

**Terna Engineering College**  
**Computer Engineering Department**

**Class: TE**

**Sem.: VI**

**Course: System Security Lab**

**PART A**

**(PART A : TO BE REFFERED BY STUDENTS)**

**Experiment No.13**

**A.1 Aim:** Explore the GPGwin tool and implement email security

**A.2 Prerequisite:**

1. Basic Knowledge of email, symmetric and asymmetric encryption and decryption

**A.3 Outcome:**

**After successful completion of this experiment students will be able to**

To be able to use open source technologies and explore email security and explore various attacks.

**A.4 Theory:**

Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) is a data encryption and decryption computer program that provides cryptographic privacy and authentication for data communication. PGP is often used for signing, encrypting, and decrypting texts, e-mails, files, directories, and whole disk partitions and to increase the security of e-mail communications.

PGP encryption uses a serial combination of hashing, data compression, symmetric-key cryptography, and finally public-key cryptography; each step uses one of several supported algorithms. Each public key is bound to a user name and/or an e-mail address. The first version of this system was generally known as a web of trust to contrast with the X.509 system, which uses a hierarchical approach based on certificate authority and which was added to PGP implementations later. Current versions of PGP encryption include both options through an automated key management server.

GNU Privacy Guard (GnuPG or GPG) is a free software replacement for Symantec's PGP cryptographic software suite. GnuPG is a hybrid-encryption software program because it uses a combination of conventional symmetric-key cryptography for speed, and public-key cryptography for ease of secure key exchange, typically by using the recipient's public key to encrypt a session key which is only used once. This mode of operation is part of the OpenPGP standard and has been part of PGP from its first version.

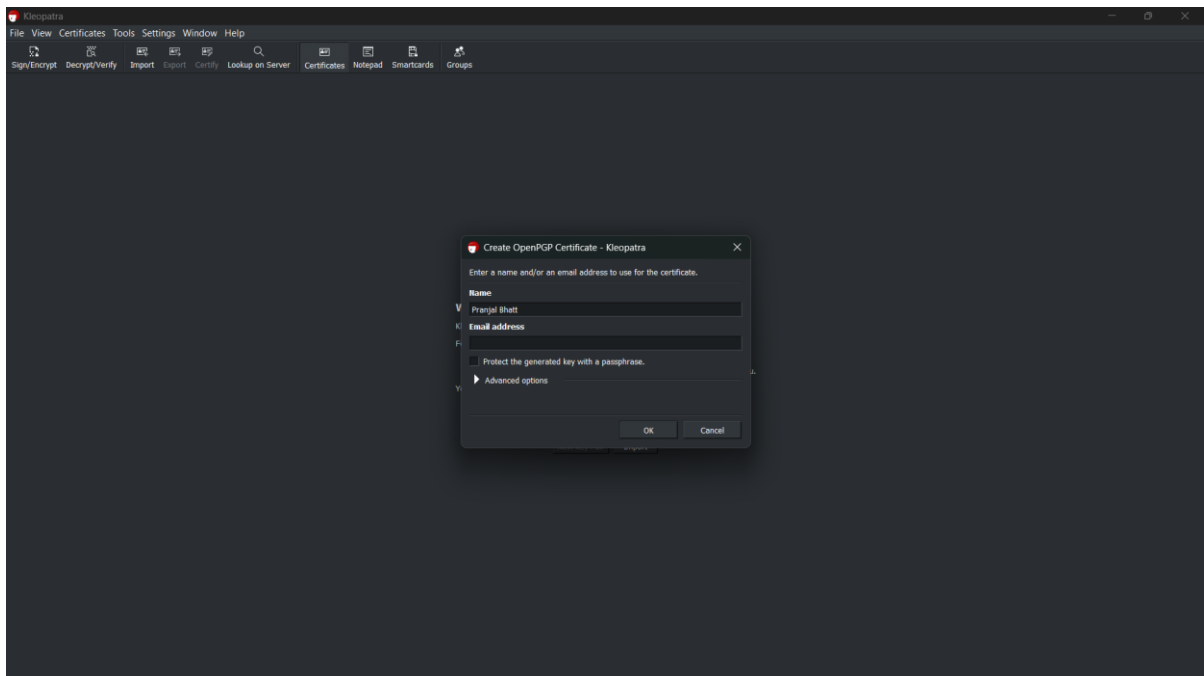
## PART B

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*(Students must submit the soft copy as per following segments within two hours of the practical. The soft copy must be uploaded on the Blackboard or emailed to the concerned lab in charge faculties at the end of the practical in case the there is no Black board access available)*

