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The DESlock+ client does not currently allow the encryption of network folders. Attempts to encrypt a network folder will be blocked and display an error dialog as pictured below:



Attempts to access an encrypted folder that is shared across a network will be blocked even if the remote user has DESlock+ installed with the same encryption key available.

Only local user's access attempts will be able to access the folder through local paths, providing they are logged in to DESlock+ and have the correct encryption key.

There are some alternative solutions if you need to store data network storage in an encrypted form:

## Encrypted Files & Archives

You can store encrypted containers inside a network folder such as encrypted files & encrypted archives. These need to have data decrypted out of them in order to access the contents.

## Virtual Disks

Depending on requirements the Encrypted Virtual Disk can be used from network storage. These containers are mounted data accessed directly without requiring manual decryption first. The limitation of a Virtual Disk in shared environments is that only the first user to mount the Virtual Disk gets read/write access, subsequent users get read access until all users have un-mounted the disk.

In all cases only those users that have the appropriate encryption key will be able to gain access to the encrypted data, so it can act as a second layer of access control.

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