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# exfiltrate verb

ex-fil·trate | \ eks-'fil-,trāt , 'eks-(,)fil-\

**exfiltrated**; **exfiltrating**

## Definition of *exfiltrate*

*transitive verb*

**1** : to remove (someone) furtively from a hostile area

// Kublinski avoided detection. He was *exfiltrated* from Poland, with his family, only after being compromised by a leak from the U.S. government.

— Radek Sikorski

**2** : to steal (sensitive data) from a computer (as with a flash drive)

*intransitive verb*

: to escape from a hostile area

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// One involves attaching malicious PDF or Microsoft Word documents that *exfiltrate* itself when opened.

— Dan Goodin, *Ars Technica*, "Decade-old Efail attack can decrypt previously obtained encrypted emails," 14 May 2018

// The vulnerabilities allow attackers to *exfiltrate* email plaintexts by embedding the previously obtained ciphertext into unviewable parts of an email and combining it with HTML coding.

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1947, in the meaning defined at transitive sense 1

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