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### B.1 Output



Kleopatra

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Sign/Encrypt Decrypt/Verify Import Export Certify Lookup on Server Certificates Notepad Smartcards Groups

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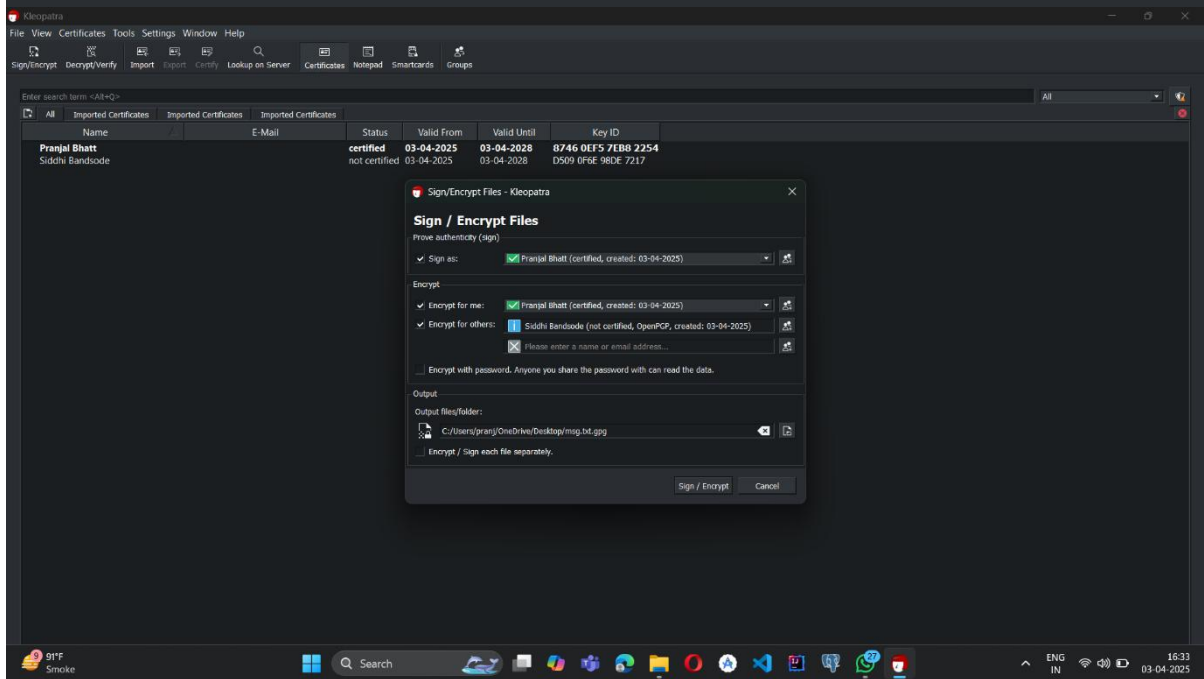
