

# **EPI INFO™ WEB SECURITY UTILITY HELP DOCUMENT**

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the key functionalities of the Epi Info™ Web Security Utility. This document is to be used during the deployment of any of the Epi Info Web Products namely Epi Info™ Web Survey (EIWS), Epi Info™ Web Enter (EWE) and Epi Info™ Web Analytics and Visualization (EWAV). This document goes hand in hand with deployment document for EIWS, EWE and EWAV. The configuration of web Products on the web server cannot be completed without this document.

## 1.2 OVERVIEW

The Epi Info™ Web Security Utility allows configuration of security keys used by cryptographic algorithm used by Epi Info™ Web Products. The web.config file provided in the Epi Info Web Products package is shipped with default security keys. It is highly recommended to update the default keys with new keys using the Epi Info™ Web Security Utility for enhanced security. The keys that are provided in the web.config file are provided below.

- a. KeyForConnectionStringVector – This key corresponds to “Vector” field in Epi Info™ Web Security Utility. This key is applicable to all Epi Info Web Products.
- b. KeyForConnectionStringPassphrase – This key corresponds to “Pass Phrase” field in Epi Info™ Web Security Utility. This key is applicable to all Epi Info™ Web Products.
- c. KeyForConnectionStringSalt – This key corresponds to “Salt Value” field in Epi Info™ Web Security Utility. This key is applicable to all Epi Info™ Web Products.
- d. KeyForUserPasswordSalt – This key corresponds to “Password Salt” field in Epi Info™ Web Security Utility. This key is applicable to EWAV and EWE product only.

In addition to being used by cryptographic algorithm these keys allow you to encrypt connection string and administration key (applicable to EIWS only) that are saved in web.config file.

**Note:** The screenshots provided in this document shows all four keys in the Epi Info™ Web Security Utility. When configuring Epi Info™ Web Survey product “Password Salt” key will not be available.

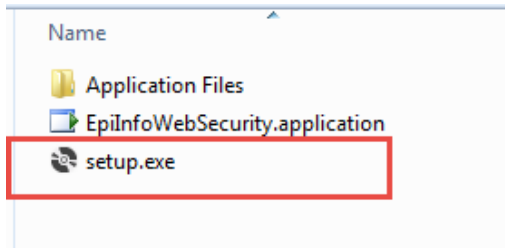
## 1.3 AUDIENCE

The audience for this document is an Administrator, a Manager or a person responsible for managing any Epi Info™ Web product on the web server.

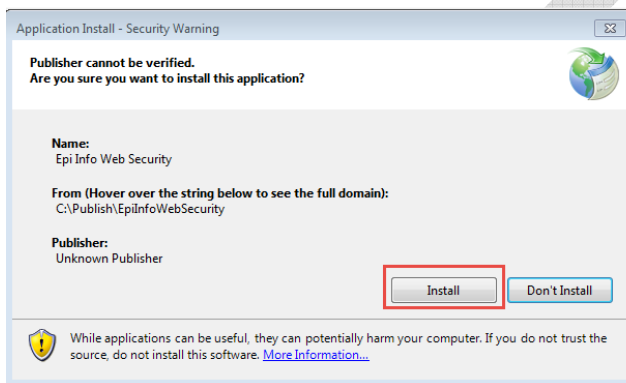
## 2 APPLICATION MANAGEMENT

### 2.1 INSTALLING

The installer for Epi Info™ Web Security Utility is provided inside the folder “EpiInfoWebSecurity”. It can be installed on web server at the time of configuration of any Epi Info™ Web product using the provided “Setup.exe”.



Click on “Setup.exe” and click on “Install” to install Epi Info™ Web Security Utility.

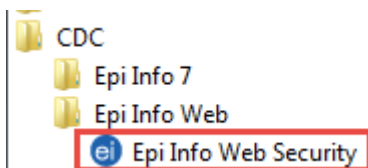


### 2.2 LAUNCHING

After installation you'll find a shortcut on desktop for “Epi Info Web Security”. The Utility can be launched by clicking on the shortcut icon.

