

Working with Encrypted Data

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- <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/jre8-downloads-2133155.html>
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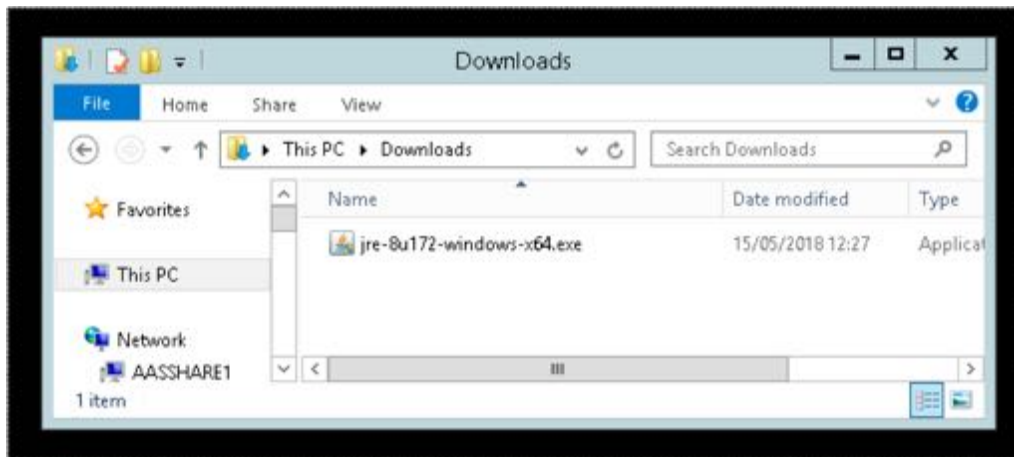
Most Mac Users need this file

Most PC Users need this file

Install Java and Cryptography extensions

Go to the directory where the file was downloaded, double click the file and follow the instructions to install Java

You will need an administrator password to complete this step. For managed PCs seek assistance from your IT partner



Obtain a pair of encryption keys

- You can create a pair of keys for encryption using the open source openssl software
 - <https://www.openssl.org>
- We can also provide keys and will keep a copy of your keys in our locked safe.
- Email odk@lshtm.ac.uk
- We will send you a pair of asymmetric encryption keys
- The Public Key is used for encryption and is included in your ODK forms
- The Private Key is used for decryption
 - It should be kept on a USB thumb drive in a locked room, safe or filing cabinet.

Copy the public key in to your ODK form

- The Public Key is a text file that looks something like this if you open it in textedit or similar
- To use the public key with ODK, you first need to remove the line breaks in this file to get the key on one line
- Copy the single-line version of the key to your clipboard

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~/Dropbox/SHARED_FOLDERS/ODK/Encryption_Stuff/ODK.PUBLIC.KEY.11111.pem
1  -----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY-----
2  MIIBIjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAAOCAQ8AMIIBCgKCAQEAE1DXk7dbAI89DscB5M+aB
3  lbvtIUcelkwdYX+CBV9uHdvkCm6g0CJM0nrzjRrhKyty0hSgIRfhIBozIfEJYSwR
4  usz/ClGeNiL8Fz3JGYfnFWLw4ZmNKQwAz2CS/zoI4Mu7QRjmeWPIBohdjHo1hJNI
5  jogme0Iip4GDn+3DgsuvFYXxjkwLXN7opEkxAeBQukQzAxCiWbwdhKwKQzWgzmsu
6  5HqCldkkQQ1Q5Zd/KsdmejWQa/5xDd/g0J0ql+AVzZC1Z9fE0+2HLEEQca8pgWUP
7  XAnPEK2BdNI/ltfPhgKOCE1inXAZxIrDSybePUiyYbIj14aQ30osMpp4EMFFU1rY
8  bQIDAQAB
9  -----END PUBLIC KEY-----
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4  usz/ClGeNiL8Fz3JGYfnFWLw4ZmNKQwAz2CS/zoI4Mu7QRjmeWPIBohdjHo1hJNI
5  jogme0Iip4GDn+3DgsuvFYXxjkwLXN7opEkxAeBQukQzAxCiWbwdhKwKQzWgzmsu
6  5HqCldkkQQ1Q5Zd/KsdmejWQa/5xDd/g0J0ql+AVzZC1Z9fE0+2HLEEQca8pgWUP
7  XAnPEK2BdNI/ltfPhgKOCE1inXAZxIrDSybePUiyYbIj14aQ30osMpp4EMFFU1rY
8  bQIDAQAB
9  -----END PUBLIC KEY-----
```

Copy the public key in to your ODK form

- Paste the single-line version of the key in to your ODK form Excel file
- The key needs to go on a tab called 'settings' and in a column called 'public_key'
- Both names are case sensitive and should be lower case.