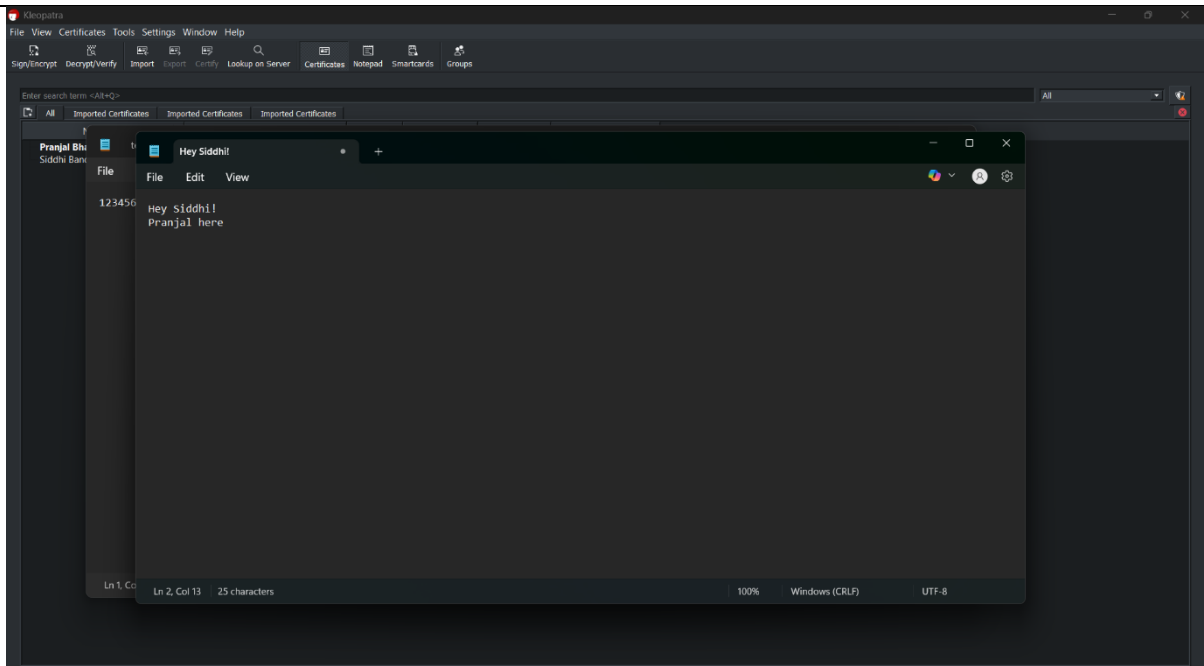
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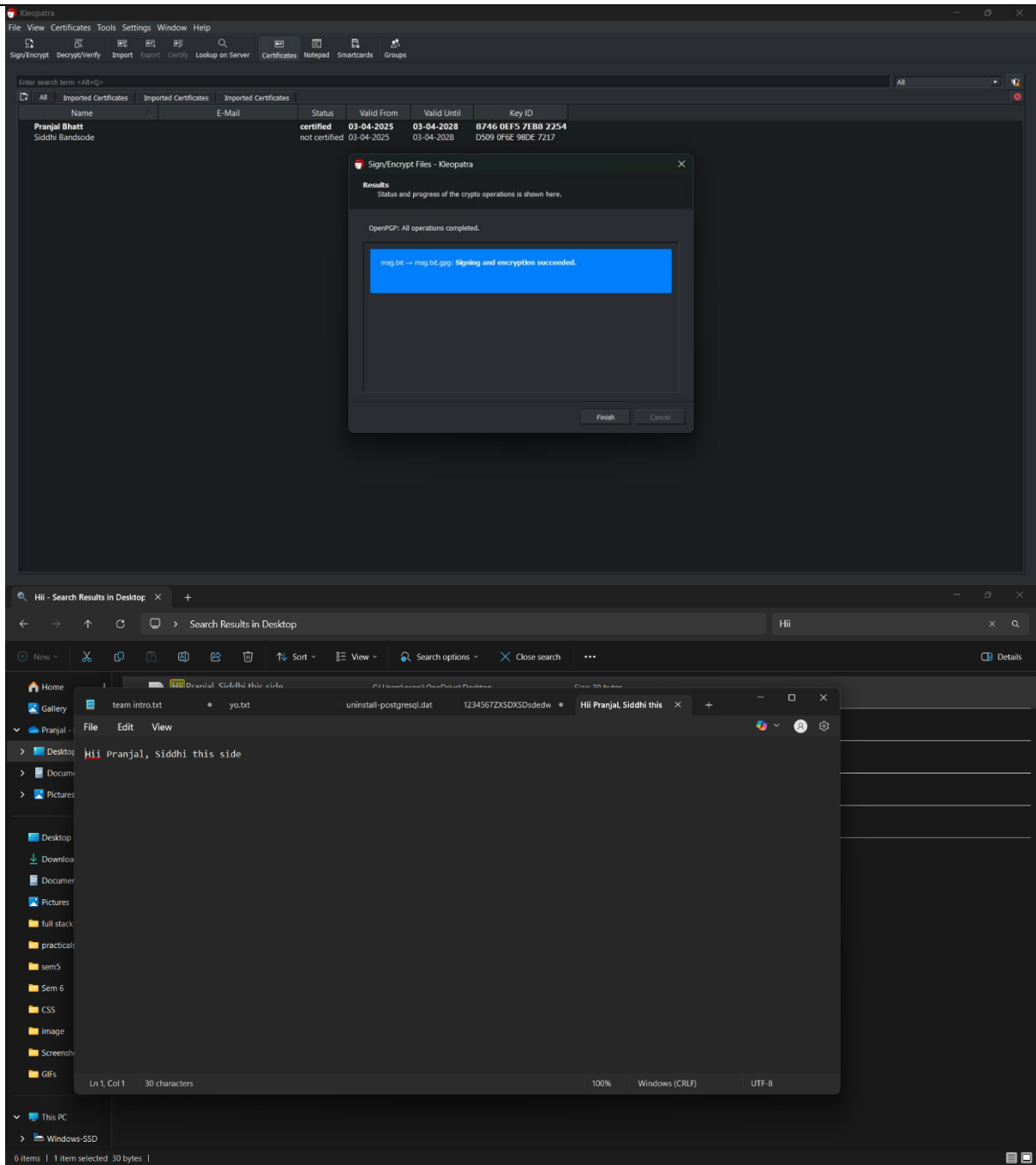
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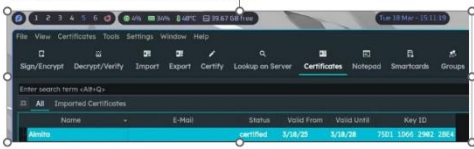
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### B.1 Output