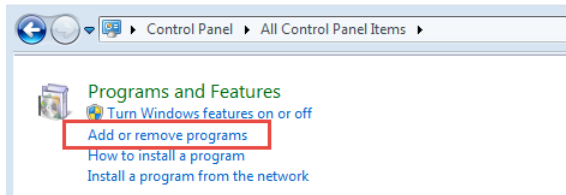


The “Epi Info Web Security” Utility can also be found in All Programs under a folder called “CDC/Epi Info Web”

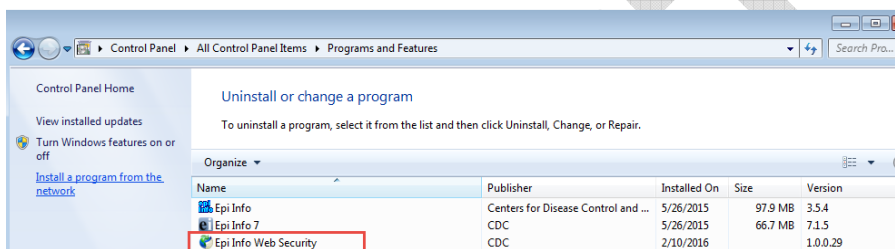


## 2.3 UNINSTALLING

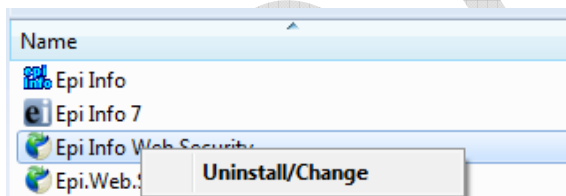
The Epi Info Web Security Utility can be uninstalled by using “Add or remove programs” feature.



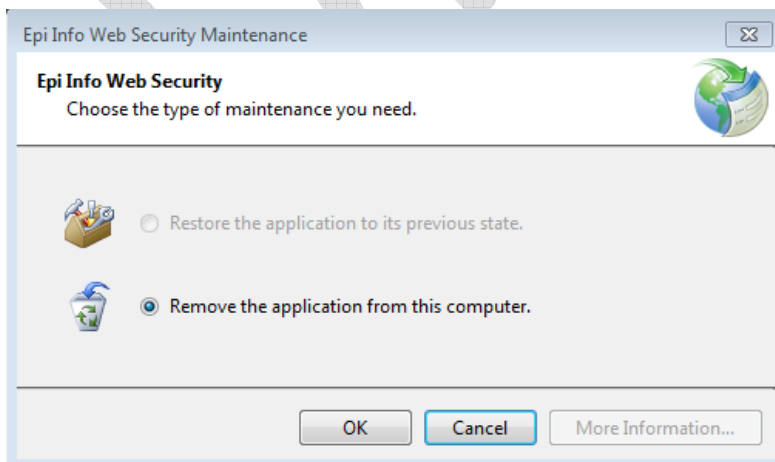
Locate Epi Info Web Security Utility in the list of installed programs



Uninstall by right clicking on Epi Info Web Security and clicking on “Uninstall/Change”



Optionally, you can double click on Epi Info Web Security which will launch the dialog to let you uninstall the application



