The process leaves no trace. Tails OS is an operating system run entirely from a USB drive, and it is designed to forget all activity upon shutdown. That boot is the offline computer. It borrows the hardware and leaves the hard disk alone.

BOOT 1

Network on

BOOT 2

Networking off

How the boot is made

The computer is shut down fully before Tails is booted. Networking is set to Disabled on the welcome screen, before the desktop appears. Turning the network off after a program has already opened does not count.

Persistent Storage is not created, and it is not unlocked. Ethernet is never plugged. The Tails file comes from tails.net only, and the signature is checked before the drive is written.

Exactly one seed is loaded. The session converts the dice, restores one seed, signs one payment, or exports the map. The result is copied back to the data USB. The screen goes dark before the drive is unplugged.

The second seed is a new boot, after another full shutdown. Two seeds are never loaded in one session. The only secret that crosses the USB is a signature file, not a seed.