

Linux2Go Xtreme Drives



For multiple Linux operating environments on a single drive

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SPYRUS Linux2Go Xtreme drives bring a new dimension to the world of secure mobility operations. The drives are built on the features of the award winning Microsoft certified SPYRUS Windows To Go family, incorporating the most advanced encryption and security technologies with the greatest versatility in size and performance features in the industry. Linux2Go Xtreme takes an evolutionary leap forward by allowing multiple processing environments with their own independent operational profile on the same drive. Strong cryptographic separation ensures a high assurance environment for each profile.

Secure Portable Workplace Xtreme & WorkSafe Pro Xtreme for Linux environments

Two models of SPYRUS Linux2Go Xtreme drives are available: the Secure Portable Workplace Xtreme (SPWXtreme™) and the WorkSafe Pro Xtreme (WSPXtreme™). Both models combine Secured by SPYRUS™ encryption and security technologies with a USB 3.0 drive. The WSPXtreme drive also provides fully integrated PKI smart card support from the embedded Rosetta® Micro FIPS 140-2 Level 3 certified EAL5+ security controller when used with the SPYRUS PKCS#11 software. All WTGXtreme drives can be provisioned with multiple independent profiles, each with its own Linux operating system and independently encrypted with its own unique set of media encryption keys.

This provides the organization with options of different processing environments, or profiles, for up to four independent users, administrators, or applications while maintaining a strong cryptographic separation between each environment.

Same high assurance security profile available on all SPYRUS Secure Linux2Go Live Drives

SPYRUS WTGXtreme drives provide the same robust set of security features available on all of the SPYRUS Secure Windows To Go and Linux2Go live drives. Some of these features apply to the drive as a whole but many can be uniquely configured for each profile that is provisioned on any particular drive.

Linux2Go Xtreme Drive Level Security Features

Secure Boot – The Linux2Go Xtreme drives defend the integrity of the operating environment throughout the boot process of each profile, even when the drive is booted on compromised

systems. Numerous health checks validate the integrity and detect tampering of the hardware and firmware of the drive, as well as the SPYRUS ToughBoot™ loader and the Windows bootloader, prior to booting the OS. The SPYRUS ToughBoot loader is signed by Microsoft and meets all UEFI Secure Boot criteria allowing an additional integrity check during the boot process. This is done to prevent malware infections from corrupting the boot sequence.

Hardware Read-Only on Boot Compartment – To add additional protection to the boot environment of the Linux2Go Xtreme drives, the entire Boot Compartment can be protected by placing it in a hardware enforced read only mode. This will block changes that are attempted to be made on the boot component of the drive. In addition, until successful user authentication into one of the configured profiles, none of the encrypted memory on the drive can be accessed. This way, when the drive is "At Rest" only the read only boot compartment is exposed to possible cyber-attack.

Hardware Read-Only on Encrypted Profiles – All Linux2Go Xtreme drives can be configured so that the hardware encrypted operational compartments can be additionally protected by placing it in a hardware enforced read only mode. This will block changes that are attempted to be made on the boot component of the drive or encrypted profiles. In addition, until successful user authentication into one of the configured profiles, none of the encrypted memory on the drive can be accessed.

This way, when the drive is "At Rest" both the read only boot compartment and each of the encrypted operating compartments are safeguarded from possible cyberattack. A read only mode device is ideal for organizations who only want to the user to access corporate networks from a trusted "thin client" and not allowing saving the data locally to the device

Built-in PKI Smart Card – On the WSPXtreme version of the Linux2Go drives the embedded SPYRUS Rosetta smart card, along with the SPYRUS PKCS#11 driver, allows enterprises to perform standard smart card security functions such as multi-factor authentication and VPN access, using strong PKI credentials from a FIPS 140-2 Level 3 certified hardware security module.

Profile Unique Security Features

Hardware Full Disk Encryption – Always-on, tamper-proof hardware full disk encryption within all Linux2Go Xtreme drives provides the ultimate protection of the operating system, applications, and data storage, preventing data at rest from being accessed, deleted, or modified. This is implemented in a way that allows all of the memory configured for each profile on a Linux2Go Xtreme drive to be encrypted using its own unique full-entropy encryption keys. These keys are never stored in flash memory and are only made available after successful authentication into a specified profile. This provides for strong cryptographic separation between profiles, thereby enabling independent and isolated operation of the operating environment in each profile, and preventing data leakage between profiles.