Generate the sender's key pair in Kleopatra:



| Name    | E-Mail              | Status    | Valid From | Valid Until | Key ID              |
|---------|---------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Aravind | aravind@aravind.com | certified | 3/18/25    | 3/18/28     | 7561 1656 2962 3863 |

Export the receiver's public key and share it with the sender:

| Name      | E-Mail                  | Status    | Valid From | Valid Until | Key ID              |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Tejaswini | tejaswini@tejaswini.com | certified | 3/18/25    | 3/18/28     | E635 5A8C 488D A673 |

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## B.2 Commands / tools used with syntax:

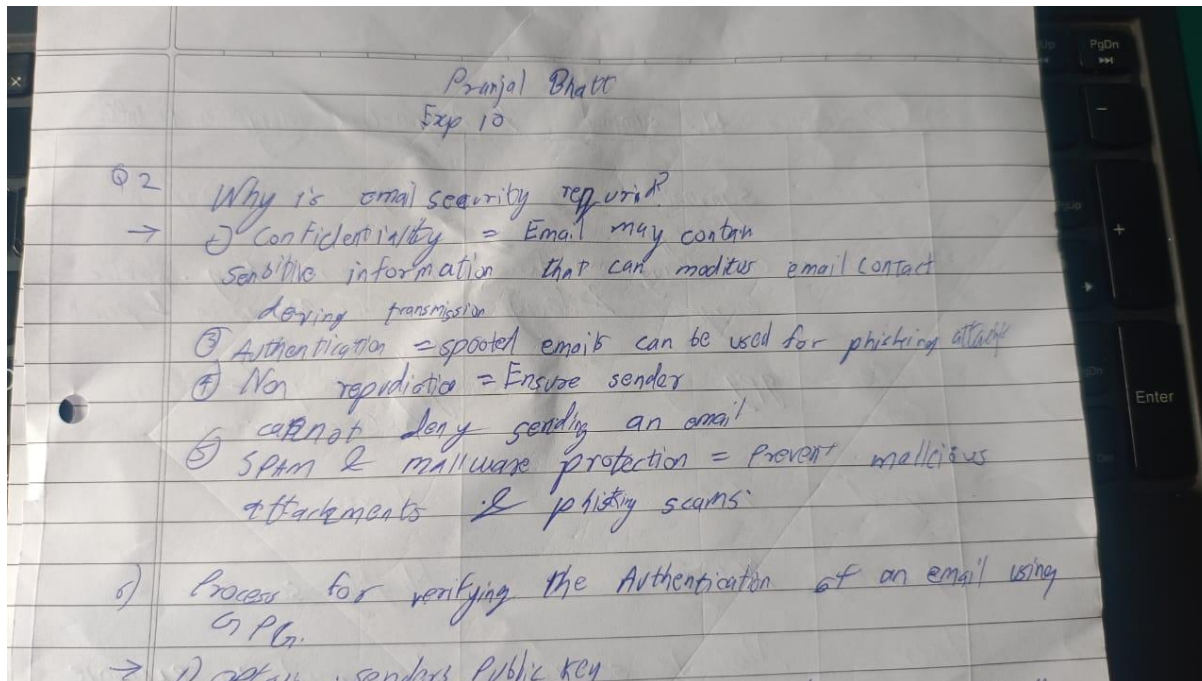
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## B.3 Question of Curiosity: (Attempt at least 3 questions handwritten)

1. What is the full form of PGP?

PGP (Pretty Good Privacy) is an encryption program used for securing emails, files, and other forms of data communication through cryptographic techniques.