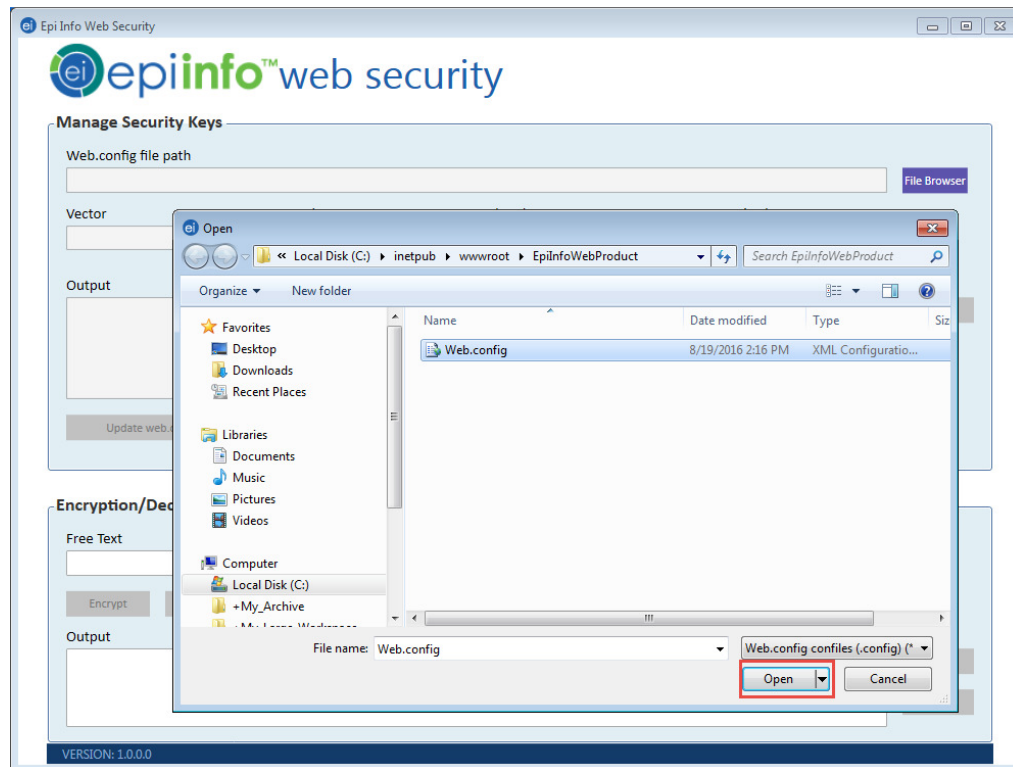
### 3 WORKFLOW 1 – CREATE KEYS FOR A NEW INSTALLATION

Perform following steps to create security keys for Epi Info™ Web Product being installed.

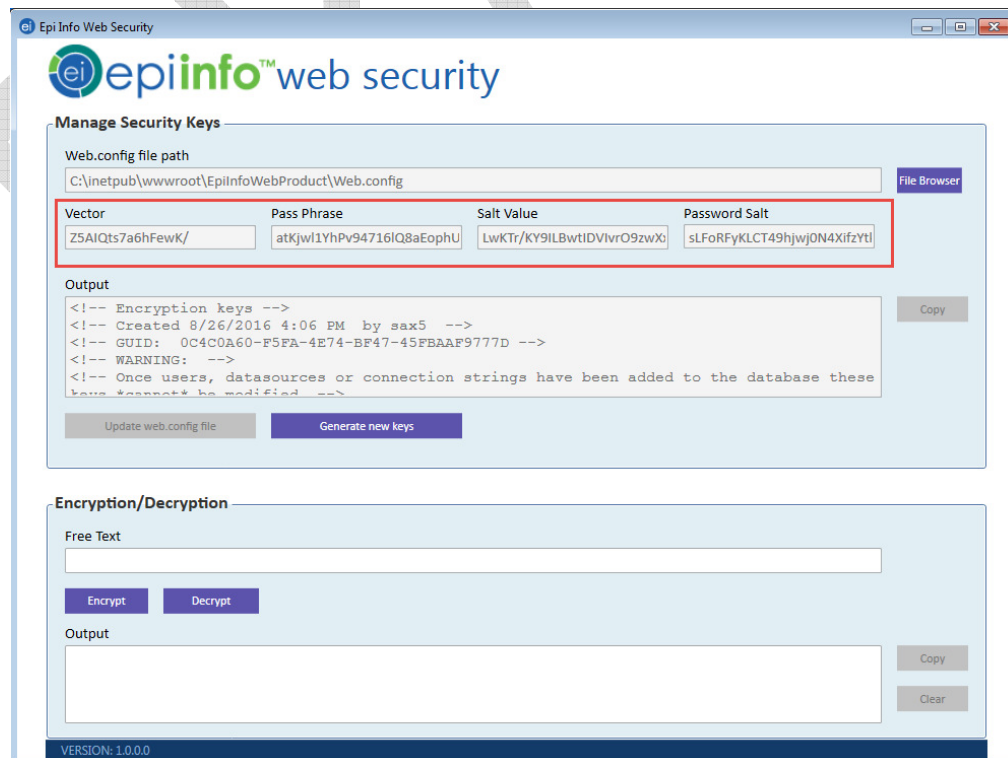
1. Click on “File Browser” button.

The screenshot shows the Epi Info Web Security Utility interface. The window title is "Epi Info Web Security". The main area is divided into two sections: "Manage Security Keys" and "Encryption/Decryption". In the "Manage Security Keys" section, there is a "Web.config file path" text box, a "File Browser" button (highlighted with a red box), and four input fields for "Vector", "Pass Phrase", "Salt Value", and "Password Salt". Below these is a large "Output" text area and a "Copy" button. At the bottom of this section are "Update web.config file" and "Generate new keys" buttons. The "Encryption/Decryption" section has a "Free Text" input field, "Encrypt" and "Decrypt" buttons, another "Output" text area, and "Copy" and "Clear" buttons. The version "VERSION: 1.0.0.0" is displayed at the bottom left of the window.

2. In the Open file dialog navigate to the location of web.config file which can be found under "intepub\wwwroot\<EpiInfoWebProduct>". <EpiInfoWebProduct> would be replaced by the name of the folder you have created for installing the Epi Info™ Web Product. Select web.config file and click open.



3. The Epi Info™ Web Security Utility displays the default security keys read from the web.config file in Manage Security Keys group and populated in Vector, Pass Phrase, Salt Value and Password Salt (not applicable to Epi Info Web Survey product) text box. The Output text box shows Encryption keys section as is present in the web.config file.