Layered Data Security – Use of optional software full disk encryption can add a second layer of encryption to the Linux volume on any profile on the Linux2Go Xtreme drive. This allows additional defense in depth protection to be configured wherever it is needed. And wherever it is used, the software full disk encryption keys are stored within the hardware-encrypted compartment, making them inaccessible to hackers during Data-At-Rest.



Versatile Use Cases

By allowing multiple processing environments on the same drive, each with its own independent operational profile, the WTGXtreme drives bring the versatility and security of the SPYRUS WTG technology to an ever increasing number of use cases. A sampling of these use cases is described below.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)



If an enterprise employee is going to share the use of a computing device for both corporate and personal use (such as doing on-line banking over lunch), both parties are going to want to assure strong separation between their operating environments to ensure there is no compromise of sensitive data from either environment.

The SPYRUS WTGXtreme drives satisfy this requirement in a single convenient package. The independent authentication and drive encryption of each profile provides very strong firewalling between operating environments.

Protected Internet Access



Some organizations do not allow access to the Internet from organization owned computing platforms or organization specific operating system images which sometimes causes employee work inefficiencies. WTGXtreme solves this issue by having the capability to boot only into the locked down organization image or conversely when Internet is required, to boot into an alternative profile image that allows internet access when operating outside of the organization mandates.

Shared PC



Many organizations run 24x7 help desk support. The Linux2Go Xtreme with multiple profiles supported can allow up to four individuals to operate from the same device to provide the necessary four shift help desk support. Similarly, multiple healthcare professionals can be given access to a single device, for example, at a nurse's station or critical care computing resources in an emergency room.

Penetration Testing and Forensic Analysis



Penetration Testing and Forensic Analysis in a widely distributed environment presents an ever increasing challenge, not the least of which is providing a complete secure, tamperproof, high performance toolset and testing environment in a compact package. To prevent contamination of the toolset and preserve the authenticity of the environment under test or investigation, analysts typically employ virtual machines or dual boot systems which are cumbersome and have serious performance issues.

The SPYRUS Linux2Go Xtreme drives are an ideal solution to this use case. With a Linux2Go Xtreme drive a user can boot into either the native user tools environment or the platform under test, have full operational capability in each, and have access to either environment on their existing machine. The high quality SSD storage in the Linux2GoXtreme supports rapid access to large scale databases for signatures and data analysis without the latencies inherent in the virtual machine environments typically employed for this purpose. To meet the "Chain of Custody" for forensically sound investigation, the built in HSM can be used to sign and seal extracted data in a patent protected methodology in conjunction with the NcryptNshare™ product suite.



Domain Administration



Many system administrators manage multiple networks spanning different administrative domains. For additional secure access to each domain, administrators can use a different profile for managing each network.

About SPYRUS

SPYRUS delivers innovative encryption solutions that offer the strongest protection for data in motion, data at rest and data at work. For over 20 years, SPYRUS has delivered leading hardware-based encryption, authentication, and digital content security products to government, financial, and health care enterprises. To prevent the insertion of untrusted components, patented Secured by SPYRUS™ security technology is proudly designed, engineered, and manufactured in the USA to meet FIPS 140-2 Level 3 standards. SPYRUS has collaborated closely with Microsoft to deliver certified portable platforms for Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 8.1, Windows 10, and now with Linux. SPYRUS is headquartered in San Jose, California.

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Additionally, by utilizing the read only mode on each or specific profiles, the transfer of malware across domains is dramatically minimized.

Linux2Go Xtreme drives are also ideal for implementing Linux based Privileged Access Workstation (PAW), which, for sensitive tasks, provides a dedicated operating system that is protected from Internet attacks and threat vectors. Hardware Read-Only feature adds the highest level of data security protection by returning each operating environment back to the known media state. Separating these sensitive tasks and accounts from the administrator's daily use workstations and devices provides very strong protection against a wide variety of attacks and other system vulnerabilities.

Cross Domain Use



Many organizations segregate user access to different types of data based on that individual's need to see the type of data stored on the networks. Users could potentially use a specific profile for multi-domain type of access to different levels of data classification. By using the embedded smart card in the WSPXtreme, different certificates can be stored for the different profiles providing another layer of secure authentication to that specific information stored on the network.