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following structure:

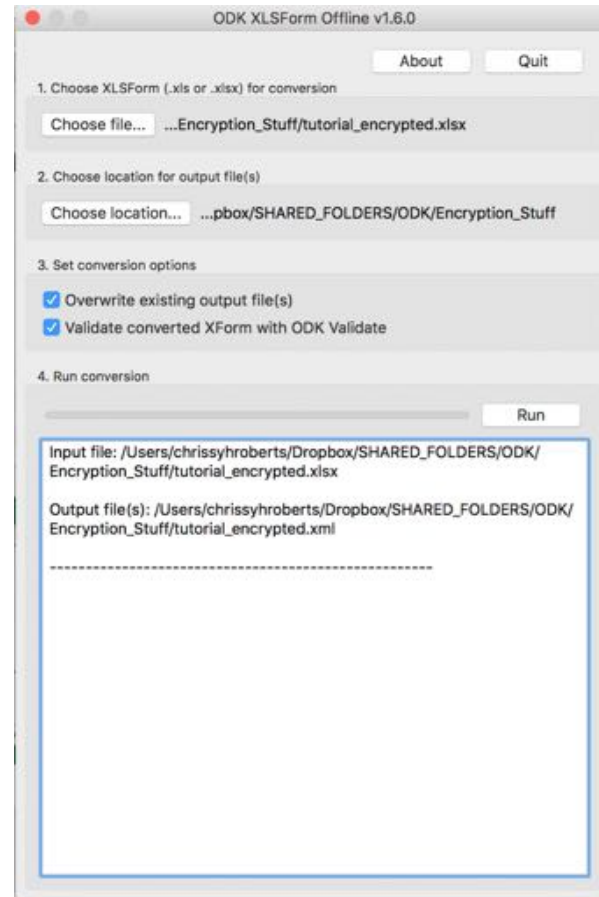
| 1 | form_title | form_id | public_key | |
|----|------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 2 | | | MiIBjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAAOCAQ8AMIIBCgKCAQEAE1DXX7dbAI89DscB5M+aBibvtIUcelkwdYX+CBV9uHdvkCm6gOCJM0nrzRrhK... | |
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Annotations in the image:

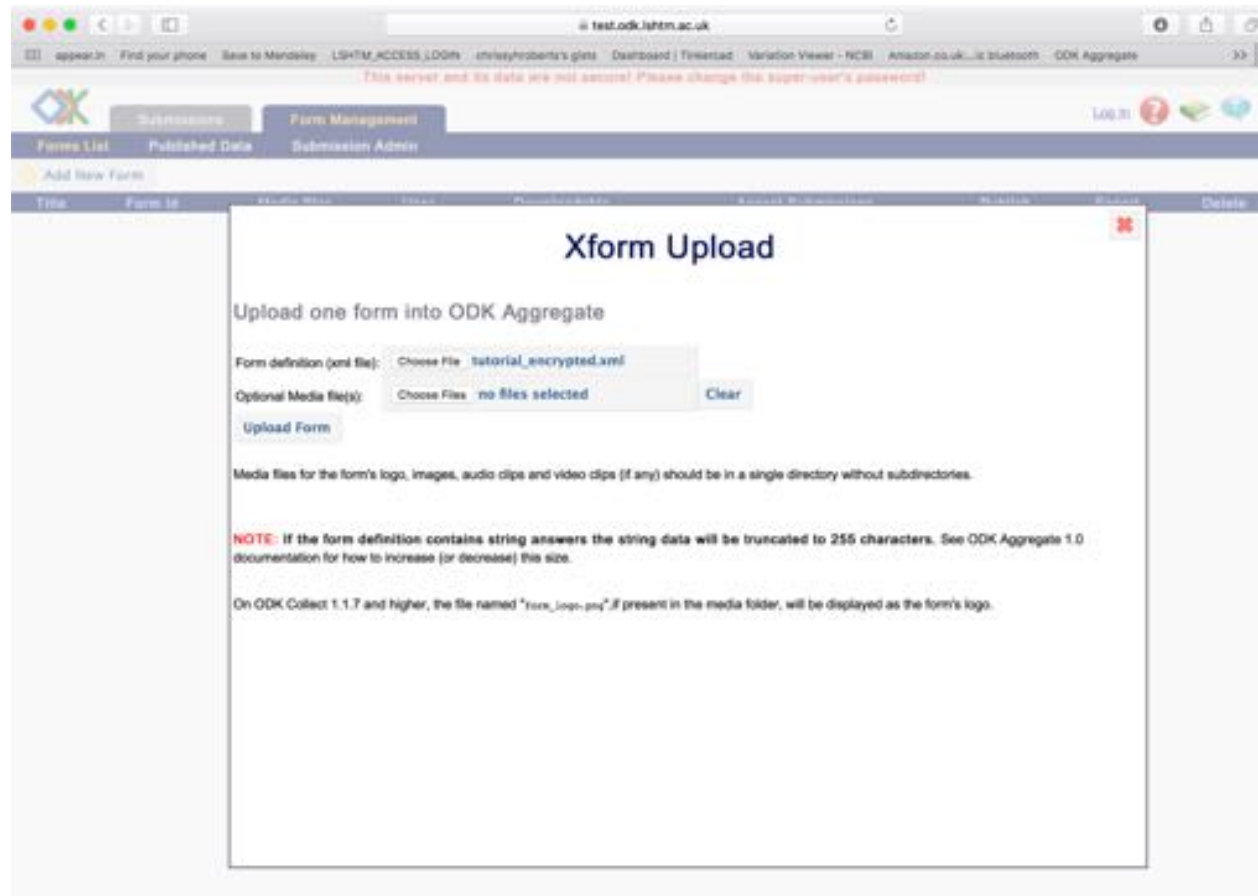
- 'public_key' column: Points to the 'public_key' header cell in column C.
- 'settings' tab: Points to the 'settings' tab at the bottom of the spreadsheet.
- Public key: Points to the long alphanumeric string in cell C2.

Convert your form to XML

- Use ODK XLSForm Offline, available here : <https://github.com/opendatakit/xlsform-offline/releases>



Upload the XML file to your server



The screenshot shows a web browser window at the URL `test.odk.lshfm.ac.uk`. The page title is "Xform Upload". The navigation menu includes "Submissions" and "Form Management". The "Form Management" section is active, showing "Form List" and "Published Data". A red warning message at the top states: "This server and its data are not secure! Please change the super-user's password!".

