

## Lab 15 - Using Public Key Encryption to Secure Messages

### **Objective:**

1. Creating the Certificate for Student
2. Creating the Certificate for Administrator
3. Encrypting and Decrypting the File

### **Takeaways:**

1. OpenPGP (Pretty Good Privacy) is an open-source encryption standard that enables secure and private communication using public-key cryptography for data encryption and digital signatures.
2. Kleopatra is a certificate manager and graphical user interface for GnuPG (GNU Privacy Guard), providing a user-friendly way to manage cryptographic keys and perform encryption-related tasks on Windows systems.
3. When creating a certificate, we are generating a digital document that includes a public key and information about the key owner, often used for secure communication, authentication, or digital signatures.
4. When encrypting a file, we typically use a symmetric key, which is a single secret key shared between the sender and recipient for both encryption and decryption.
5. When decrypting a file, we use the corresponding key to the one used for encryption, typically a symmetric key, to reverse the encryption process and reveal the original content.

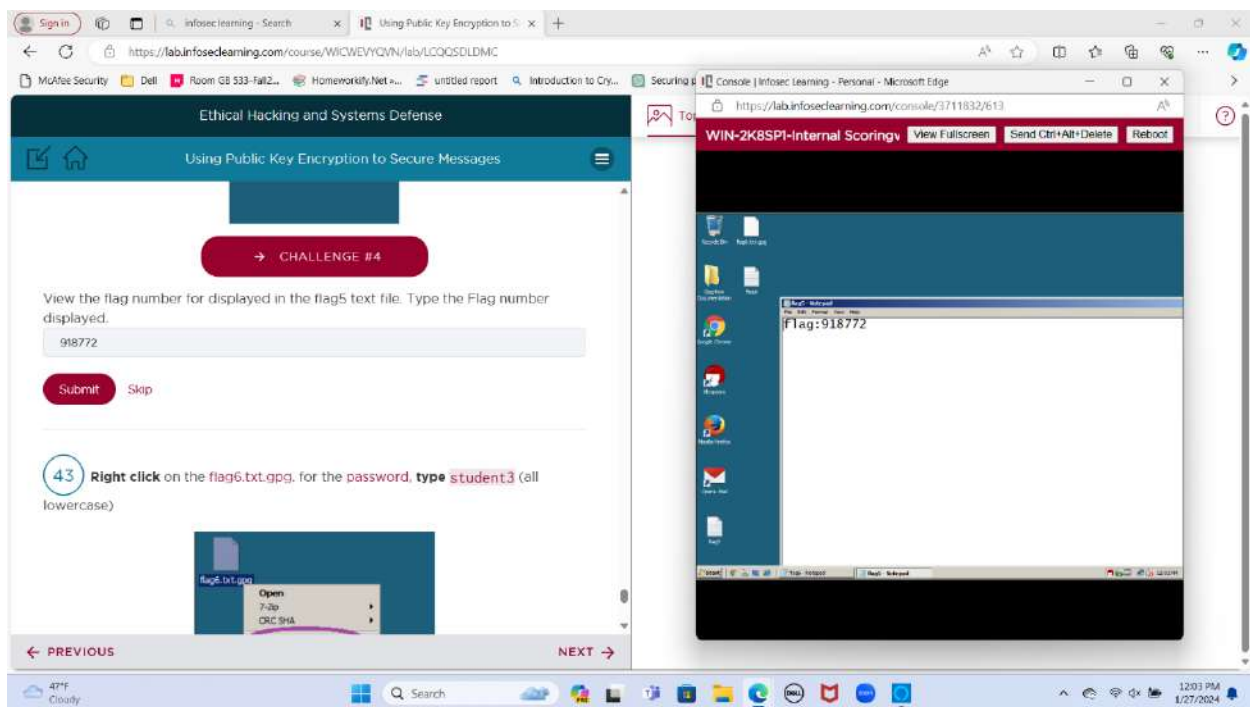
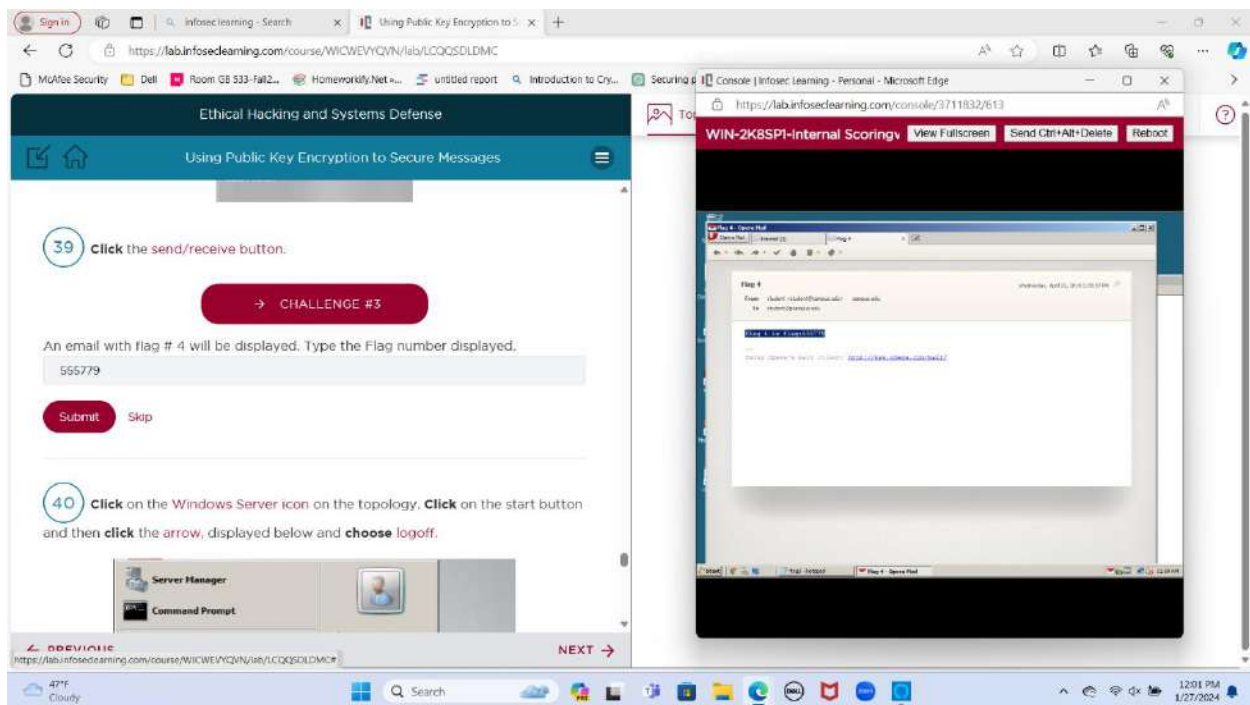
## Challenges:

