.

Similarly, the list of subscribers – that is, those who will receive the contact list – is edited by tapping “Subscribers”. As before, only a contact list that is marked as “Enabled” is used as a contact list source, but even disabled lists are distributed to subscribers.

3.3 Making a secure call

Making a secure call is as easy as dialing the number of the person to call, and normally the number is the same as the mobile number for that person. The only requirement is that both parties use Cryptify Call. The number can be entered using the keypad (figure 6a).

An alternative method to make a secure call is to use the Recents view (figure 6b) where the call log is listed. A secure call can be initiated by tapping an entry in the list. Tapping the info-button opens the Details view, which offers a second way to initiate the call.

3.4 Answer an incoming secure call

An incoming secure call will be displayed together with the number of the person who is calling and the Security Domain that person belongs to. If there is a contact available in the device for that number, the contact name is displayed instead of the number.

3.5 During a call

When a secure call is active the user is presented with relevant information about the ongoing call (figure 8), and can optionally add a third party to the call.

The Network Quality indicator shows the quality of the data connection, which might differ from the signal strength indicator provided by Windows. An example is cell congestions; where the signal strength might be excellent but no data can be transmitted over the cellular network.

3.6 Conference calls

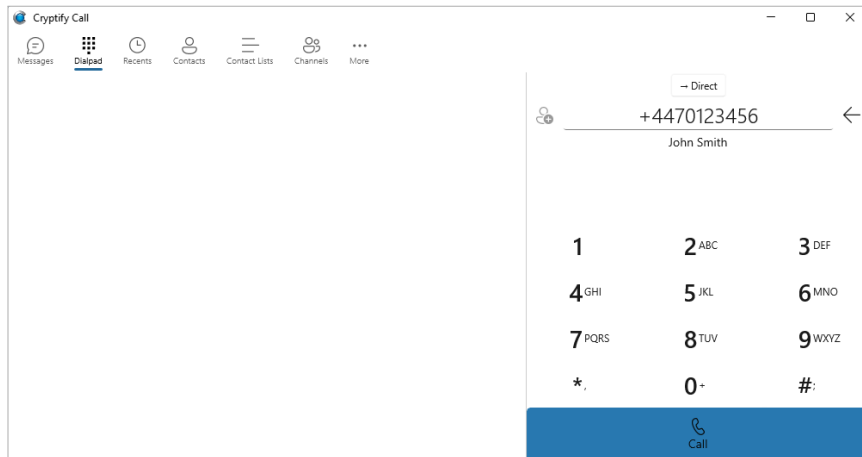
Cryptify Call supports secure, end-to-end encrypted conference calls. Participating in a secure conference call is just as easy as calling a regular conference bridge, and a conference call host controls which callers are allowed to join the conference call.

3.6.1 Dial in to a conference

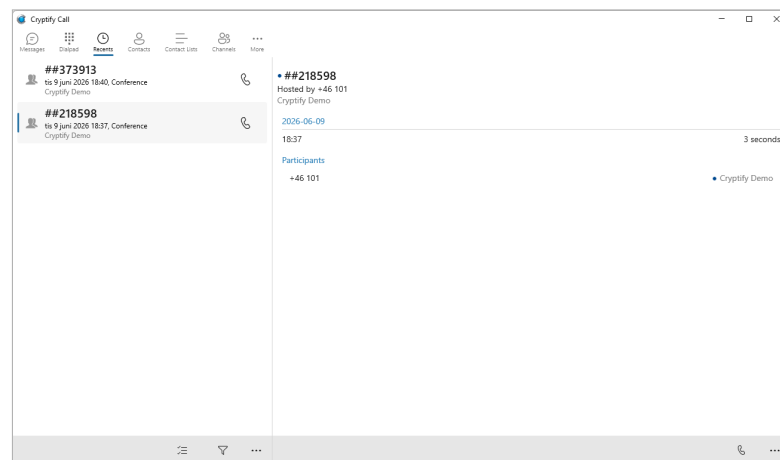
To dial in to a conference, simply dial the six-digit number given to you by the conference host on the dial pad, prefixed by “##” (figure 9). While you wait for the conference host to accept your participation, the call screen displays “Waiting for host” and an ordinary ring back tone is played in the speaker. Once accepted by the host, the ring back tone stops and the duration timer starts.

