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# Lab Assignment 13

AIM: Explore the GPG tool of Linux to implement Email Security.

LO6: Demonstrate Network Security system using Open Source tools.

#### THEORY:

A "private keyring" and a "public keyring" are concepts related to cryptographic key management in applications like GPG (GNU Privacy Guard), which is used for secure communication, digital signatures, and encryption. These terms refer to collections of cryptographic keys.

Private Keyring: A private keyring is a file or database that stores private cryptographic keys. Private keys are used for operations like signing messages or decrypting data. These keys should be kept confidential because anyone with access to a private key can use it to impersonate the owner or access encrypted information.

Public Keyring: A public keyring is a file or database that stores public cryptographic keys. Public keys are shared with others and are used for operations like verifying digital signatures or encrypting data that can only be decrypted by the corresponding private key. Public keys are meant to be distributed openly.

Commands for key generation, export, and import of keys, as well as for signing and encrypting a message in GPG.

### **Key Generation:**

To generate a new GPG key pair (public and private keys), use the following command: gpg -- gen-key

This command will prompt you to enter details such as your name, email address, and passphrase for the private key. It will generate a key pair and add it to your keyring.

## Exporting and Importing Keys:

To export your public key to a file (e.g., my public key.asc), use:

gpg --export -a "Your Name" > my public key.asc To

import a public key from a file, use:

gpg --import < my\_public\_key.asc Signing a

Message:

To sign a message using your private key, use:

gpg --detach-sign -a my\_message.txt

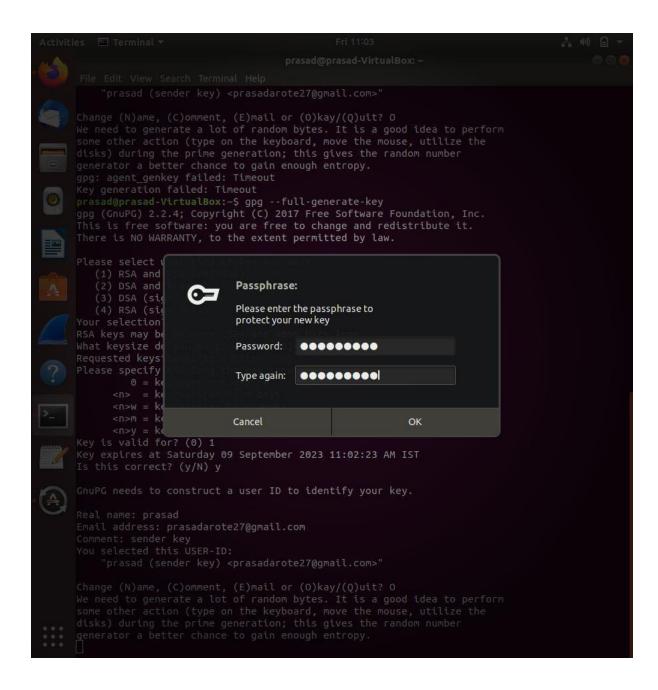
This will create a detached signature file (e.g., my message.txt.asc) for your message.

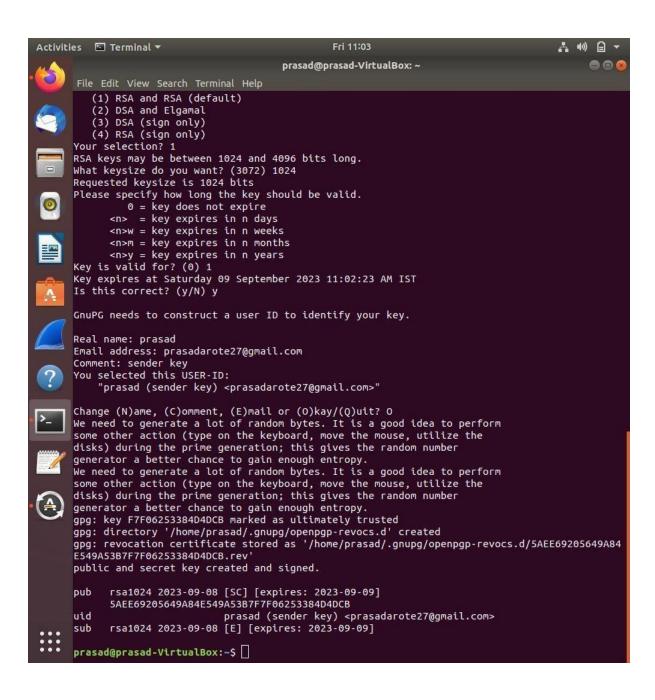
Encrypting a Message:

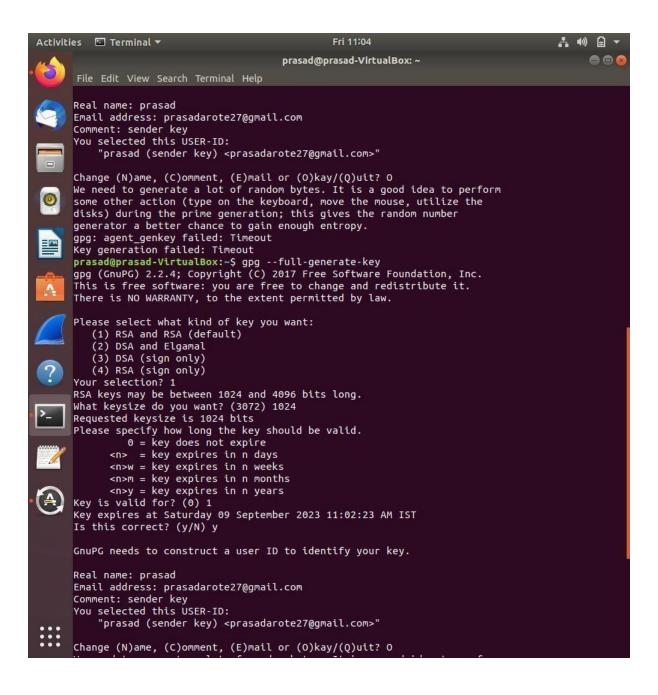
To encrypt a message for someone else using their public key, use:

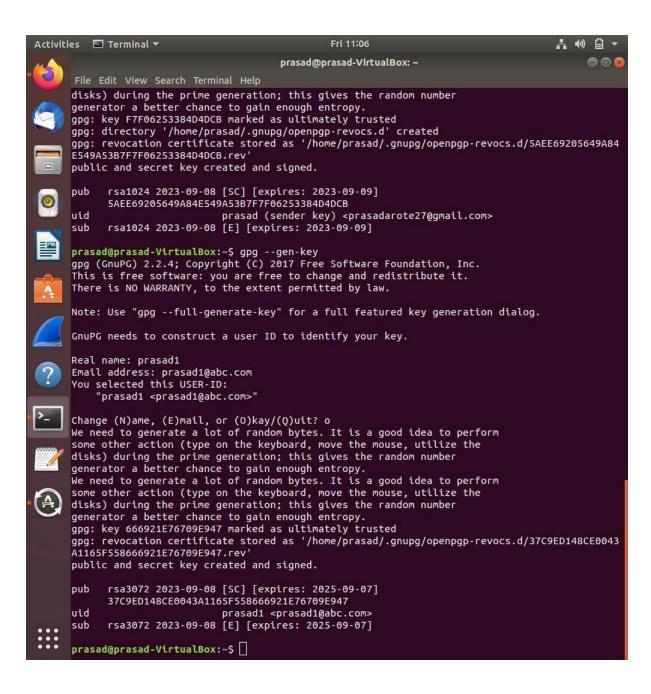
gpg --encrypt -a -r "Recipient's Name" my message.txt

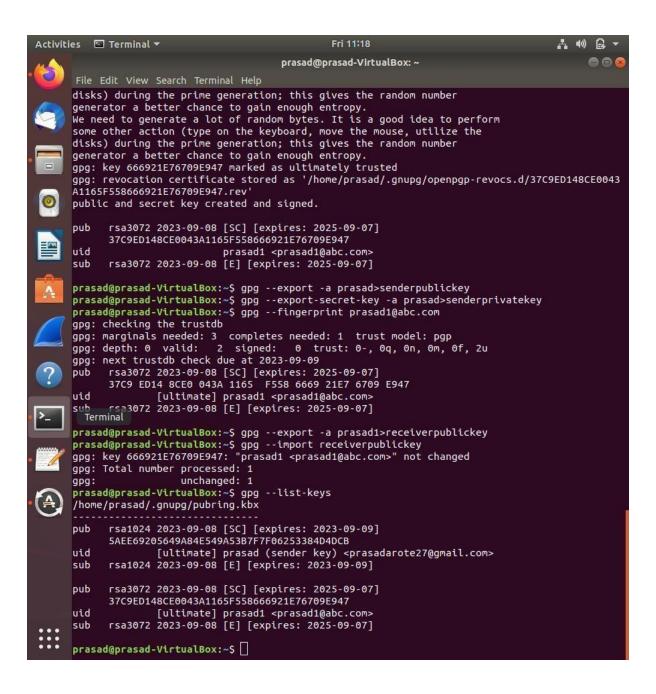
This will create an encrypted file (e.g., my\_message.txt.asc) that can only be decrypted by the recipient's private key.