The main content area is titled "Xform Upload" and contains the following text and form elements:

Upload one form into ODK Aggregate

Form definition (xml file):

Optional Media file(s):

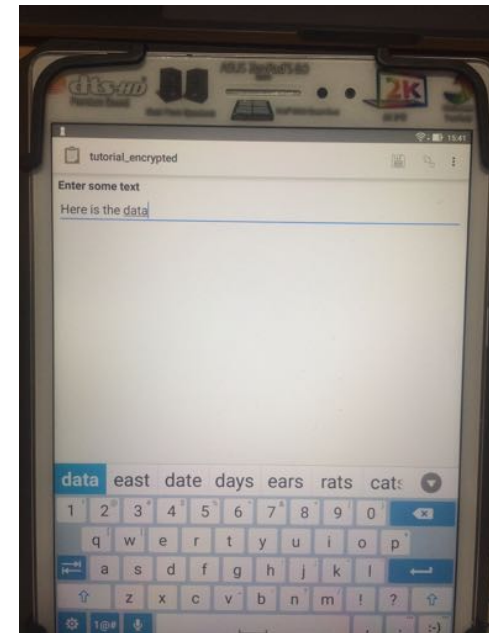
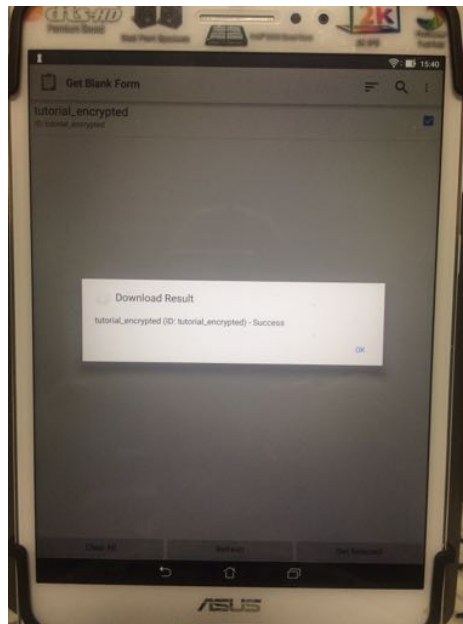
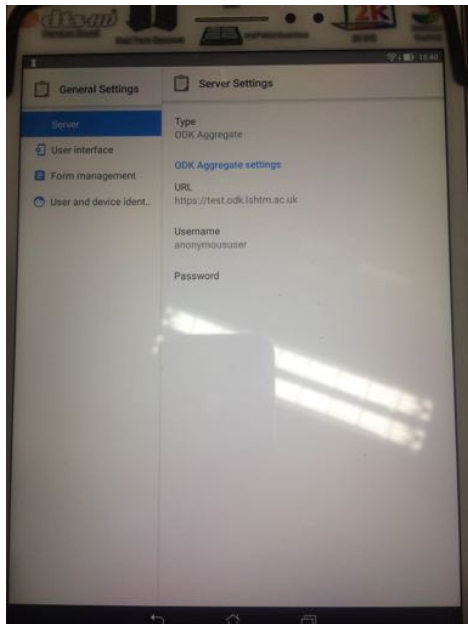
Media files for the form's logo, images, audio clips and video clips (if any) should be in a single directory without subdirectories.

NOTE: If the form definition contains string answers the string data will be truncated to 255 characters. See ODK Aggregate 1.0 documentation for how to increase (or decrease) this size.

On ODK Collect 1.1.7 and higher, the file named "form_logo.png" if present in the media folder, will be displayed as the form's logo.

Connect your Android device to the server

Get the blank form from the server, then fill and submit a test form



The data in the submissions view is now encrypted

The screenshot shows a web application interface for managing submissions. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for "Submissions", "Form Management", and "Site Admin". A red warning message states: "This server and its data are not secure! Please change the super-user's password!". Below the navigation bar, there are buttons for "Filter Submissions" and "Exported Submissions". The main content area shows a form titled "tutorial_encrypted" with a "Filter" button. On the left, there are buttons for "Save", "Save As", and "Delete", and a "Filters Applied" section with an "Add Filter" button. The main table displays a single submission with a red error icon and a long string of encrypted data: "ApEcy9DcbZ3cZhcY3RixhWCAZ6NweQRh,Y7axfkqARpQHjw11NEjw5dJ0RtcZYyyac2NazEUjHO6U+0bTE11pNpAQHsFdy5bCo2P8qU3pRvUGadfuOv00TXCT0". A blue arrow points to this string of data.

Here is the encrypted data

Download ODK Briefcase

<https://github.com/opendatakit/briefcase/releases>

Copy the latest release of "ODK Briefcase vx.x.x.jar" file to a folder on your hard drive

Double click to open the ODK Briefcase Software.

You may have to allow security privileges on some computers.

On Mac OS you may need to go to "system preferences > security & privacy" then unlock the preference pane and click 'Anywhere' under the "Allow apps downloaded from" section.