3.6.2 Screen sharing

Participants can share their screen during a conference by tapping the “Share” button.



(a) Dialpad



(b) Recents

Figure 6: The dialpad and the recents list make it easy to place a phone call.

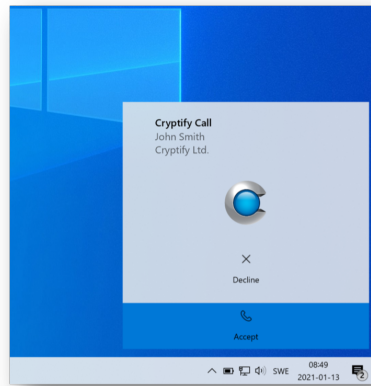


Figure 7: Tap to accept

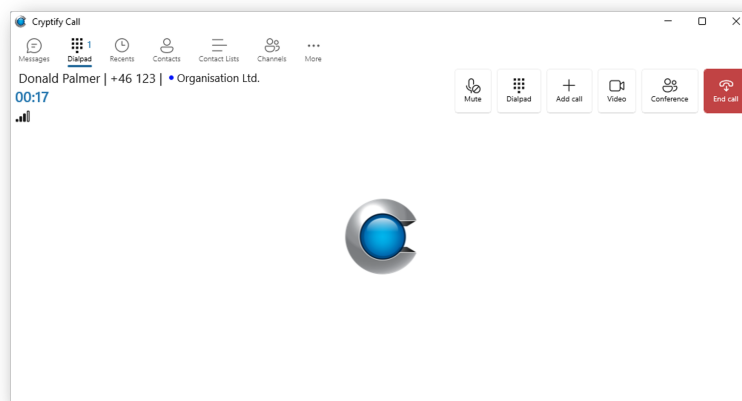


Figure 8: Active call

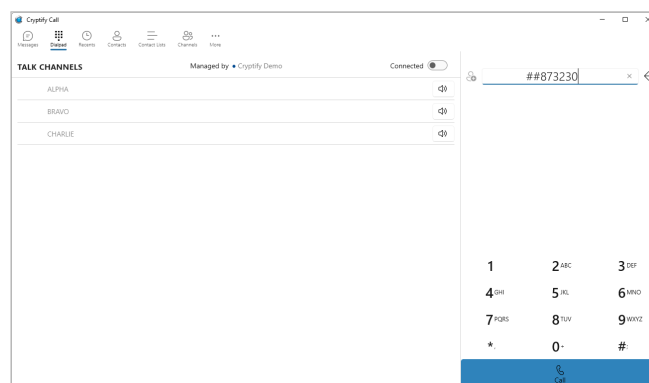


Figure 9: It is easy to dial into a conference room using the dialpad.

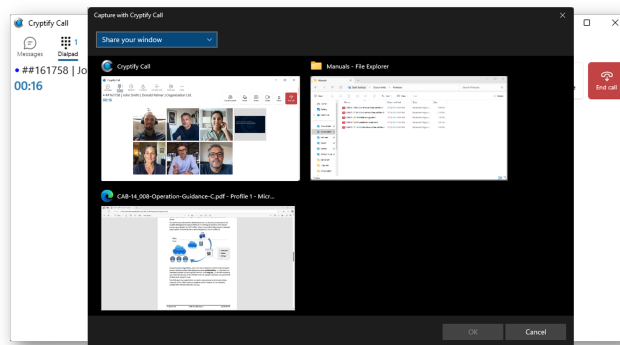


Figure 10: To share your screen with the other participants, tap “Share”.

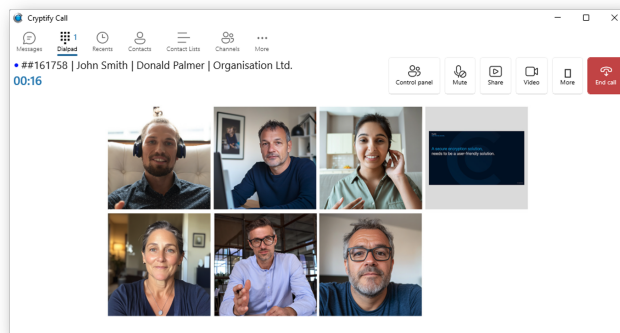


Figure 11: Pressing on a video tile will present that participant in full screen.