Many government organizations restrict access to users based upon levels of data classification stored on the networks. For example, the United States has data classifications such as Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU), SECRET and TOP SECRET, with each requiring different user credentials. Using multiple profiles in the Linux2Go Xtreme, with different credentials stored in the respective profiles for domain access to the different levels of data classification, one device can be used to access multiple domains with strong cryptographic separation between profiles, providing a trusted cross domain platform.

Technical Specifications

Capacities & Dimensions (LxWxH)

32 GB, 64 GB, 128 GB, 256 GB
86.1 mm x 24.2 mm x 10.8 mm (+/- 0.20)

512 GB capacity: 101.6 mm x 24.2 mm x 10.8 mm (+/- 0.20)
1 TB capacity: 104 mm x 24.2 mm x 12 mm (+/- 0.20)

Performance (based on 512 GB drive)

USB 3.0 Super Speed; USB 2.0 Compatible

Please note Random Read and Random Write Performance is the most important metric for bootable live drives.

Sequential Read: up to 249 MB/sec

Sequential Write: up to 238 MB/sec

Reliability

Data Retention: 10 years

Other Certifications

Microsoft Windows To Go

FIPS 140-2 Algorithm Certificates

FIPS 140-2 Level 3

Electrical

Operating Voltage Vcc = 3.3 to 5 VDC

Power Consumption 275mA @ 3.3 VDC

Other

Humidity 90%, noncondensing

Physical Device Integrity:

At SPYRUS, we understand that people rely on their Linux2Go device for mission critical functions. In essence, it is their computer SSD drive. So unlike a traditional USB that is used less regularly and is much easier to replace, we realized early-on in our customer deployments that the device must withstand punishment from a physical design perspective. To that end we designed our Linux2Go devices meet the highest physical standards in design and component materials. The combination of stringent environmental testing and additional testing for magnetic fields, X-Ray and long term immersion demonstrate the usability of this high security configuration of the SPYRUS Linux2Go devices in the challenging healthcare environments as well.



Configurability

SPYRUS Linux2Go Xtreme drives can be provisioned with up to 4 independent, cryptographically isolated, Windows operating environments to support multi-user, cross-domain, enterprise migration, BYOD, and other operational scenarios. It is recommended each profile have a minimum 64 GB capacity.

Environmental

Operating Temperature (MIL-STD-202, METH 503) 0°C - 70°C

Non-Operating Temperature Cycling (MIL-STD-810, METH 503) -40°C - 85°C

High Temperature Storage (MIL-STD-810, METH 501) 85°C; 96 hours

EMI (FCC/CE) FCC Part 15, Class B/EN55022 - EN55024/etc

ESD (EN61000-4-2) Enclosure Discharge - Contact & Air, Dust Test (IEC 60529, IP6) As per defined

Waterproof Test (IEC 60529, IPX7) As per defined

Operating Shock, MIL-STD 883J, Method 2002.5, Cond. B, 1500g, 0.5ms, 1/2 sine wave

High Temperature Storage/Data Retention, MIL-STD-810, METH 501, 100°C; 96 hours

Waterproof test, MIL-STD-810, METH 512.6.1 meter depth, 30 minutes

Hardware Security & Cryptographic Standards

SPYRUS Algorithm Agility includes Suite B (a set of cryptographic algorithms used for cryptographic modernization) and RSA based cryptography.

XTS - AES 256 Full Disk Encryption[^]

AES 128, 196, and 256 ECB, CBC, CTR, and Key Wrap Modes[^]

SP800 - 90 DRBG (Hash DRBG)

Elliptic Curve Cryptography (P-256, P-384, P-521)

ECDSA Digital Signature Algorithm

CVL (ECC CDH) [ECDH per SP 800-56A]

Concatenation KDF (SP800-56A)

RSA 1024 and 2048 Signature Algorithm (Note RSA 1024 has been deprecated by NIST.) RSA 1024 and 2048 Key Exchange (Note RSA 1024 has been deprecated by NIST.)

PBKDF - 2 (per PKCS#5 version 2)[^]

DES, two- & three-key triple DES with ECB, CBC Mode (Note DES has been deprecated by NIST.)

SHA-1 and SHA-224/256/384/512 hash algorithms with HMAC Support

Support for the cryptography can vary depending on version.

FIPS 140-2 Level 3 opaque epoxy filled housing can be modified by special order.

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