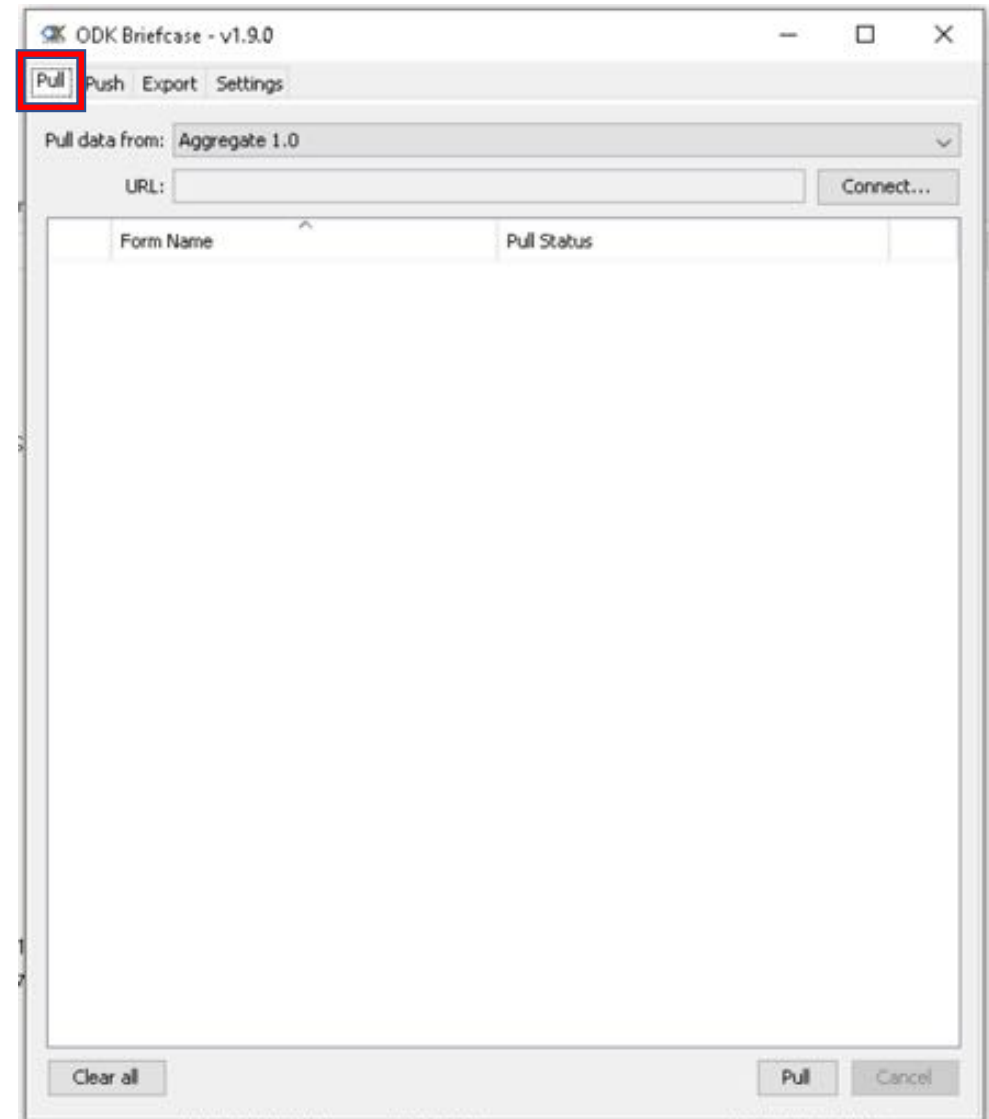


ODK Briefcase

Set the download folder

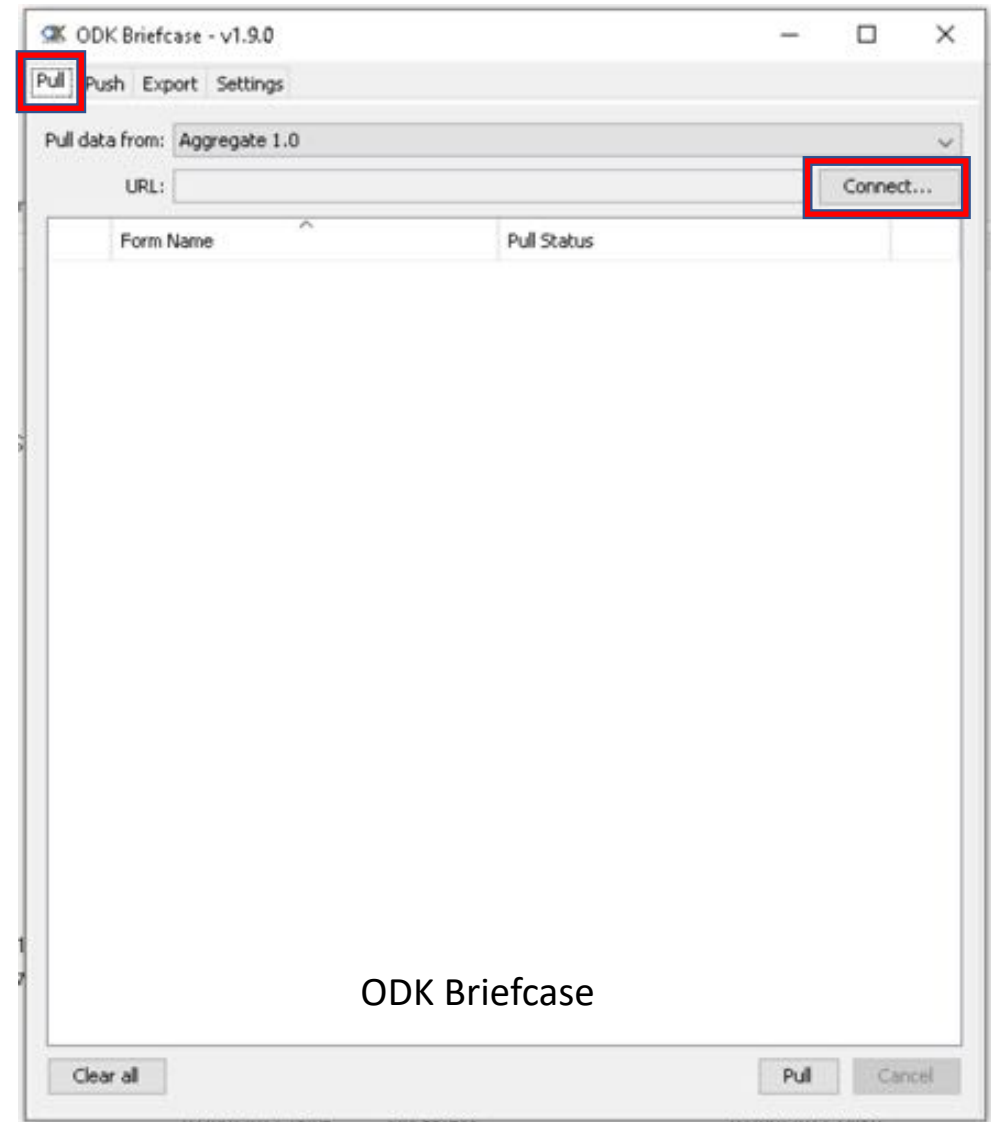
This is the folder in which all of your data will be saved and decrypted

It should not be a folder on a filesharing system such as Dropbox, nor a folder which is automatically backed up to an unsecured drive.