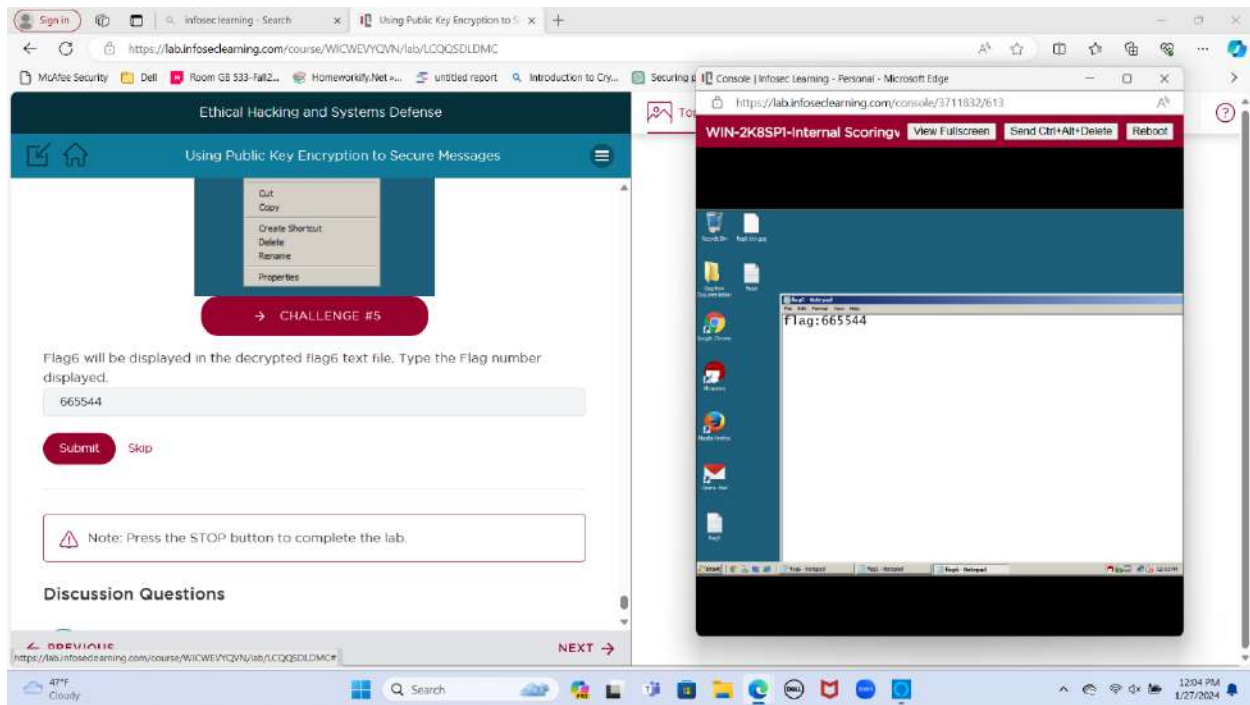
The screenshot shows the Infosec Learning console interface. The main window displays "Ethical Hacking and Systems Defense" with the sub-header "Using Public Key Encryption to Secure Messages". A challenge step 34 is highlighted, instructing the user to "click the unread tab. Click the send/receive button." Below this, a text input field contains "223776" and buttons for "Submit" and "Skip". A "CHALLENGE #1" button is also visible. Step 35 is partially visible, instructing the user to click on the Windows Server icon on the topology, click on the start button, and then click the arrow, displayed below and choose logoff.