Shared content from other participants will be presented in their video tile. Pressing on a video tile will present that participant in full screen (figure 11).

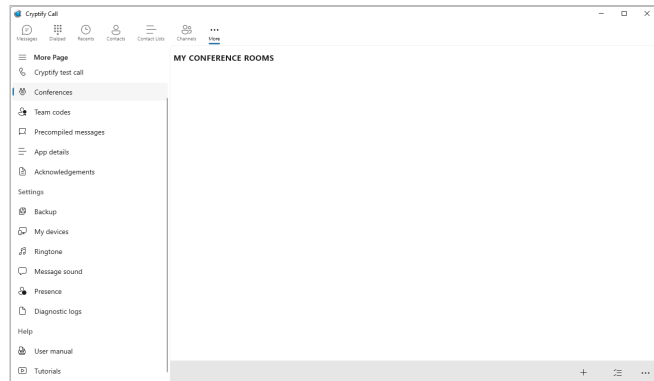
3.6.3 Hosting a conference

To host a conference, you must first create a conference room (figure 12). A conference room is identified by a six-digit number, which the system automatically generates. Once a conference room has been created, it can be used indefinitely.

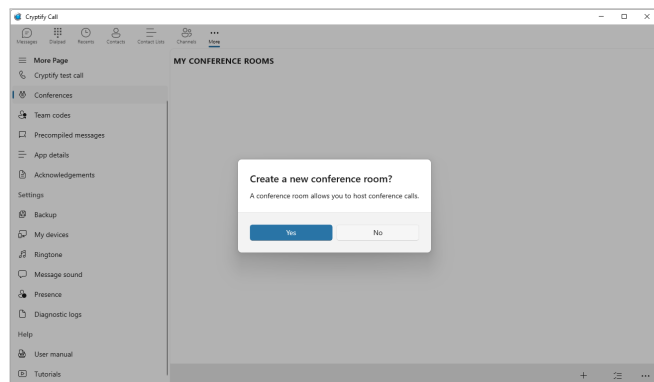
To create a conference room, select “Conferences” on the “More” tab, tap the “+” button and confirm the creation. A new conference room is then created and assigned a randomly selected number, which is used by participants to join the conference.

If desired, you can create multiple conference rooms and use them for different meetings, but you can only host one conference at a time. To remove a conference room, simply swipe right and tap “Remove”.

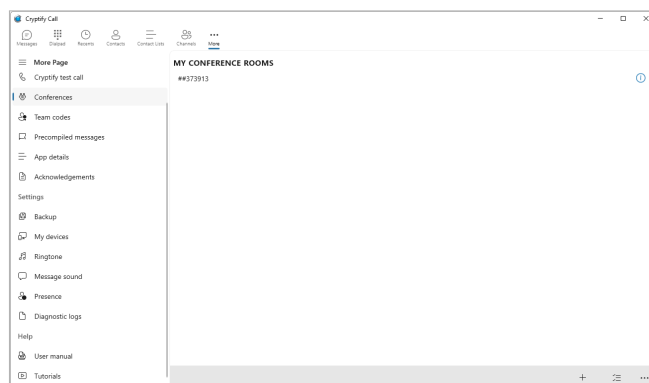
The conference room number is distributed to the participants, along with the date and time for the conference. As the conference room number plays no role in the security of the conference, the number can be distributed to the participants in any



(a) 1. List - Conference rooms



(b) 2. Create room



(c) 3. List - Conference rooms

Figure 12: After creating a conference room, you can host conference calls in it.

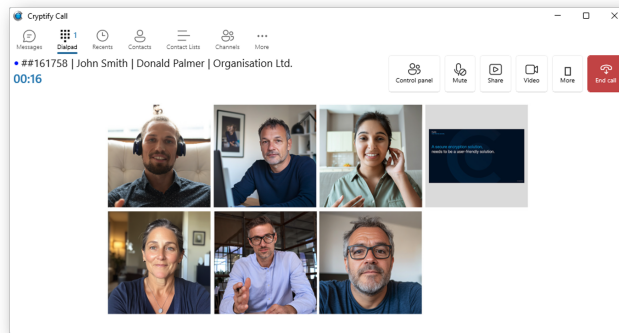


Figure 13: The control panel gives the host an overview of the conference call.

form, for instance via email or by using a shared calendar.