Connect to the ODK aggregate server

Click the 'connect' button



Connect to the ODK aggregate server

Change the url to match the location of your server

Enter the user name and password of an administrator account and press the 'Connect' button.

IMPORTANT

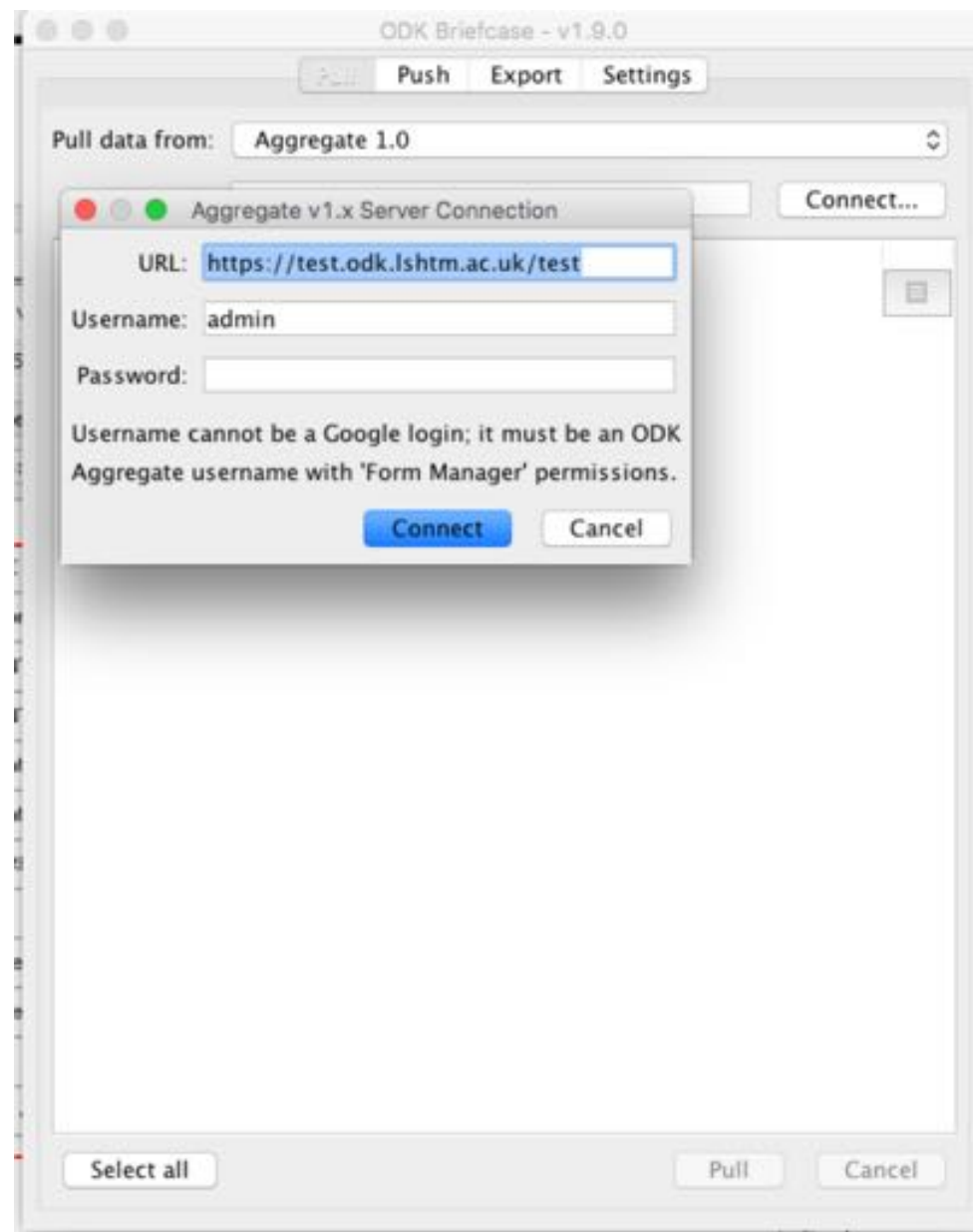
The URL needs to include the main folder for the data. This folder's name is the same as your server's name

i.e. if your url is

`https://test.odk.lshtm.ac.uk`

then the url you enter in ODK Briefcase should be

`https://test.odk.lshtm.ac.uk/test`

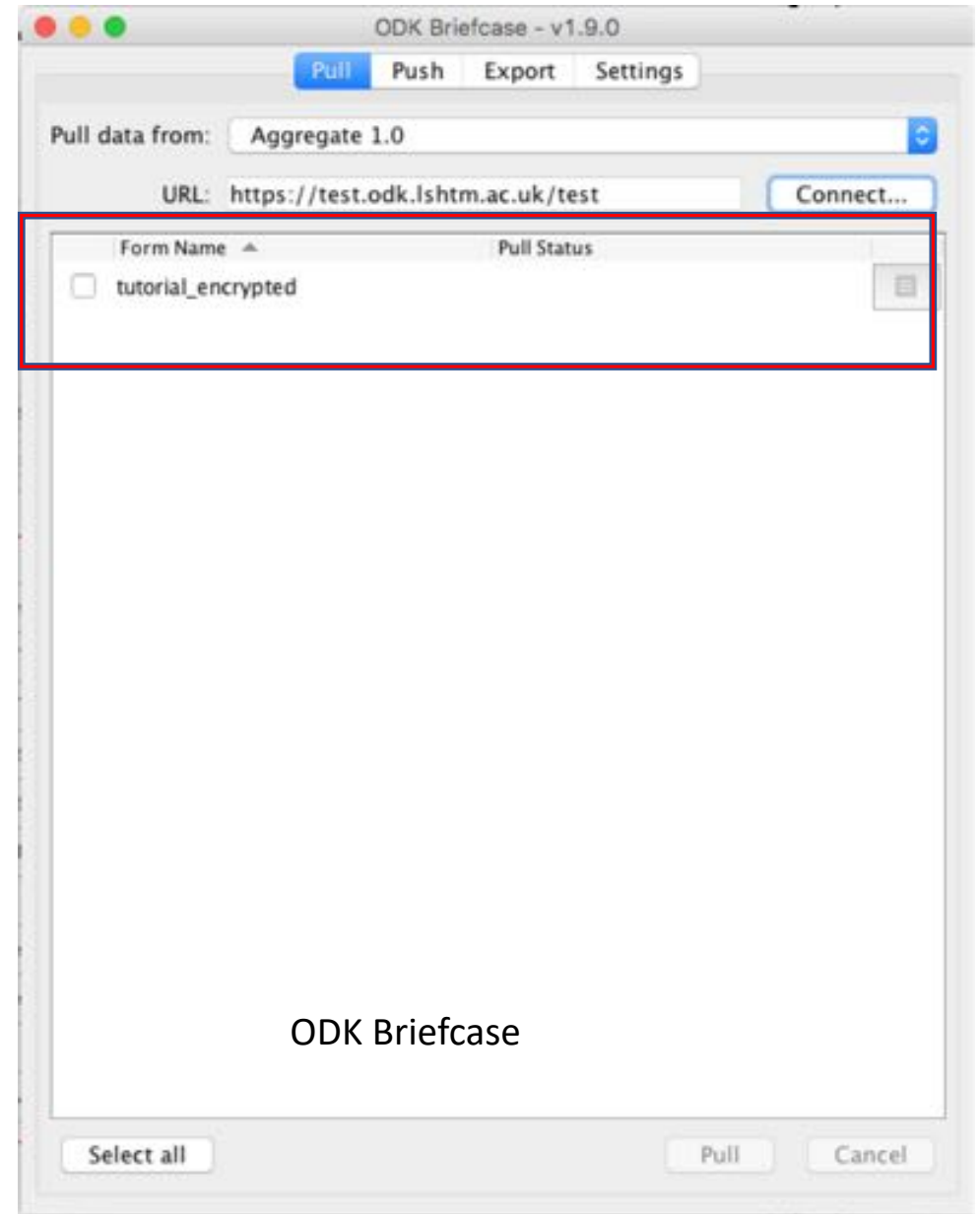