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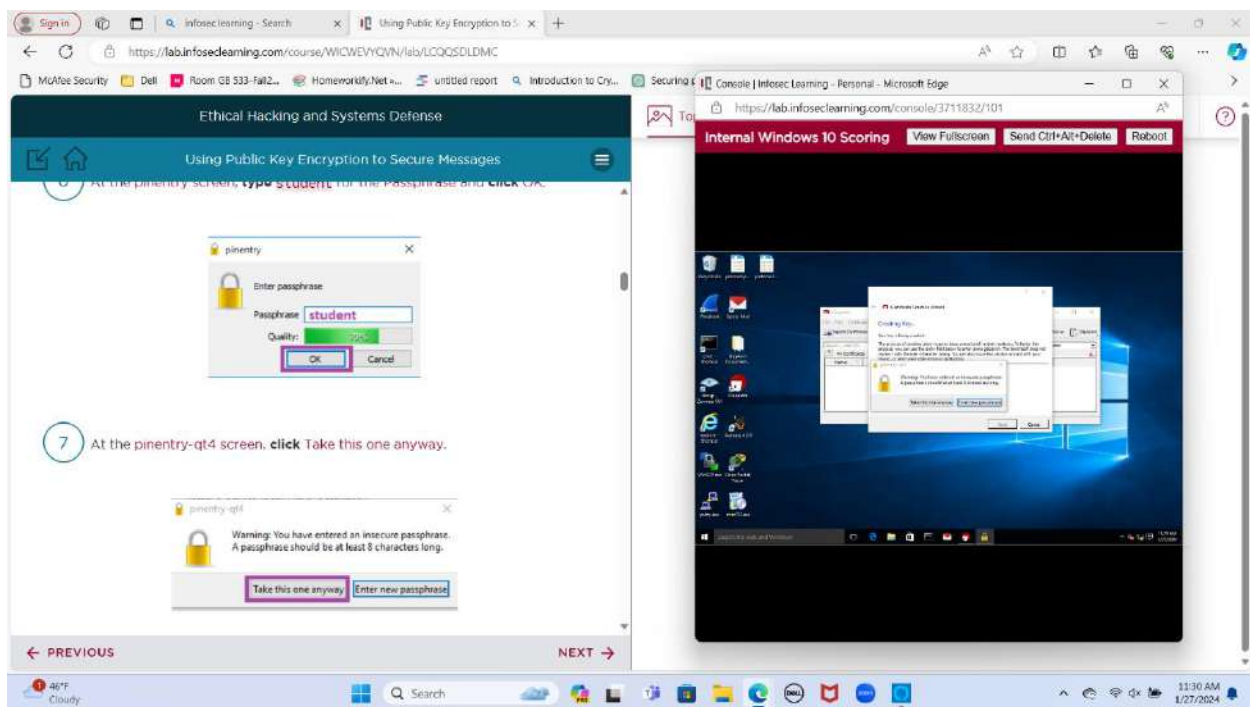
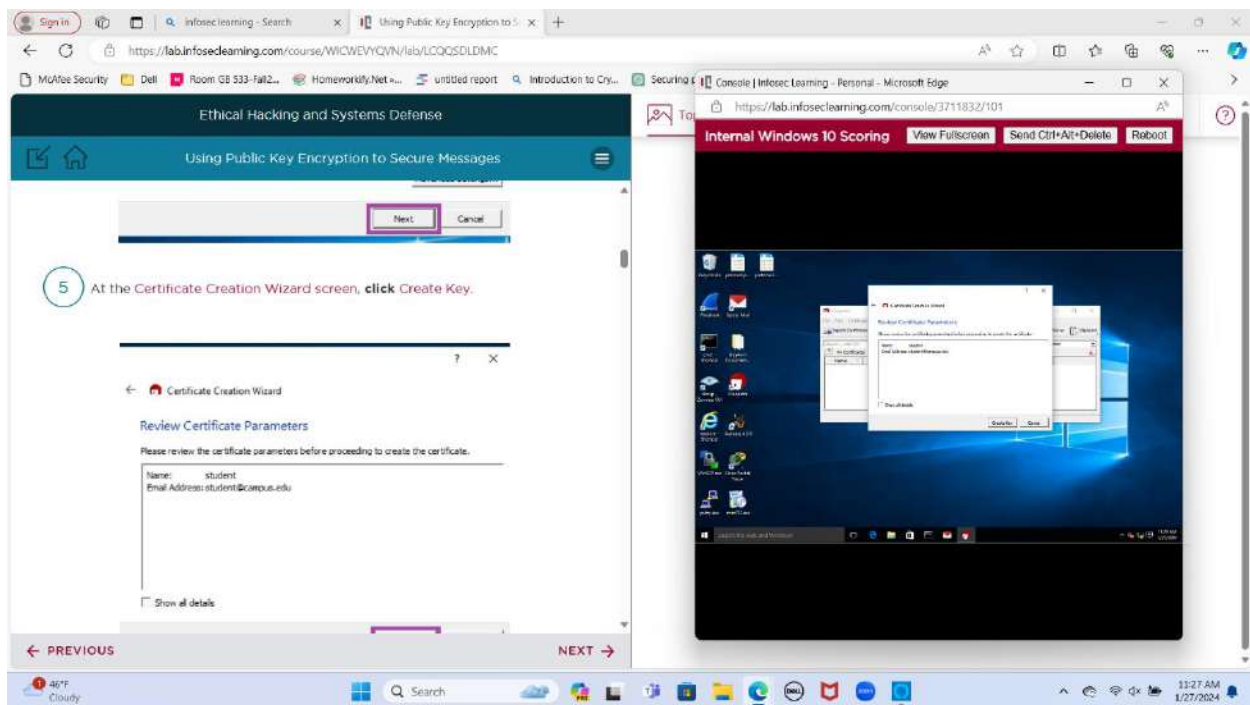