When the conference should begin, the host simply dials the conference room number on the dial pad, prefixed by “##”, or uses the call button in the list of conferences.

The host manages the conference using the Control Panel (figure 13), where the host can admit, invite and mute participants.

In addition to participants dialing into the conference, the host can invite participants using the Add Participants function in the Control Panel.

Accepting a caller into a conference is a one-way process, and it is not possible to force a caller to leave an ongoing conference. For this reason, users who have been accepted into the conference are also automatically accepted if they lose network connectivity and call into the conference again.

Note also that the entire conference is protected by a secret randomly generated by the conference host each time he or she (re-)enter the conference. If the conference host hangs up, the conference continues, but new participants cannot be accepted. Should the conference host dial in again, the conference will start anew after a brief interruption whilst rekeying.

Best practice for allowing an external party, say, to participate only in the latter part of a conference is to maintain two conference rooms, and move to the second conference room when the external party should join.

3.7 Secure text messages

A conversation can be started from the Messages tab by clicking the new conversation button. A message can also be initiated by tapping the message button in the call history view or the contact details view.

To post a new message in an existing conversation, open that conversation and select the input field to bring up the keyboard (figure 14).

Images and shorter videos (up to 30 seconds) can be attached to a message by tapping the “+” button. Photos can optionally be resized before upload.

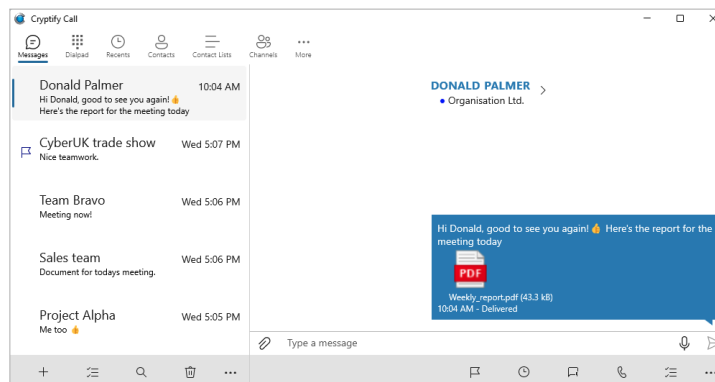


Figure 14: Messages

The administrator can limit for how long messages can be viewed in the app, in which case messages expire at a specific point in time. Note that messages may expire before the recipient has viewed them. The maximum lifetime cannot be exceeded, but it is possible to select a shorter message lifetime by tapping the “+”-button and selecting “Message lifetime”.

Press the send button to send the message. A message that will expire is marked with a timer icon next to the message time stamp. To show when the message will expire, long press the message and select “Status”. To visit links, such as web addresses, embedded in messages, long press the message and tap “Links”.

The status of an outgoing message is displayed next to the timestamp:

Sending - the message is being uploaded to the server.

Sent - the message has been transferred to the server.

Notified - iOS recipients only. The recipient has been notified of the message.

Delivered - the message has been delivered to the recipient.

Read - the recipient has opened the conversation.

Failed - sending the message failed; long press the message and select “Status” for more information or “Resend” to immediately try again.

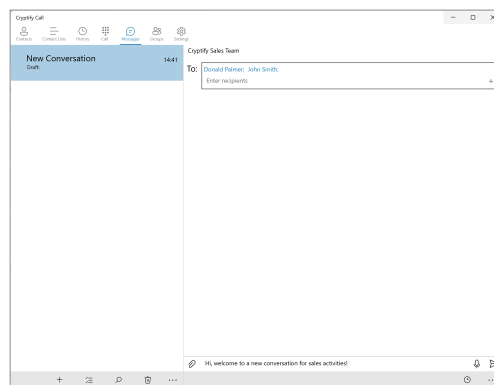
To show the sender’s compose time of an incoming message, long press the message and tap “Status”. If this timestamp differs more than 5 minutes from when the message was received, a warning icon is shown.