Pull data from the ODK aggregate server

ODK Briefcase will now list all the forms that you can copy from the server on to your machine. This action is called a 'pull'.

Tick the box next to the forms you want to pull or press the 'select all' button

Press the 'Pull' button to pull your data in to the folder you specified earlier.



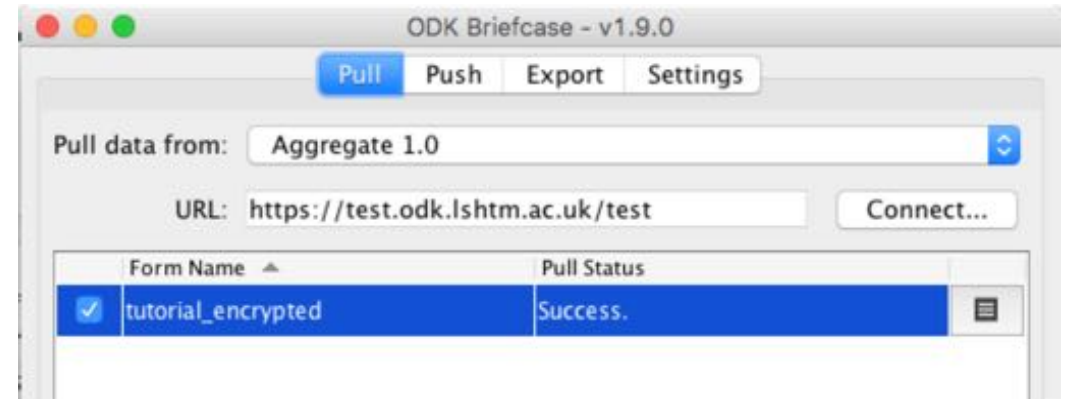
Pull data from the ODK aggregate server

All successful pulls will be flagged 'success' in the "Pull Status" column.

In your download folder you will now find this directory structure

There will be one uuid folder for each form you submitted to the server.