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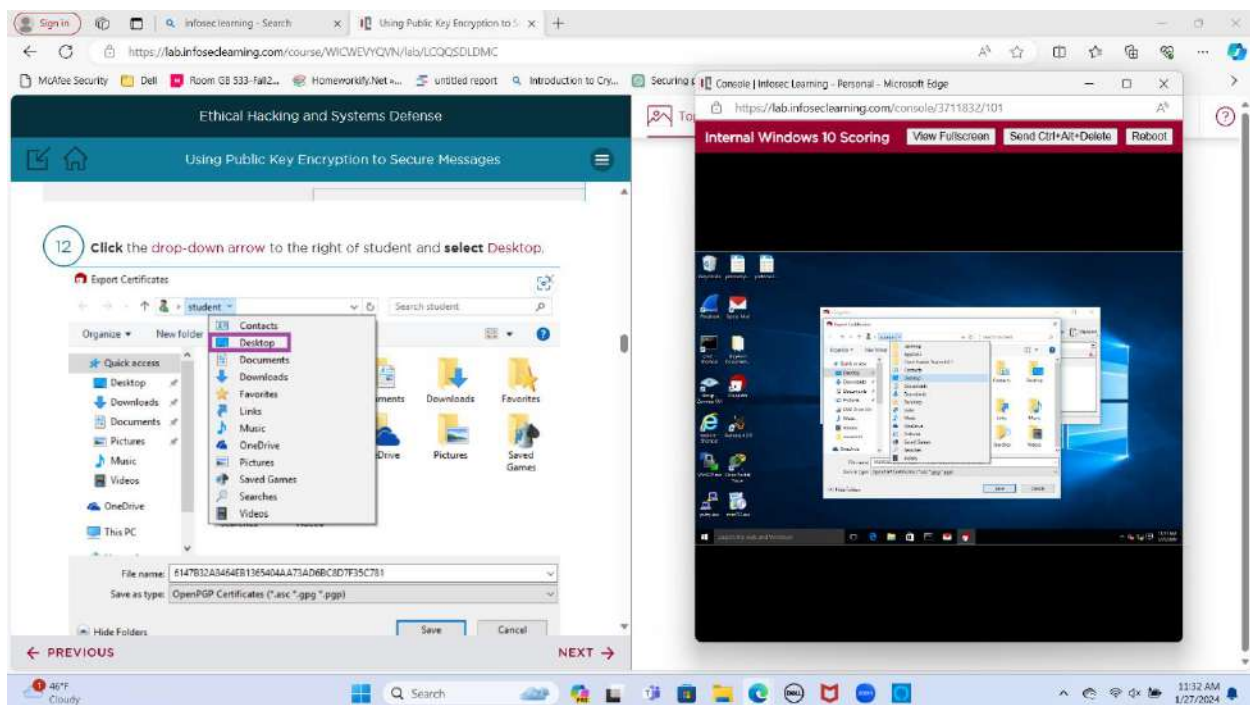
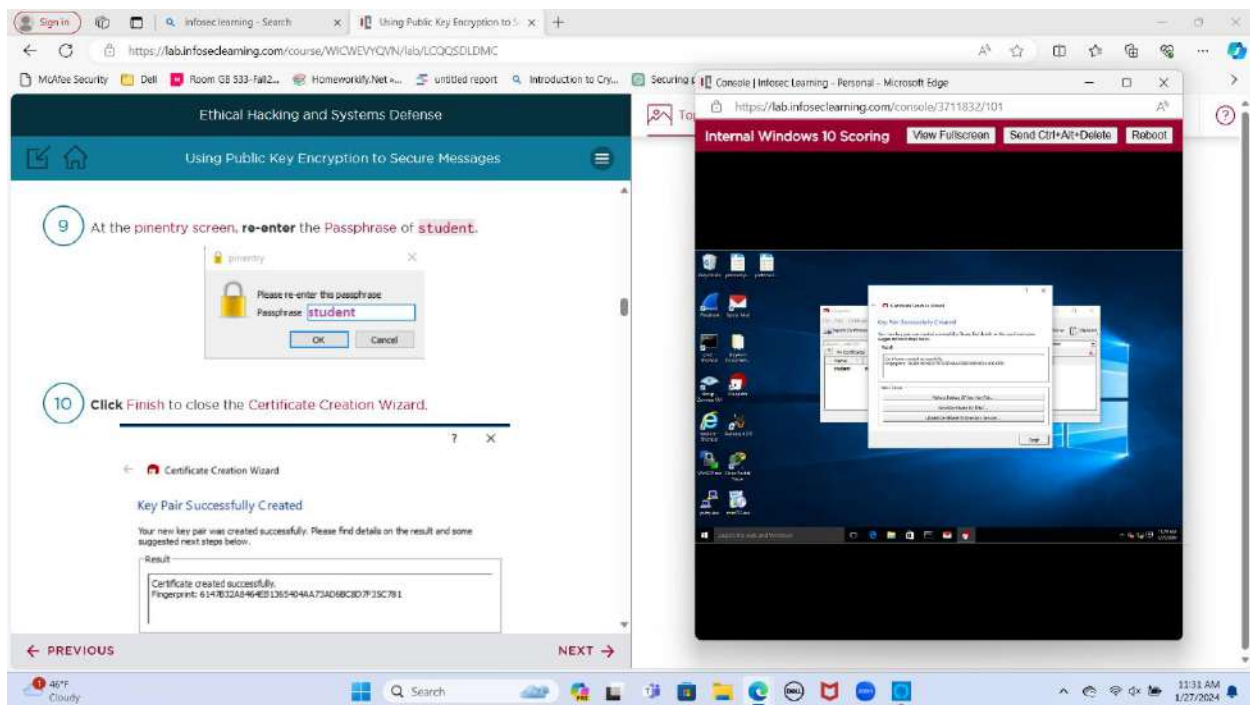


