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Lab Assignment No:-13

Aim: - Explore the GPG tool of Linux to implement email security

Lab Outcome Attained :- LO6

Theory:-

What is private key ring and public key ring?
a)Public key ring

The public key ring contains the public keys of other users. These keys are made available to the public so that anyone can encrypt messages to the user. The public key ring is typically shared with other users by exporting it to a file or by adding it to a PGP keyserver.

The public key contains the following information:

The user's name or email address

The user's fingerprint, which is a unique identifier for the key

The key's algorithm and strength

The key's expiration date

When someone wants to encrypt a message to you, they will use your public key. The message will be encrypted using the public key, but it can only be decrypted using the corresponding private key.

b)Private key ring

The private key ring contains the private keys of the user. These keys are kept secret and should not be shared with anyone. The private key ring is typically protected by a password or passphrase.

The private key contains the following information:

The user's name or email address

The user's fingerprint, which is a unique identifier for the key

The key's algorithm and strength

The key's expiration date

The private key is used to decrypt messages that have been encrypted with the user's public key. It is also used to sign messages, which allows the recipient to verify that the message was sent by the intended sender.

The public key ring and the private key ring are essential for using PGP. They allow users to encrypt and decrypt messages securely.

Write the commands used for key generation, export and import of keys and signing and encrypting the message in gpg tool.

Key generation

The following command generates a new GPG key pair:

gpg --gen-key

This command will prompt you for some information, such as your name, email address, and key length.

Export and import of keys

The following command exports the public key to a file:

gpg --export --output public.key

The following command imports the public key from a file:

gpg --import public.key

The following command exports the private key to a file:

gpg --export-secret-key --output private.key The following command imports the private key from a file:

gpg --import-secret-key private.key

Signing and encrypting the message The

following command signs a message:

gpg --sign message.txt

The following command encrypts a message:

gpg --encrypt --recipient recipient@example.com message.txt The recipient can then decrypt the message using their private key.

Some additional details about the commands:

The gpg command is the main GPG command.

The **--gen-key** option generates a new GPG key pair.

The **--export** option exports a key to a file.

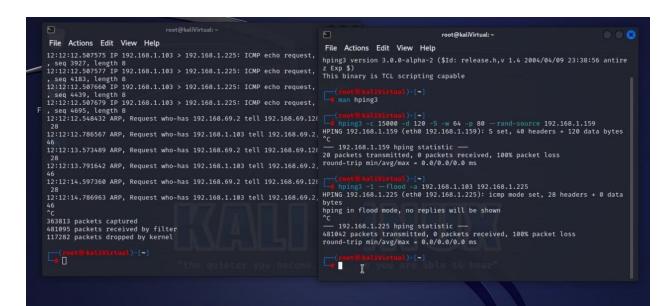
The **--import** option imports a key from a file.

The **--sign** option signs a message.

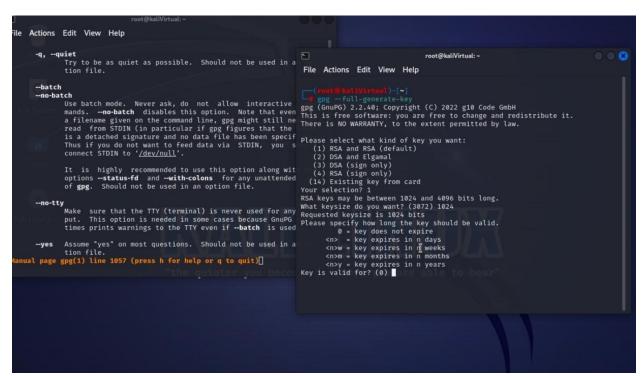
The **--encrypt** option encrypts a message.

The **--recipient** option specifies the recipient of the encrypted message.

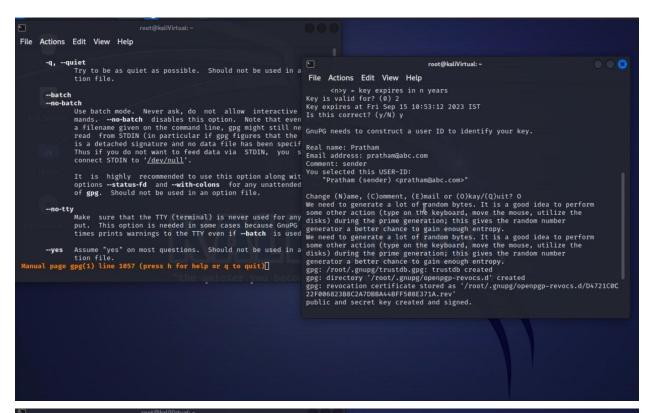
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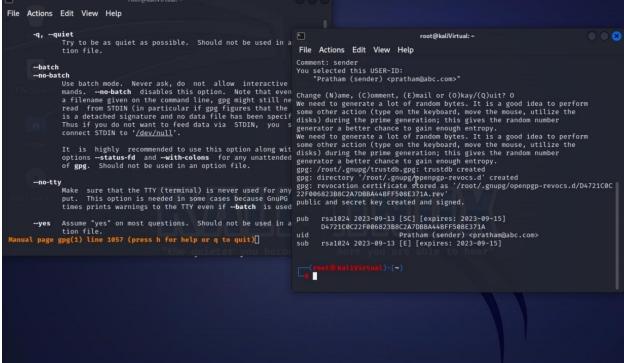


