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HOW TO EXPORT WHATSAPP MESSAGES

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This was rather easy with my rooted Android phone. However, when flashing it with [Android 6](#) due to some memory leaks, root access does not work anymore. Neither by [adb](#), nor by [Kingoroot](#) and [Kingroot](#).

To export Whatsapp messages, however, I urgently need the whatsapp.cryptkey. And this key is only accessible in a rooted phone.

So I went down by another strategy by using [WhatsApp-Key-DB-Extractor-master](#) script on the Mac. To make this work, the JAVA JDK needs to be updated to at least version 7. The JDK needs to be manually downloaded and installed from the Oracle site

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oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/jdk8-downloads-2133151.html
```

In a next step, the Android Debug Bridge needs to be updated from the terminal as the version in the zip file listed the phone as being inactive

```
brew cask install android-platform-tools
```

Then we can run

```
WhatsAppKeyDBExtract.sh
```

which puts 5 new files

```
axolotl.db  
chatsettings.db  
msgstore.db  
wa.db  
whatsapp.cryptkey
```

into the

```
/WhatsApp-Key-DB-Extractor-master/extracted/
```

folder. Move this folder back to the SD card where the “Backup Text for Whats” App can find the key to export all encrypted Whatsapp messages.