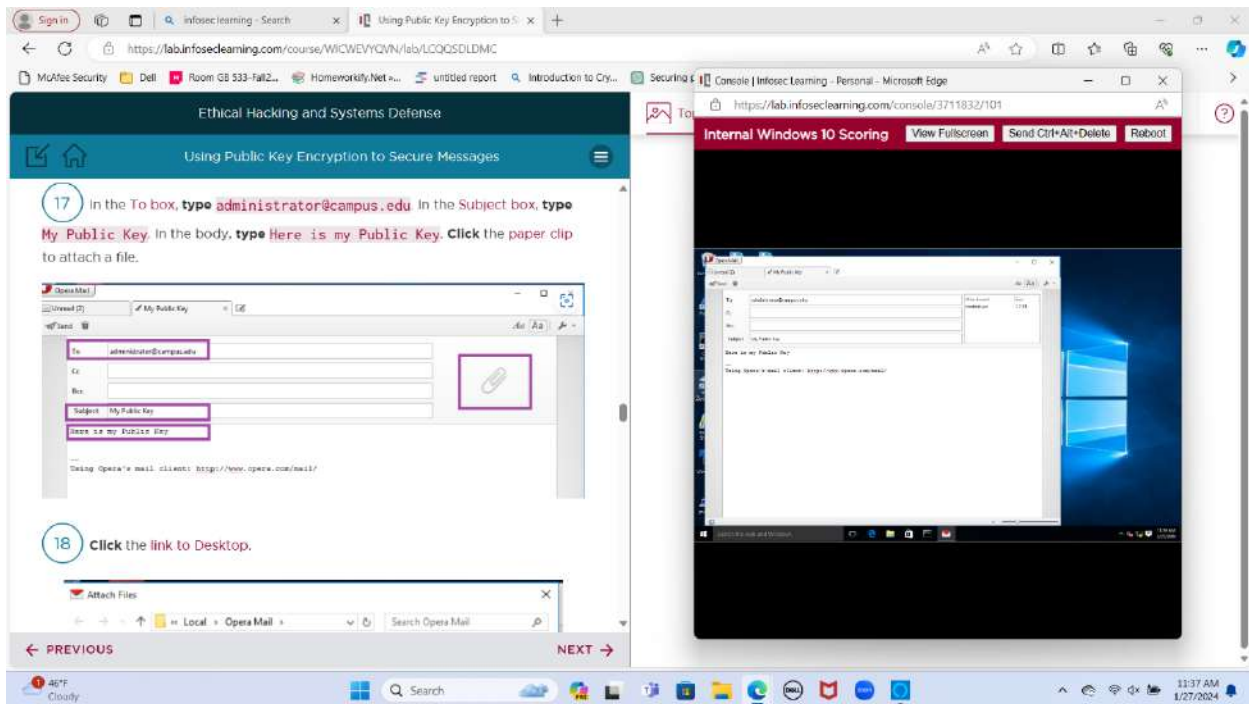
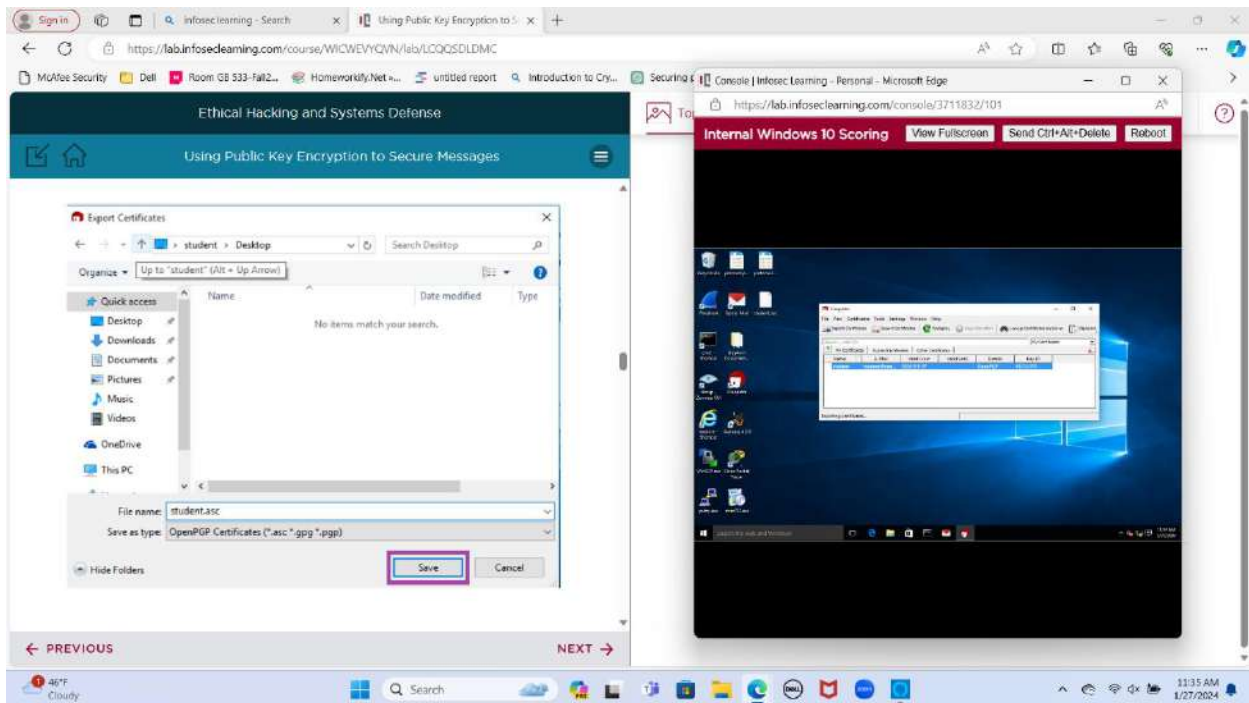


