

# ARCAN







## ARCAN Console User Guide

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# **ARCAN Console — User Guide**

## **1. Role of the ARCAN Console**

The ARCAN Console is the main tool for file encryption and decryption within the ARCAN system.

It allows users to:

- seal files or folders into `.arcsealed` containers
- unlock existing ARCAN containers
- verify the integrity of `.seal.log` journals
- use QuickSeal for short messages (auxiliary tool)

👉 The Console invents nothing, recovers nothing, fixes nothing.  
It strictly applies the configuration defined at build time.

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## **2. Starting the Console**

- Launch **ARCAN.exe**
  - No network access is required
  - No Internet connection is performed
  - The mention *Licensed by ARIEL-IA* confirms an official Console
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## **3. Interface — Overview**

The interface is divided into three clear areas:

### **Central area — Files & folders (main tool)**

This is where all serious encryption operations take place.

Available functions:

-  Add files
-  Add a folder (recursive scan)
-  Clear the list
-  Verify a `.seal.log` journal
- Per-file status tracking

👉 All batch encryption operations go through this area.

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## ■ Side area — QuickSeal (auxiliary tool)

QuickSeal allows fast encryption of:

- a message
- a memo
- a short text excerpt

Functions:

- clear text → encrypted text
- automatic key generation
- copy encrypted text
- copy key

⚠ Strict rules:

- QuickSeal never interacts with the Files area
- no persistence
- copying encrypted text erases the clear text
- copying the key erases the key

👉 A convenience tool, not a production tool.

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## ■ Bottom area — Cryptographic actions

Three tabs:

### 🔒 Encryption

1. Enter a password
2. Confirm the password
3. Choose an output folder
4. Start encryption

⚠ The password is unrecoverable.  
ARCAN stores no copy, no hash, no key.

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### 🔒 Decryption

1. Enter the password
2. Choose an output folder
3. Start decryption

👉 If the password is incorrect or the environment is non-compliant: decryption is refused, with no exploitable information.

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### 🚩 Licence

- Informational display only
  - No manual loading
  - No modification possible
  - The licence is embedded and verified automatically
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## 4. `.seal.log` journals — verification

Each ARCAN encryption generates a chained journal:

- verification possible from the Console
- read-only
- any alteration is detected
- full integrity chain

👉 A valid journal confirms:

- the order of operations
  - the absence of modification
  - cryptographic consistency
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## 5. What the Console never does

The ARCAN Console:

- ❌ never recovers passwords
- ❌ offers no cloud functionality
- ❌ never communicates over the network
- ❌ does not auto-update
- ❌ suggests no “optimisation”
- ❌ tolerates no non-compliant format

Lost password = permanent data loss.  
This is a security guarantee, not a limitation.

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## 6. Recommended best practices

- Use a long passphrase
  - Store the password outside the workstation
  - Verify journals for sensitive use cases
  - Use QuickSeal only for short exchanges
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## 7. Summary

- Files & folders → serious use
- QuickSeal → quick messages
- Licence → informational only
- No recovery possible
- No deliberate ambiguity

ARCAN does not protect against forgetfulness.  
It protects against compromise.

### **WARNING**

Never lose your password. Members of ARIEL-IA and ARCAN developers cannot under any circumstances recover your files.

Once sealed, an ARCAN file can only be unlocked using the password chosen at the time of encryption.

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