- Click the “Generate new keys” button in Epi Info Web Security Utility to generate new security keys

The screenshot shows the Epi Info Web Security Utility application window. The title bar reads "Epi Info Web Security". The main content area is titled "Manage Security Keys". It contains a "Web.config file path" field with the value "C:\inetpub\wwwroot\EpiInfoWebProduct\Web.config" and a "File Browser" button. Below this are four input fields: "Vector" (Z5AIQts7a6hFewK/), "Pass Phrase" (atKjwl1YhPv94716lQ8aEophU), "Salt Value" (LwKTr/KY9ILBwtIDVivrO9zwX), and "Password Salt" (sLForFyKLCT49hJwJON4XifzYtI). An "Output" text box displays the following content: 

```
<!-- Encryption keys -->
<!-- Created 8/26/2016 4:07 PM by sax5 -->
<!-- GUID: 0412A748-402E-4177-BDC5-5020B26800B9 -->
<!-- WARNING: -->
<!-- Once users, datasources or connection strings have been added to the database these
keys cannot be modified -->
```

 Below the output box are two buttons: "Update web.config file" and "Generate new keys", which is highlighted with a red box. At the bottom of the window, it says "VERSION: 1.0.0.0".

- The new security keys are generated and displayed in text boxes for security keys. The Output text box has the content that needs to be persisted to web.config file in order to use the newly generated keys instead of the default keys.

**Epi Info Web Security**

**Manage Security Keys**

Web.config file path  
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\EpiInfoWebProduct\Web.config File Browser

Vector	Pass Phrase	Salt Value	Password Salt
+0idWz4Rfg13VUoT	0GaQocoiVwNBjHsjNoSscEzn	XIO8a9KHEIKS0YwX8Meb6Qe	0QGGuwLpUrOaKg07arZv2ITt1

**Output**

```
<!-- Encryption keys -->
<!-- Created 8/26/2016 4:07 PM by sax5 -->
<!-- GUID: 48E7F1DE-3373-47CF-8B5F-0D69D77DC8EE -->
<!-- WARNING: -->
<!-- Once users, datasources or connection strings have been added to the database these keys *cannot* be modified -->
```

Copy

Update web.config file Generate new keys

**Encryption/Decryption**

Free Text

Encrypt Decrypt

**Output**

Copy  
Clear

VERSION: 1.0.0.0

- Copy the newly created keys key by clicking on the Copy button and save it in document of your choice in a location of your choice as a backup in case the keys in web.config file are distorted for any reason.

**Epi Info Web Security**

**Manage Security Keys**

Web.config file path  
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\EpiInfoWebProduct\Web.config File Browser

Vector	Pass Phrase	Salt Value	Password Salt
+0idWz4Rfg13VUoT	0GaQocoiVwNBjHsjNoSscEzn	XIO8a9KHEIKS0YwX8Meb6Qe	0QGGuwLpUrOaKg07arZv2ITt1

**Output**

```
<!-- Encryption keys -->
<!-- Created 8/26/2016 4:07 PM by sax5 -->
<!-- GUID: 48E7F1DE-3373-47CF-8B5F-0D69D77DC8EE -->
<!-- WARNING: -->
<!-- Once users, datasources or connection strings have been added to the database these keys *cannot* be modified -->
```

Copy

Update web.config file Generate new keys

**Encryption/Decryption**

Free Text

Encrypt Decrypt

**Output**

Copy  
Clear

VERSION: 1.0.0.0

7. Update the web.config file with the newly generated security keys by clicking on “Update web.config file” button. This action will change the security keys from the default keys provided with the package to the newly generated keys.

**Manage Security Keys**

Web.config file path  
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\EpiInfoWebProduct\Web.config [File Browser](#)

Vector: +OidWz4Rfg13VUoT  
Pass Phrase: OGaQocoIVwNBjHsjNoSscEzX  
Salt Value: XIO8a9KHEIKS0ywX8Meb6Qe  
Password Salt: OQGuwLpUrOaKg07arZv2ITt1

**Output**

```
<!-- Encryption keys -->  
<!-- Created 8/26/2016 4:07 PM by sax5 -->  
<!-- GUID: 48E7F1DE-3373-47CF-8B5F-0D69D77DC8EE -->  
<!-- WARNING: -->  
<!-- Once users, datasources or connection strings have been added to the database these  
keys cannot be modified -->
```

[Update web.config file](#) [Generate new keys](#) [Copy](#)

**Encryption/Decryption**

Free Text

[Encrypt](#) [Decrypt](#)

**Output**

[Copy](#) [Clear](#)

VERSION: 1.0.0.0

**Note:** This action should be performed only once during the life of the Epi Info Web product and at the time of initial configuration. Once the data is entered in the database through the application, altering this key will prevent the application from reading the save data.