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21 Click on the Windows Server icon on the topology. After sending a control alt delete to the virtual machine, log in as **administrator** with the password of **P@ssw0rd**.




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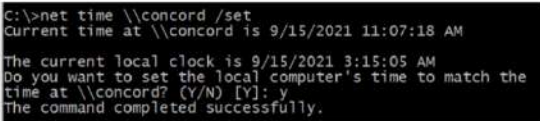
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23 Type the following command and press Enter to set the clock on the VM. When asked to set the clock, type **Y**.

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C:\>net time \\concord /set
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24 Double-click on the shortcut to Opera Mail on your desktop.




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26 Double-click on the email from student with the subject My Public Key.

27 Click the student.asc file and select Save As.

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31 Click Opera Mail and then select Exit.

Discussion Questions

1 What is OpenPGP?

2 What is the application used to create a certificate for student?

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2 From the Kleopatra menu, select File and select New Certificate.



3 Click Create a personal OpenPGP key pair.



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8 At the pinentry screen, re-enter the Passphrase of administrator.



9 Click Finish to close the Certificate Creation Wizard.



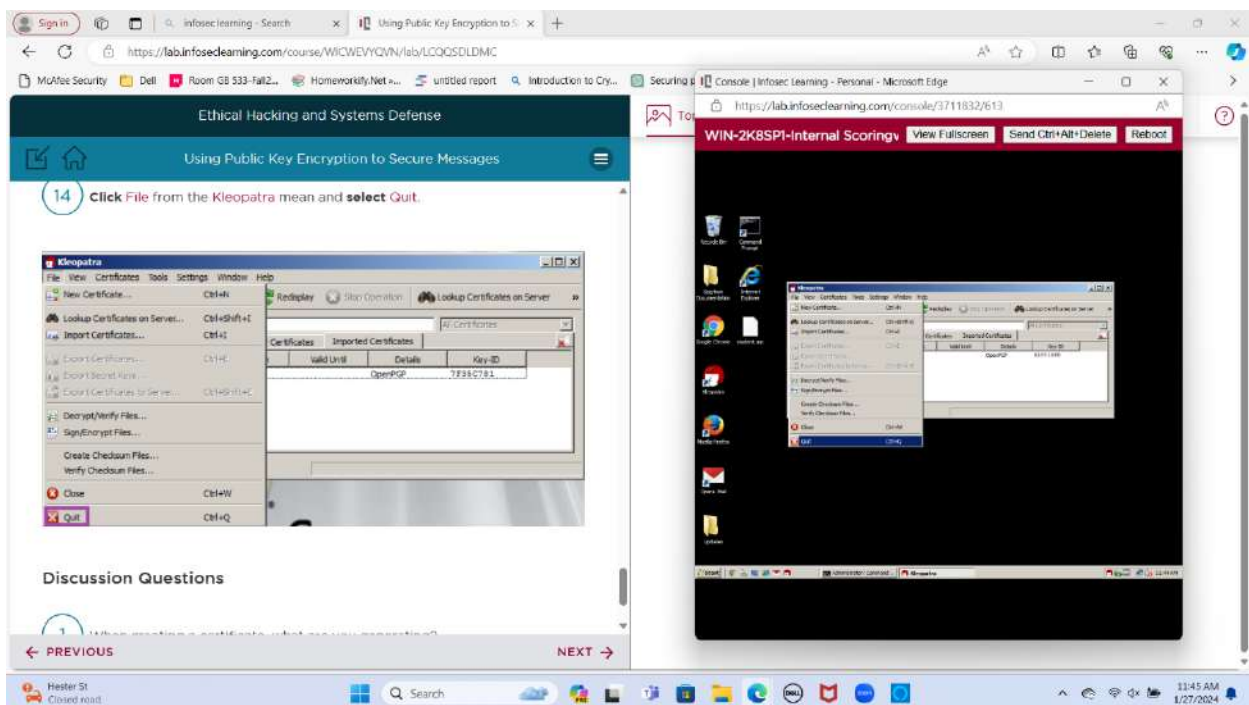
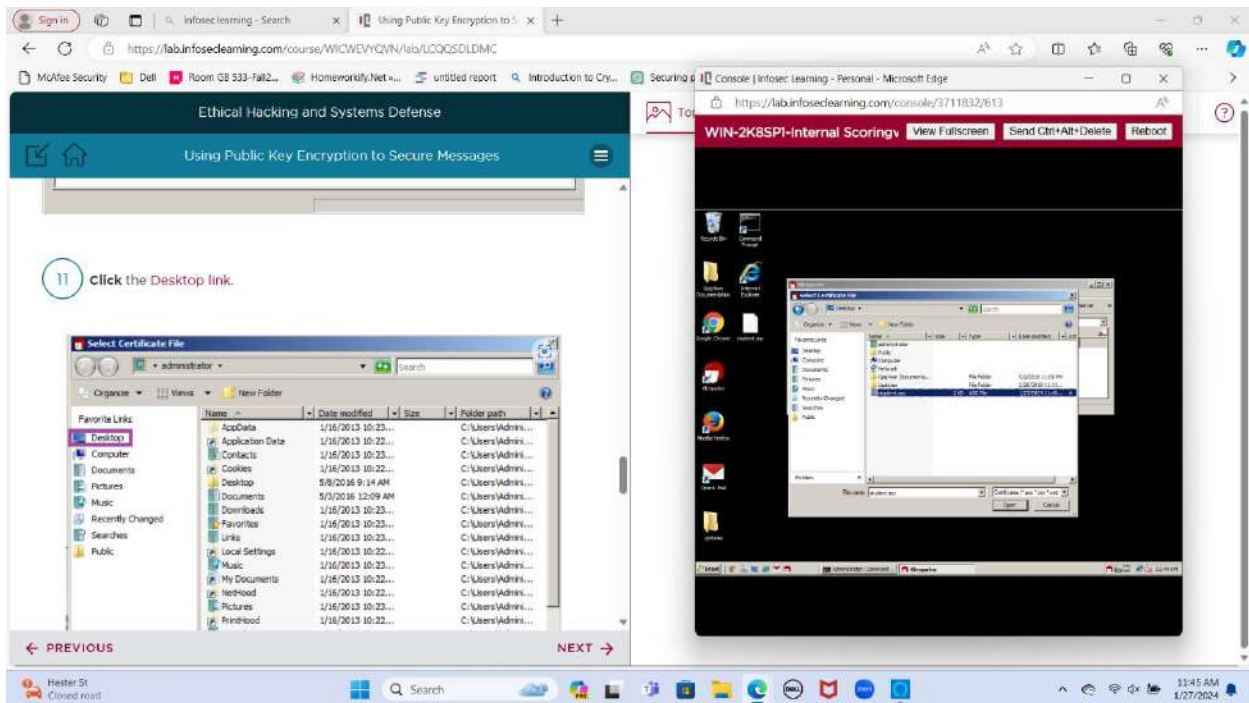
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1 Right-click on the Windows Server desktop, click New then select Text Document.

2 Name the file message.txt.


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5 Click File from the Notepad menu and select Save.

message.txt - Notepad

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message.txt - Notepad

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that I like Green Eggs and Ham.