Inside each of these folders you will find encrypted files



Download Folder

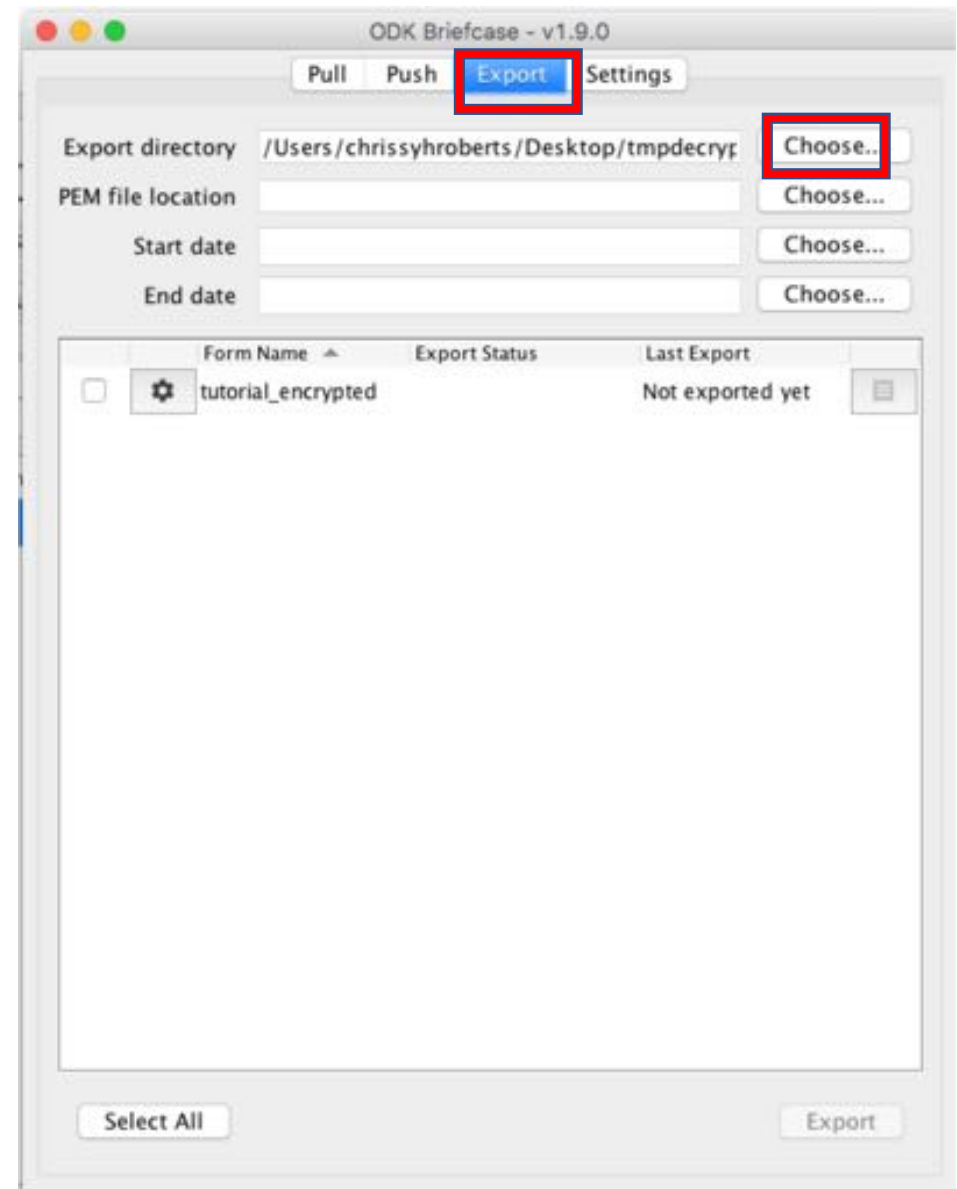
- > ODK Briefcase Storage
 - >forms
 - >tutorial_encrypted
 - >instances
 - >uuid...

Export and decrypt the data from Briefcase

Click the 'export' tab

Click the 'choose' button next to "Export Directory" and choose a directory in which to export the decrypted data

This folder should not be on Dropbox etc., nor on folder backed up to encrypted media.



Select the location of the private key

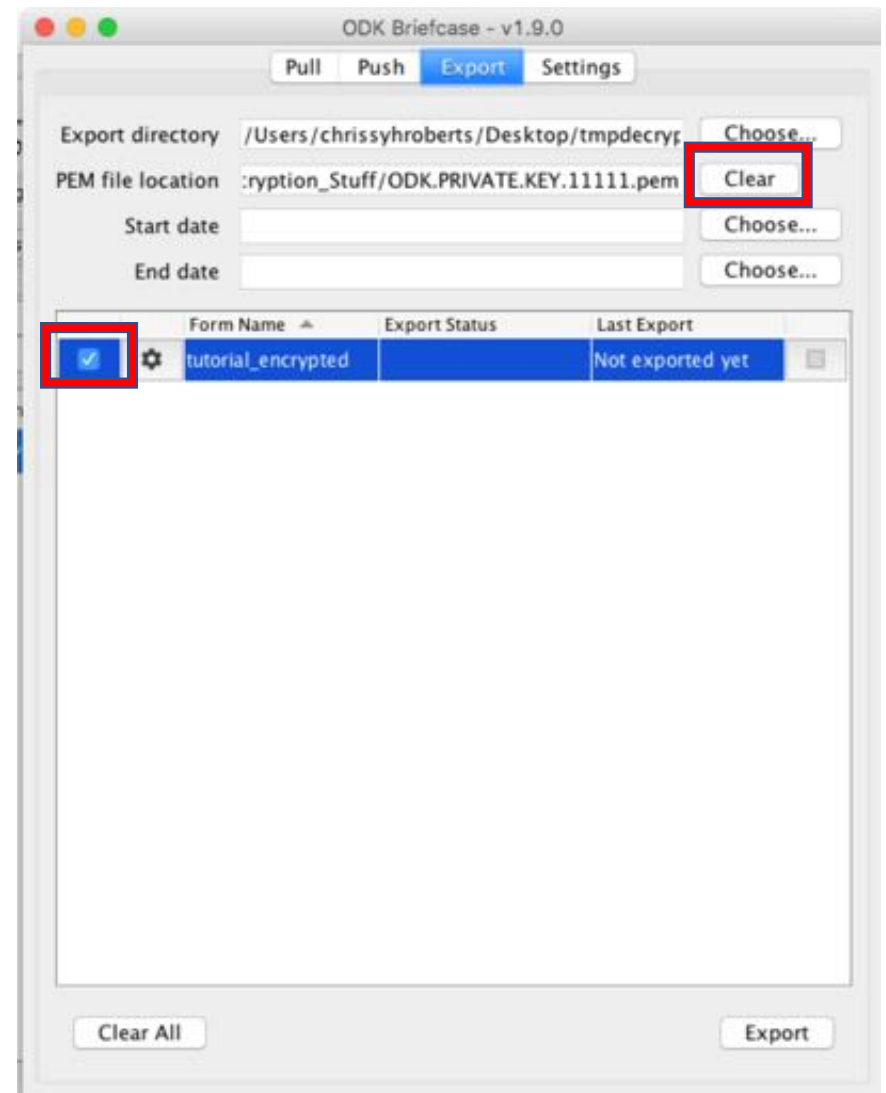
Click the 'export' tab

Click the 'choose' button next to "PEM File location"

Find the private decryption key

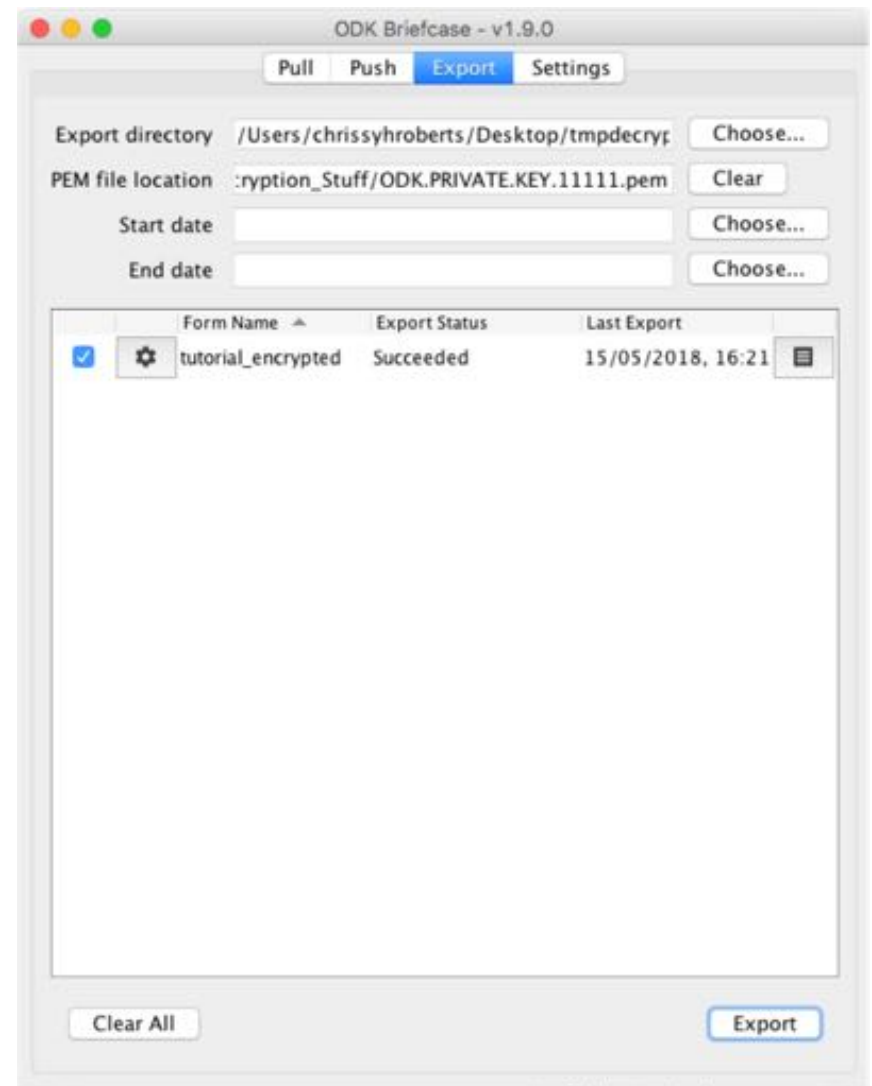
Select the forms you wish to decrypt

Press 'Export'



Export and decrypt the data from Briefcase

Export Status will change to 'Succeeded' if everything went well.