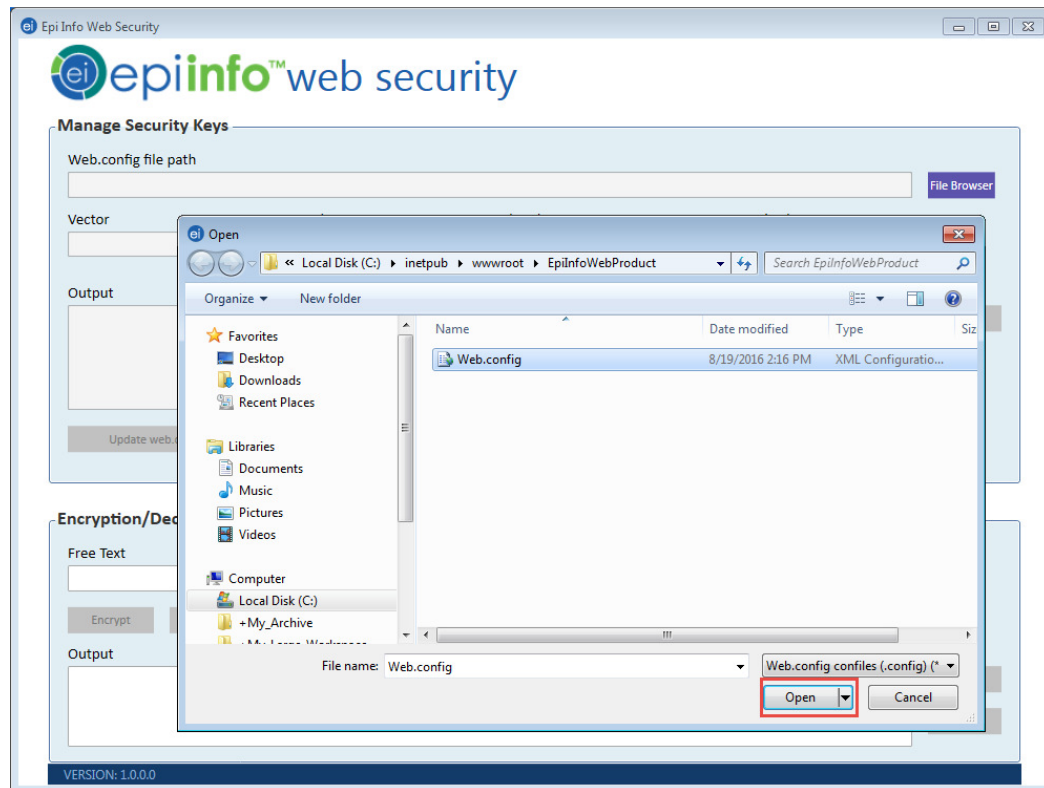
## 4 WORKFLOW 2 - LOAD KEYS FROM EXISTING WEB.CONFIG

Perform following steps to read security keys for the Epi Info web Product.

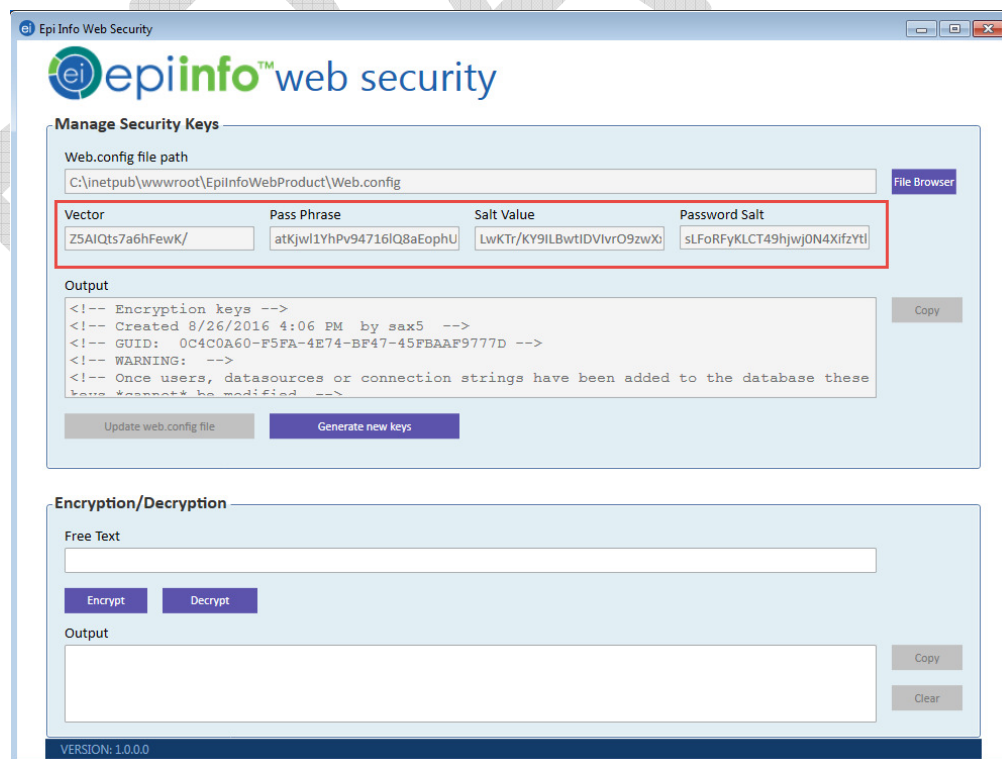
1. Click on “File Browser” button.