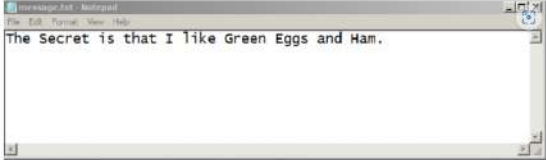
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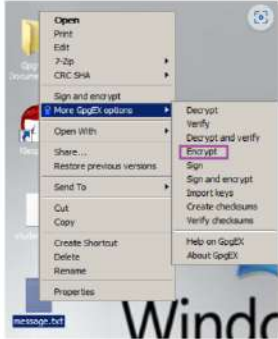
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7 Right-click on message.txt and select More GpgEX options and then select Encrypt.



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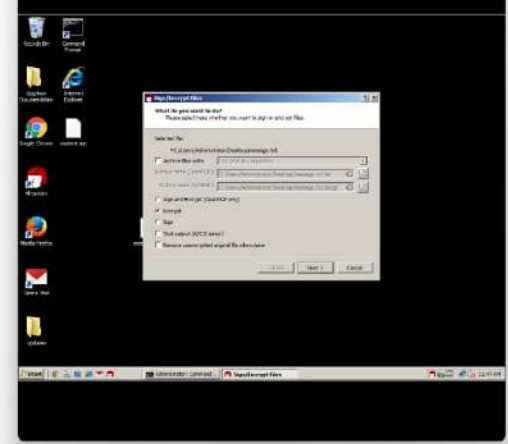
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9 Hold down Control to select the student and the administrator certificates. Click Add.



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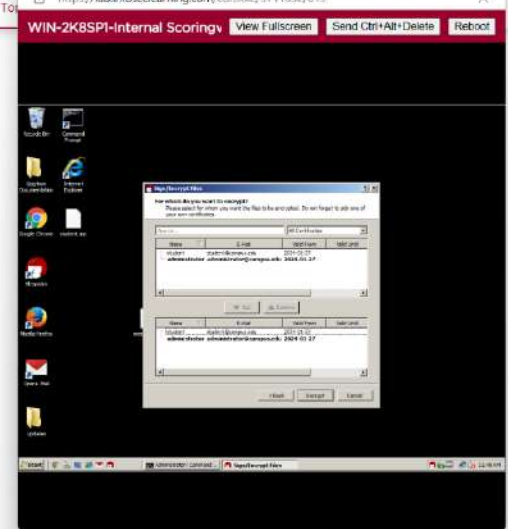
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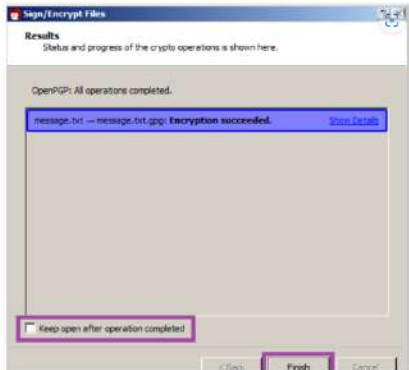
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11 You should see the message in blue that **Encryption succeeded**. Remove the check to **Keep open after operation completed**. Click the **Finish** button.



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16 Click the **Send** button to send the email.



17 Click on the Windows 10 machine. If the Opera Mail program is not already open, **double-click** on the shortcut to Opera Mail.

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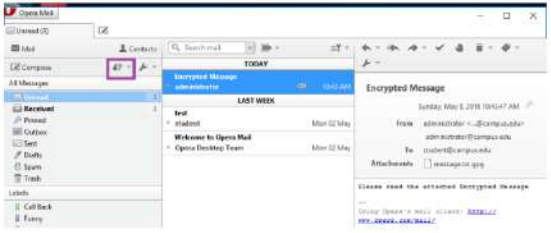
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18 Click the send/receive button.



19 Double-click on the email from administrator with the subject Encrypted Message.

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Encrypted Message

From: administrator@campus.edu  
To: student@campus.edu  
Subject: Encrypted Message

Click the send/receive button.

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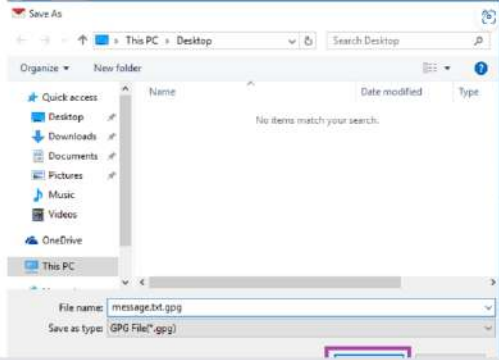
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21 Click Save.



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Save As

File name: message.txt.gpg  
Save as type: GPG File (\*.gpg)

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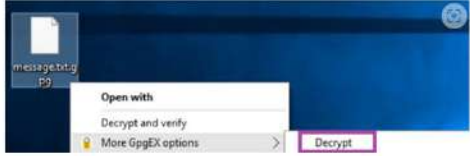
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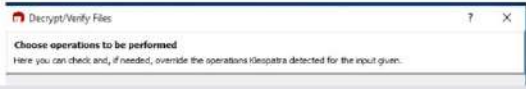
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23 Right-click on `message.txt.gpg` and select **More GpgEX options** and select **Decrypt**.



24 click **Decrypt/Verify**.



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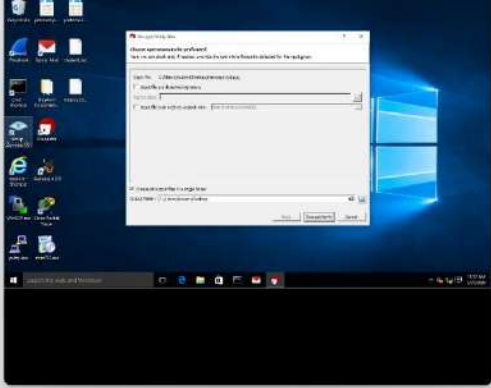
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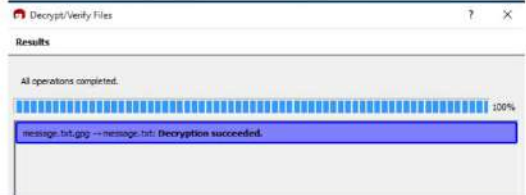
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Please enter the passphrase to unlock the secret key for the OpenPGP certificate:  
"student <student@campus.edu>"  
2048-bit RSA key, ID 0947F5E, created 2016-05-08 (main key ID 7F35C7B1).

