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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 JD-K 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.

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