The screenshot displays the Epi Info Web Security Utility interface. The 'Manage Security Keys' section is the primary focus, featuring a 'Web.config file path' input field with a 'File Browser' button highlighted by a red box. Below this are four input fields: 'Vector', 'Pass Phrase', 'Salt Value', and 'Password Salt'. An 'Output' text area with a 'Copy' button is positioned below these fields. At the bottom of the 'Manage Security Keys' section are two buttons: 'Update web.config file' and 'Generate new keys'. The 'Encryption/Decryption' section below contains a 'Free Text' input field, 'Encrypt' and 'Decrypt' buttons, another 'Output' text area with 'Copy' and 'Clear' buttons, and a 'VERSION: 1.0.0.0' label at the bottom left.

2. In the Open file dialog navigate to the location of web.config file which can be found under “intepub\wwwroot\<EpiInfoWebProduct>. <EpiInfoWebProduct> would be replaced by the name of the installed Epi Info Web Product. Select web.config file and click open.



3. The Epi Info Web Security Utility will read the existing security keys from web.config file and populate them in Vector, Pass Phrase, Salt Value and Password Salt (not applicable to Epi Info Web Survey Product) text box.



## 5 WORKFLOW 3 – AD-HOC ENCRYPT

This functionality is to be used to encrypt the database connection string for the database and/or administration key (applicable only to Epi Info Web Survey Product). The encrypted connection string and/or administration key can be used to update the sample encrypted connection string and/or administration key provided in the web.config file. The steps below shows how connection string can be encrypted. The exact connection string should be created using the structure specified in the Epi Info Web Product deployment document.

1. Follow steps of workflow 2
2. Paste an unencrypted string into the “Free text” text box

The screenshot displays the Epi Info Web Security Utility application window. The title bar reads "Epi Info Web Security". The main interface is divided into two primary sections: "Manage Security Keys" and "Encryption/Decryption".

**Manage Security Keys Section:**

- Web.config file path:** A text box containing "C:\inetpub\wwwroot\EpiInfoWebProduct\Web.config" with a "File Browser" button to its right.
- Vector:** A text box containing "Z5AIQts7a6hFewK/".
- Pass Phrase:** A text box containing "atKjwl1YhPv94716lQ8aEophU".
- Salt Value:** A text box containing "LwKTr/KY9ILBwtIDVlvrO9zwX".
- Password Salt:** A text box containing "sLFoRFyKLCT49hjwJON4XifzYtl".
- Output:** A text area displaying XML comments: 

```
<!-- Encryption keys -->
<!-- Created 8/26/2016 4:13 PM by sax5 -->
<!-- GUID: 0CEB9FDE-6690-4537-8CAD-0562D2B44A1C -->
<!-- WARNING: -->
<!-- Once users, datasources or connection strings have been added to the database these keys cannot be modified -->
```

 A "Copy" button is to the right.
- Buttons:** "Update web.config file" and "Generate new keys".

**Encryption/Decryption Section:**

- Free Text:** A text box containing "Data Source=SQLServer;Initial Catalog=EIW;User ID=eiw\_appuser;Password=P@ssW0rD". This box is highlighted with a red border.
- Buttons:** "Encrypt" and "Decrypt".
- Output:** An empty text area for the result, with "Copy" and "Clear" buttons to its right.

