



# Nitrokey UG Announces Partnership with The Linux Foundation to Empower Kernel Developers with Nitrokey USB Keys

*Nitrokey UG, developer of highly secure USB encryption solutions, announces partnership with The Linux Foundation, to equip over 2000 Linux kernel developers.*

BERLIN, GERMANY, April 5, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Linux](#) Foundation is dedicated to building sustainable open-source projects on a global scale, and for this project they were looking for a solution to be able to provide their 2000+ Linux kernel developers with the ability to cryptographically sign code with PGP signatures, as strict requirement when sending merge requests directly to Linus Torvalds.

"[Nitrokey](#) is 100% committed to open-source software and hardware, the partnership with The Linux Foundation is a natural match for us. Personally I'm very proud to contribute to securing Linux as one of the most fundamental systems of today's IT." Said Jan Suhr, CEO, Nitrokey UG

[Nitrokey Start](#) USB keys cryptographically protecting code commits, emails, files and server access. All keys are stored securely within the Nitrokey itself with a zero footprint on the host machine, protected by high-security open-source software and hardware and designed and manufactured in Germany.

"Our foundation has a strong preference for open-source software and hardware, Nitrokey is one of a few companies developing GnuPG compatible smart card devices that offer both of these, additionally the Nitrokey offers support for ECC keys, which are much faster than large RSA keys and generate smaller digital signatures, we are currently pushing hard to use more code signing, so this was an important aspect when choosing Nitrokey." Said Konstantin Ryabitsev, IT Infrastructure Security, The Linux Foundation.

Nitrokey is a small and portable set of data security solutions that come in a USB form factor. Nitrokey protects emails, hard drives, server certificates, online accounts and provides digital signatures with high-security open-source hardware and software.

## About Nitrokey UG

Founded as an open source project in 2008 and turned into a full corporate entity in 2015, Nitrokey develops and produces highly secure open-source hardware and software USB keys that provide cryptographic functions for protecting; emails, files, hard drives, server certificates, online accounts and data at rest, preventing against identity theft and data loss.

<https://www.nitrokey.com>

## About The Linux Foundation

Founded in 2000, The Linux Foundation supports the creation of sustainable open source ecosystems by providing financial and intellectual resources, infrastructure, services, events, and training, working together, The Linux Foundation and its projects form the most ambitious and successful investment in the creation of shared technology.

<https://www.linuxfoundation.org>

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