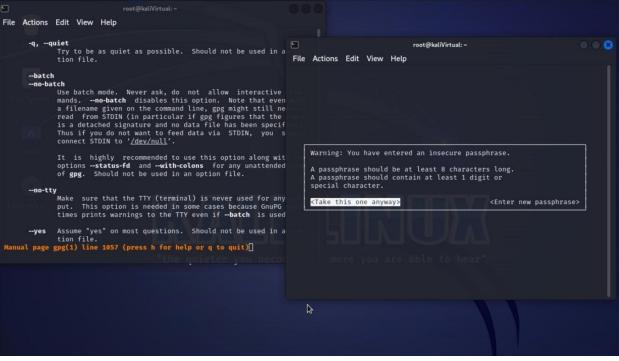


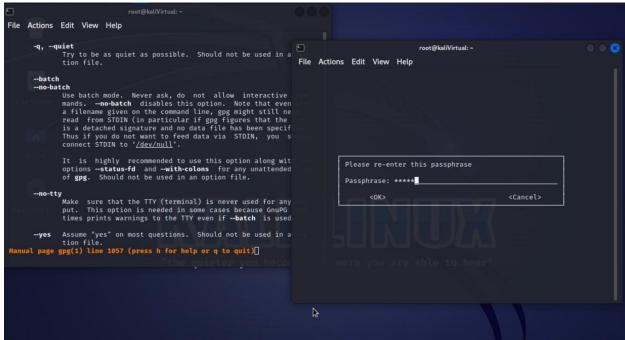


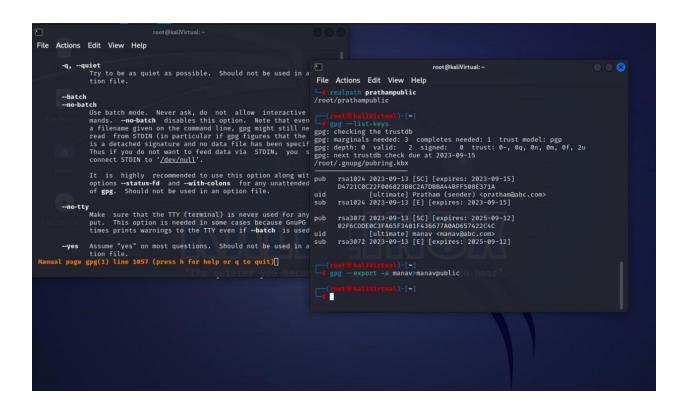


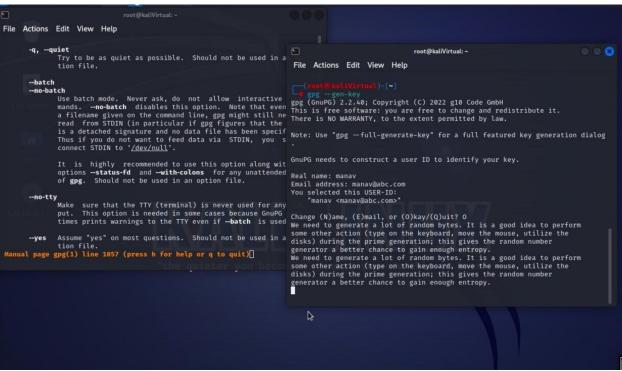


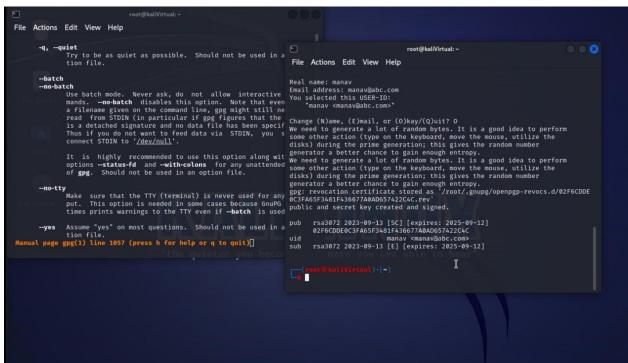












Conclusion:-

Learnt about GPG tool in linux and how it provides email security , executed several commands related to GPG and also explored more about public key ring and private key rings