**Footer:** A status bar at the bottom left indicates "VERSION: 1.0.0.0".

3. Click the “Encrypt” button

**Epi Info Web Security**

**Manage Security Keys**

Web.config file path: C:\inetpub\wwwroot\EpiInfoWebProduct\Web.config

Vector: ZSAIQts7a6hFewK/

Pass Phrase: atKjw1YhPv94716lQ8aEophU

Salt Value: LwKTr/KY9ILBwtIDVlvrO9zwX

Password Salt: sLFoRFyKLCt49hJwJON4XifzYtI

Output:

```
<!-- Encryption keys -->
<!-- Created 8/26/2016 4:13 PM by sax5 -->
<!-- GUID: 0CEB9FDE-6690-4537-8CAD-0562D2B44A1C -->
<!-- WARNING: -->
<!-- Once users, datasources or connection strings have been added to the database these
have *cannot* be modified -->
```

Update web.config file | Generate new keys

**Encryption/Decryption**

Free Text: Data Source=SQLServer;Initial Catalog=EIW;User ID=eiw\_appuser;Password=P@ssW0rD

Encrypt | Decrypt

Output:

Copy | Clear

VERSION: 1.0.0.0

4. Use the Encrypted string provided in output textbox to update the relevant connection string in the web.config file.

**Epi Info Web Security**

**Manage Security Keys**

Web.config file path: C:\inetpub\wwwroot\EpiInfoWebProduct\Web.config

Vector: ZSAIQts7a6hFewK/

Pass Phrase: atKjw1YhPv94716lQ8aEophU

Salt Value: LwKTr/KY9ILBwtIDVlvrO9zwX

Password Salt: sLFoRFyKLCt49hJwJON4XifzYtI

Output:

```
<!-- Encryption keys -->
<!-- Created 8/26/2016 4:13 PM by sax5 -->
<!-- GUID: 0CEB9FDE-6690-4537-8CAD-0562D2B44A1C -->
<!-- WARNING: -->
<!-- Once users, datasources or connection strings have been added to the database these
have *cannot* be modified -->
```

Update web.config file | Generate new keys

**Encryption/Decryption**

Free Text: Data Source=SQLServer;Initial Catalog=EIW;User ID=eiw\_appuser;Password=P@ssW0rD

Encrypt | Decrypt

Output:

ZHxkiBbfhIOFhDvj373cAqEvsLbPDuCESENxBbjutkBO5+/2eN4NwJP/vBfwUs0DhCkAmhYulYH3tgnonxt/tcJWvodJT6io2nByq05Y=

Copy | Clear

VERSION: 1.0.0.0

**Note:** The same workflow can be used to encrypt the Administration key by replacing the connection string with Admin Key.

## 6 WORKFLOW 4 - AD-HOC DECRYPT

This functionality can be used to decrypt the connection string or administration key (applicable only to Epi Info Web Survey product) present in the web.config file. Decrypting the connection string is needed in case the application is not able to connect to the database. When resolving connection issues the connection string can be inspected after decryption and updated as needed to resolve database connection problem. The steps below show how connection string can be decrypted.

1. Follow steps of workflow 2
2. Paste the encrypted connection string that was previously encrypted using the security keys into the “Free text” text box

The screenshot displays the Epi Info Web Security Utility application window. The 'Manage Security Keys' section is visible at the top, showing the Web.config file path and various security parameters. Below this, the 'Encryption/Decryption' section is active. It features a 'Free Text' input box containing an encrypted connection string, which is highlighted with a red rectangle. The 'Decrypt' button is visible next to the input box. The 'Output' section below the input box is empty, ready to display the decrypted text. The application version '1.0.0.0' is shown at the bottom left of the window.

**Epi Info Web Security**

**Manage Security Keys**

Web.config file path  
C:\inetpub\wwwroot\EpiInfoWebProduct\Web.config

Vector: Z5AIQts7a6hFewK/ Pass Phrase: atKjwl1YhPv94716lQ8aEophU Salt Value: LwKTr/KY9ILBwtIDVlvrO9zwX Password Salt: sLFoRFyKLCT49hjwj0N4XifzYtI

Output  
<!-- Encryption keys -->  
<!-- Created 8/26/2016 4:13 PM by sax5 -->  
<!-- GUID: 0CEB9FDE-6690-4537-8CAD-0562D2B44A1C -->  
<!-- WARNING: -->  
<!-- Once users, datasources or connection strings have been added to the database these keys \*must\* be modified -->

Update web.config file Generate new keys

**Encryption/Decryption**

Free Text  
ZHxklBbfhiOFhDvj373cAqEvsLbPDuCESENxBbjutkBO5+/ZeN4NwJP/vBfwUs0DhCkAmhYullYH3tgnonxt/tcJWvodjZT6lo2nByq05Y=