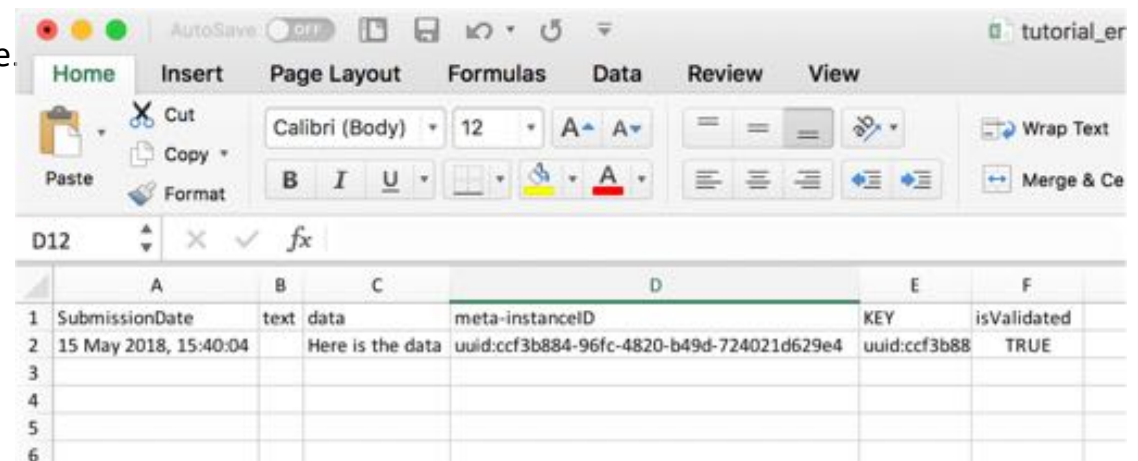
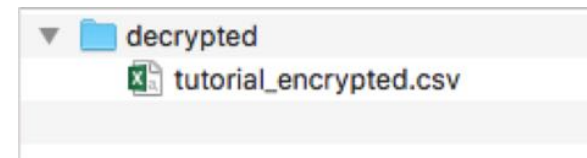


Export and decrypt the data from Briefcase

In the export directory you will find a new folder called 'decrypted'

Inside should be a csv file, which can be opened by R, STATA, Excel or text editors.

If there are photos, videos or sound recordings in your form, there will be a 'media' folder which contains these. The file paths to these media files will be updated automatically in the CSV document.



The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following data:

| | A | B | C | D | E | F |
|---|-----------------------|------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 | SubmissionDate | text | data | meta-instanceID | KEY | isValidated |
| 2 | 15 May 2018, 15:40:04 | | Here is the data | uuid:ccf3b884-96fc-4820-b49d-724021d629e4 | uuid:ccf3b88 | TRUE |
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