Passphrase:

OK Cancel

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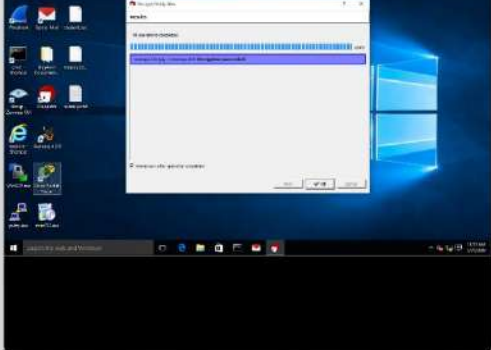
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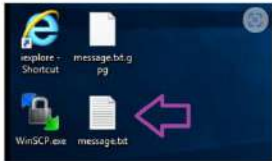
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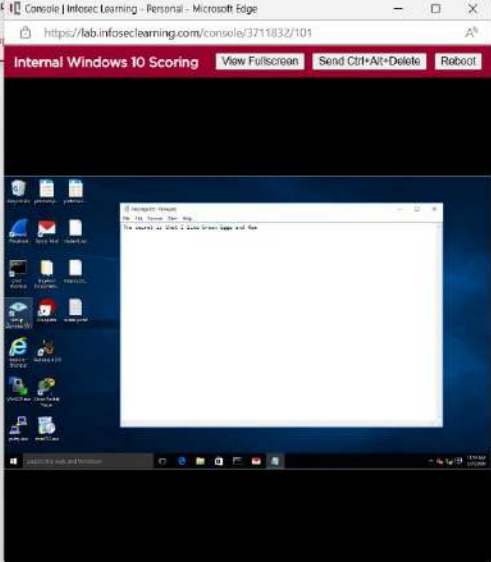
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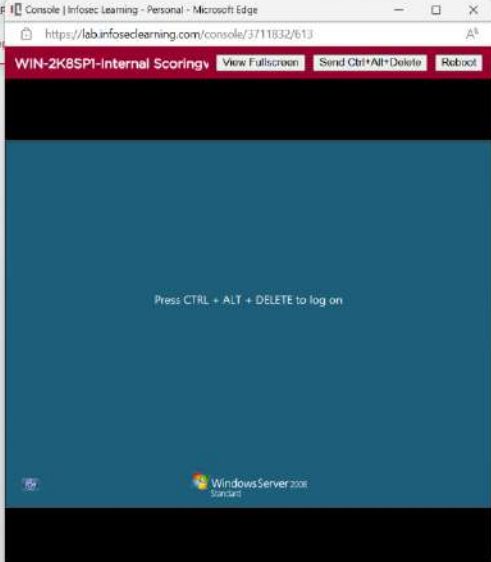


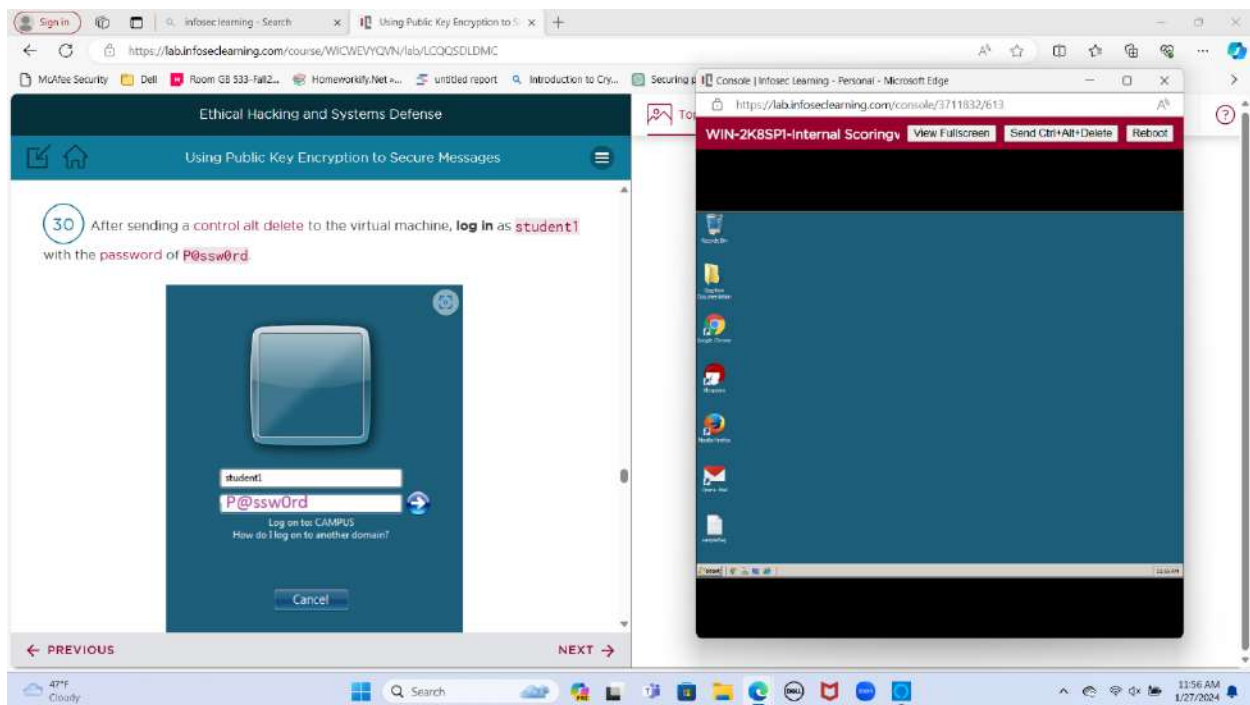
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