3.8 Groups

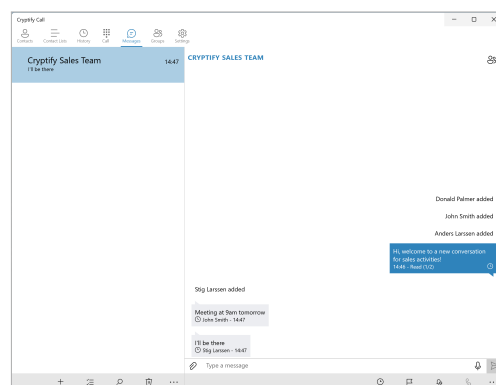
Setting up a group conversation is as easy as sending a regular text message.

To start a new instant group conversation simply start a new conversation (Section 3.7). If more than one recipient is added an *instant group conversation* is created and a *Subject* field is presented (figure 15).

To add and remove recipients from the group conversation press the group name.



(a) Set the Subject



(b) Send message

Figure 15: A group conversation is created by simply adding more recipients and setting a subject.

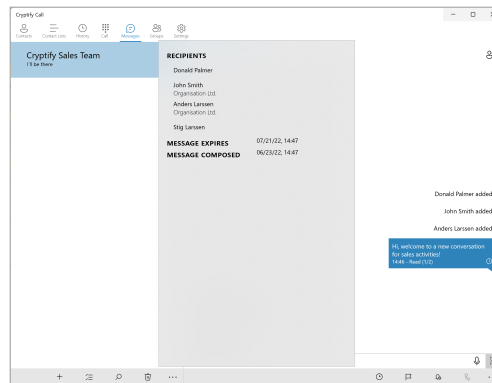


Figure 16: Via the message status, you can see when it was sent and, for outgoing messages, if it has been read.

Each received message is marked with the identity of the sender as well as a timestamp of when the message was received. The history of added and removed are presented in the conversation.

To view the delivery status a posted message, long press on the message to bring up a pop over menu and select Status (figure 16).

3.9 Channels

In addition to Groups, Cryptify Call also supports so called channels, which are message groups that are centrally managed by the CMS operator. Channels are particularly well suited for large groups, such as everyone in an organization, and there is no extra step where the user accepts or declines membership.

Channels work just as regular message groups. However, as channels supports thousands of users, it is for performance reasons not possible to see when a particular user has received or read a message.

By default, and just as for regular text or group text messages, each incoming message to a channel renders a notification. It is, however, possible to *mute* a channel, which prevents notifications on incoming messages to that channel (figure 17). Only the notification is blocked, ensuring that the messages can be read if they are decrypted within 14 days (unless prevented by message expiry).

It is also possible to configure that incoming messages to a channel should be discarded immediately when received, without ever being decrypted or notified. Discarded messages are permanently deleted and cannot be retrieved at a later time.

If a device is to be offline for an extended period of time, it is recommended to configure any high traffic channels to discard incoming traffic. Otherwise, once the device goes online, the app may become unresponsive while it decrypts the messages that have been queued up.

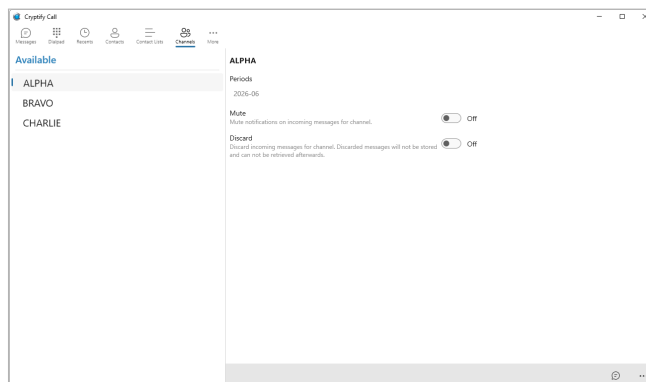


Figure 17: Enabling Mute for a channel silences message notifications, whereas Discard automatically deletes incoming messages.