Encrypt Decrypt

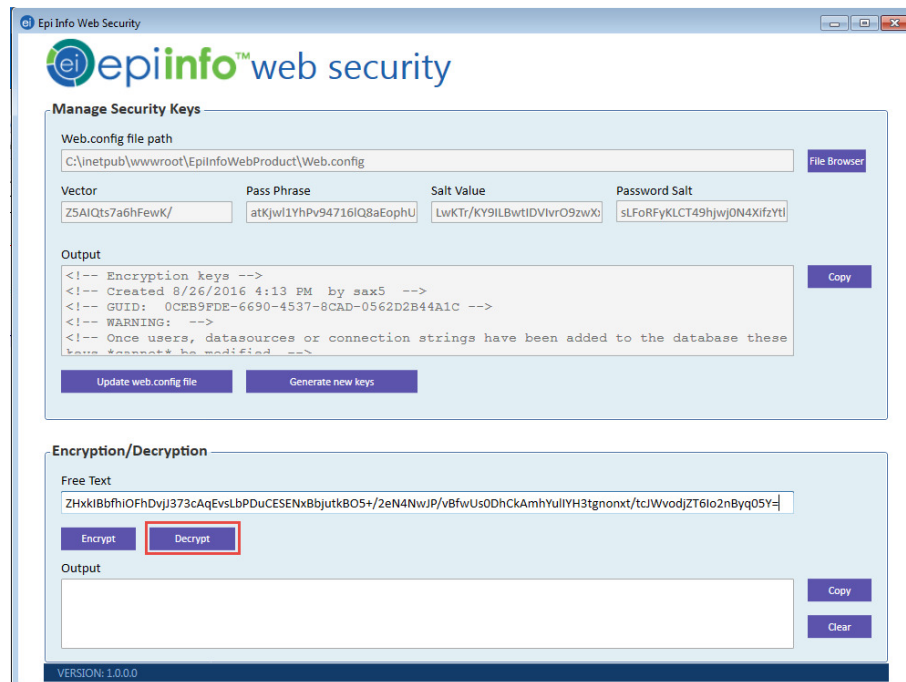
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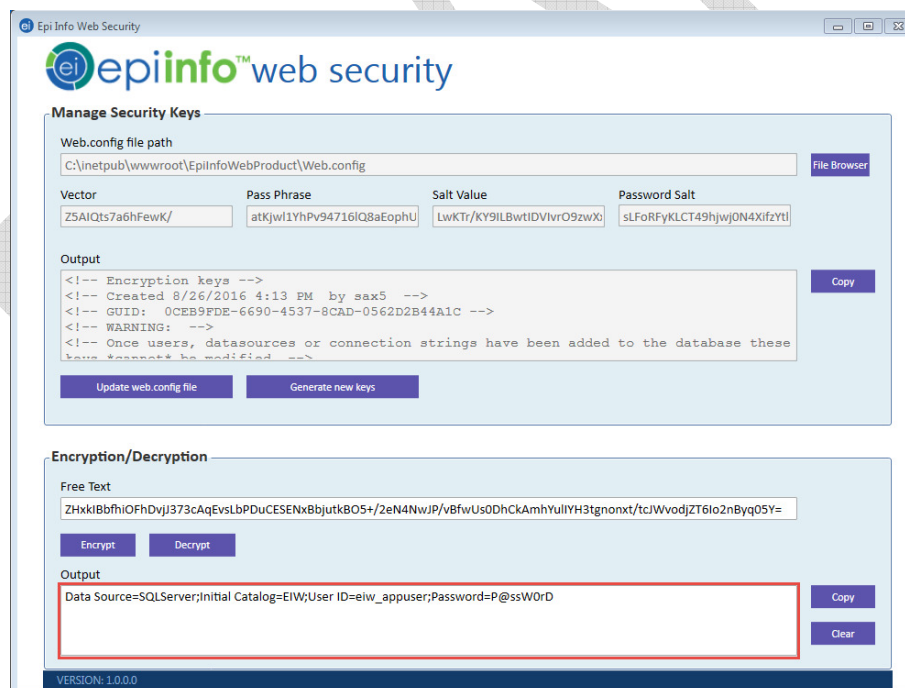
VERSION: 1.0.0.0

3. Click the “Decrypt” button.





4. Use the decrypted string provided in output textbox to debug the issues if any encountered during the application configuration



**Note:** The same workflow can be used to decrypt the Administration key by replacing the connection string with Admin Key.