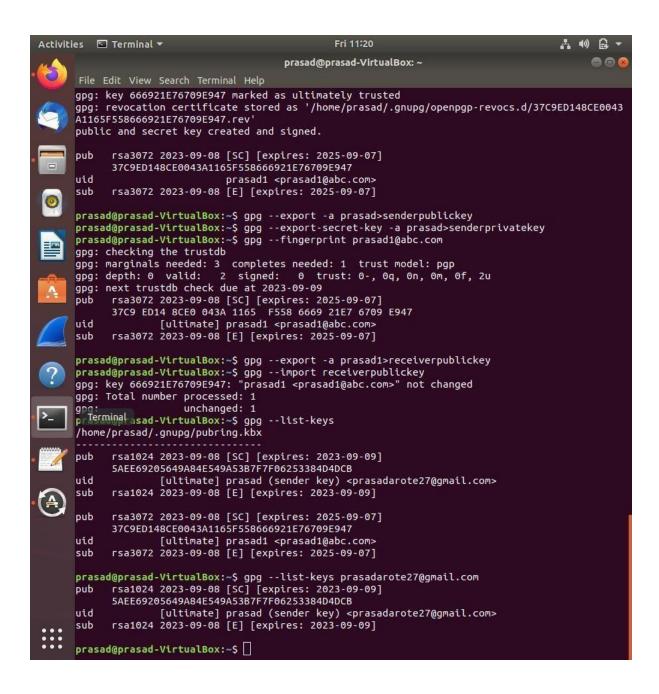


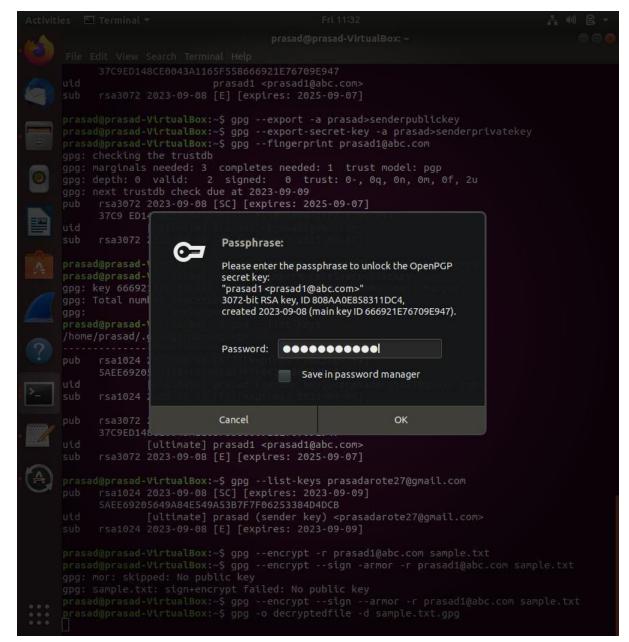












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prasad@prasad-VirtualBox:~$ gpg --fingerprint prasad1@abc.com
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       gpg: marginals needed: 3 completes needed: 1 trust model: pgp
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prasad@prasad-VirtualBox:~$ gpg --encrypt --sign -armor -r prasad1@abc.com sample.txt
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       gpg: sample.txt: sign+encrypt failed: No public key
       prasad@prasad-VirtualBox:~$ gpg --encrypt --sign --armor -r prasad1@abc.com sample.txt prasad@prasad-VirtualBox:~$ gpg -o decryptedfile -d sample.txt.gpg gpg: encrypted with 3072-bit RSA key, ID 808AA0E858311DC4, created 2023-09-08
               "prasad1 <prasad1@abc.com>"
       prasad@prasad-VirtualBox:~$
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## **CONCLUSION:**

We've explored the concepts of private keyrings and public keyrings in GPG. We've also provided commands for key generation, exporting and importing keys, signing messages, and encrypting messages using GPG. These commands are fundamental to using GPG for secure communication and data protection.