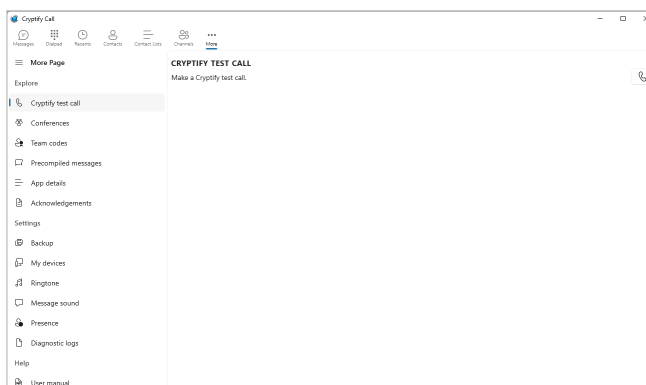


Figure 18: Test calls make it easy to verify the audio quality or testing a headset without disturbing other users.

3.10 Cryptify Test Call

A user can make a Cryptify Test Call to verify the call quality: in the More view select Cryptify Test Call and follow the audio instructions (figure 18).

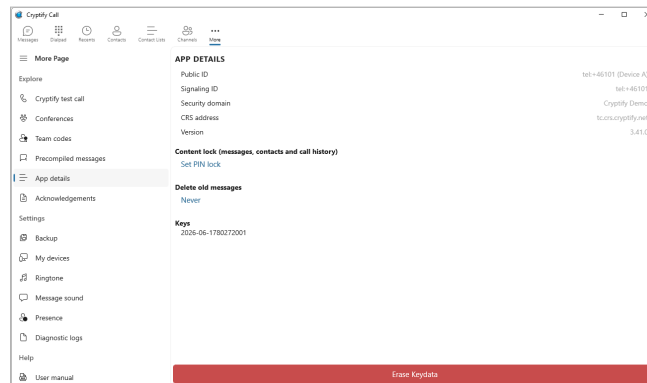
During a Cryptify Test Call the quality of the network as well as connected audio peripherals, e.g. attached conference phone or headsets, are tested.

3.11 Tutorials and manual

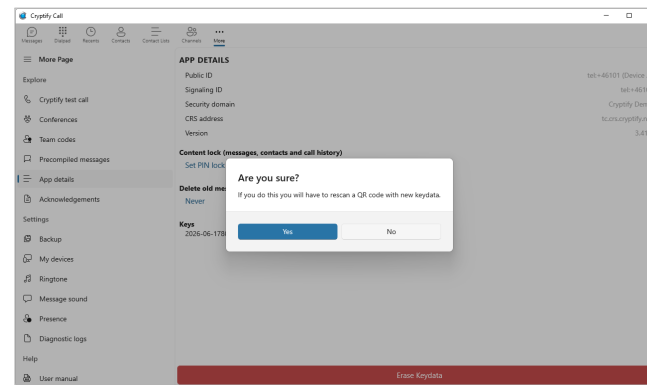
Under the “More” tab you will find the user manual – this document – along with a set of in-app tutorials that highlight new features or help you discover new ways to use Cryptify Call.

3.12 The App details menu

In the *More* view select *App details* to display detailed information of the Cryptify Call application. Messages, contacts and call history can be locked with a PIN code by tapping “Lock” and entering a 4 digit PIN code. If the PIN code is forgotten, the



(a) Advanced view



(b) Erase keydata

Figure 19: If required, all key data and stored content can be irrevocably deleted.

message tab can be unlocked with a PUK code available in the Cryptify Management System.

3.13 Manual key removal / replacement

This procedure is in case the keys should be deleted from the device, or if the CMS administrator decides to perform a manual key replacement. Normally keys are updated automatically without any user intervention.

In the More tab select Erase keydata and press the Erase button (figure 19).

NB! Erase keydata will prompt the user to erase all content and settings for the Cryptify Call application, including stored messages, call history, and stored contacts! The app will not be usable until a new QR code has been scanned.

New keys must be received by the user in the form of a QR code, see Provisioning user credentials above.

3.14 Application Update

To guarantee full functionality and security within the application it is important that users keep Cryptify Call up to date.

If users are permitted to update the apps on their Windows devices, they can update Cryptify Call application on the device by using the provided installer. Otherwise, administrators for the local system may ask to update the apps when these updates are available on behalf of their users.

4 Configuration

4.1 Application specific configuration

Parameters that can be configured by the users are presented in the More tab.

Ringtone

This is the ringtone played during incoming calls.

The user can select from a list of different ring tones, or use own tones.

Message sound

This is the sound played during incoming messages.

Presence

By enabling *Presence* the user shares and see conversation typing indicator and time of last app activity from other user.

Diagnostics log

The user can enable *Diagnostics log* to help troubleshoot issues. The log will be kept locally on the device, unless the user manually attach the log to a secure message.

4.2 Default settings for Cryptify Call

5 Troubleshooting

Reason Code	Description
Not Found	There is no match for the called number. Either the called number does not have a Cryptify Call subscription, or the called number belongs to another Cryptify Call domain not connected to the caller's domain. To request another Cryptify Call domain to be connected/approved, please contact your local Cryptify Call support.
Not Available	The called number is currently not connected to the system, e.g., when the phone is powered off, in airplane mode, or if the called party has manually terminated the Cryptify Call application.
Busy	The called party declined the call or is currently occupied by another call, either an ordinary call or a secure Cryptify Call.
Communication Failure	This could be caused by an incompatible software version. Please make sure that both your and the called party's Cryptify Call applications are up to date. If this happens repeatedly, please contact your local Cryptify Call support.
Authentication Failure	Cryptographic failure. Please contact your local Cryptify Call support.
No Answer	The called party has not answered the call within one minute.

Table 1: Unsuccessful call establishment

Reason Code	Description
Network Failure	No audio received the last 30 seconds. The network problem could be either you, or the other party. This problem is normally triggered when going out of cellular coverage, e.g. a building, underground, etc.

Table 2: Dropped call

Reason Code	Description
Failed, user not found	There is no match for the recipient number. Either the recipient number does not have a Cryptify Call subscription, or that number belongs to another Cryptify Call domain not connected to callers' domain. (To request another Cryptify Call domain to be connected / approved, please contact Your local Cryptify Call support.)
Failed, bad network	Several failed attempts to send the message. This is caused by unstable network connection. If You are using Wi-Fi, please disable Wi-Fi and try again. If this happens repeatedly please contact Your local Cryptify Call support.
Failed to authenticate	Cryptographic failure. Please contact Your local Cryptify Call support!
Failed, invalid	This could be caused by an incompatible software version. Please make sure Your and called party's Cryptify Call applications are up-to-date. If this happens repeatedly please contact Your local Cryptify Call support.
Failed, no support	This could be caused by an incompatible software version. Please make sure Your and called party's Cryptify Call applications are up-to-date. If this happens repeatedly please contact Your local Cryptify Call support.

Table 3: Unsuccessful messaging

6 FAQ

Q: Why do I get a failure when scanning a QR code? A: Failure to scan a QR code can be subcategorized into the following subcategories

Video quality problem

Symptom: The app is unable to detect the QR code and keeps on recording
Description: if the captured video feed does not have high enough quality it will not be possible to decode images containing the QR code.

Remedy: This is normally due to a malfunctioning camera or distorted paper copy of the QR code.

QR code not created by a Cryptify Management System

Symptom: Error message stating, "No valid QR code detected"

Description: the Cryptify Call app will only accept a QR code that is created by a Cryptify Management System

Remedy: Please request a QR code from your system administrator.

Obsolete app version

Symptom: Error message stating, "No valid QR code detected"

Description: In case the system administrator enables mandatory policies only Cryptify Call version compliant with such policies will accept the QR code.

Remedy: Please update to the latest version of the Cryptify Call app in the App Store.

Q: Why doesn't my app get the monthly update? A: Failure to get monthly update can be subcategorized into the following subcategories

Network problem

Symptom: A "No network" warning in the "More" tab.

Description: The app must be able to connect to the Cryptify Rendezvous Server in order to download new updates and to use the Cryptify Call service.

Remedy: Please acquire network connectivity in order for the device to connect to the Cryptify Rendezvous Server.

Obsolete app version

Symptom: Key for the period is not listed under More->Advanced. Keys for September 2026 will have the syntax "2026-09-NNNNNNNNNN"

Description: In case the system administrator enables mandatory policies only Cryptify Call version compliant with such policies will accept the update.

Remedy: Please update to the latest version of the Cryptify Call app in the App Store.

Changed update key

Symptom: Key for the period is not listed under More->Advanced. Keys for September 2026 will have the syntax "2026-09-NNNNNNNNNN"

Description: In case the system administrator has deleted the account or performed a "re-key" operation the existing update key stored is no longer valid.

Remedy: Please request a QR code from your system administrator.