2. Why email security is required ?



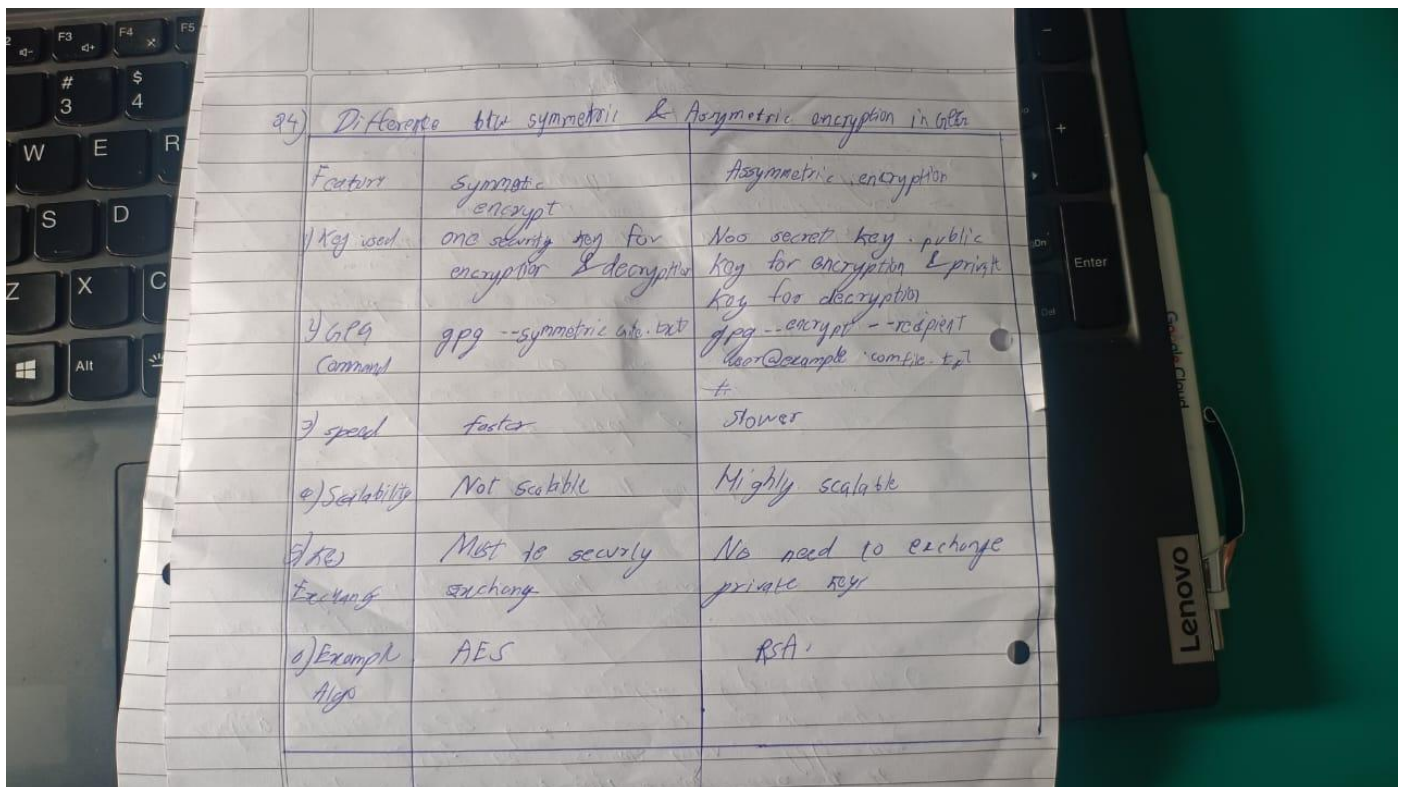


3. What is GPG (GNU Privacy Guard) and how does it ensure email security?

GPG (GNU Privacy Guard) is an open-source implementation of PGP encryption, following the OpenPGP standard. It ensures email security by:

- Using asymmetric encryption (public/private key pairs) to encrypt emails.
- Allowing digital signatures to verify the sender's authenticity.
- Providing end-to-end encryption, ensuring that only the recipient can decrypt the message.
- Preventing man-in-the-middle attacks by verifying email integrity.

4. What is the difference between symmetric and asymmetric encryption in the context of GPG?



The image shows a handwritten table on lined paper, placed on a keyboard. The table compares symmetric and asymmetric encryption. The title is 'Difference b/w symmetric & Asymmetric encryption in GPG'. The columns are 'Symmetric encryption' and 'Asymmetric encryption'. The rows are labeled with features: 'Key used', 'GPG Command', 'Speed', 'Scalability', 'Key Exchange', and 'Example Algo'.

|                 | Symmetric encryption                         | Asymmetric encryption   |
|-----------------|--|---|
| 1) Key used     | one security key for encryption & decryption | No secret key, public key for encryption & private key for decryption |
| 2) GPG Command  | gpg --symmetric file.txt                     | gpg --encrypt --recipient user@example.com file.txt                   |
| 3) Speed        | faster                                       | slower  |
| 4) Scalability  | Not scalable                                 | Highly scalable   |
| 5) Key Exchange | Not to securely exchange                     | No need to exchange private key                                       |
| 6) Example Algo | AES  | RSA   |

5. What is the role of a public key and private key in email encryption with GPG?

Public Key: Shared openly and used by others to encrypt messages for the recipient.

Private Key: Kept secret by the recipient and used to decrypt messages encrypted with their public key.

This ensures that only the intended recipient can access the message, preventing unauthorized interception.

Digital signatures are also created using the sender's private key and verified using their public key, ensuring message authenticity.

6. What is the process for verifying the authenticity of an email using GPG?

1) Process for verifying the Authentication of an email using GPG

→ 1) Obtain sender's Public key  
The sender should have shared their public key in advance. Public key can be downloaded from Key servers.

2) Check the digital signature  
When an email is signed using GPG, it includes a <sup>hash</sup> signature.  
- Run `gpg --verify email.sig email.txt`  
If the output confirms the signature is valid, the email is authentic.

3) Validate Key fingerprint  
`gpg -fingerprint sender@example.com`

4) Confirm email integrity  
If signature is valid, email content is not modified.  
If signature fails, email may have been tampered.

#### **B.4 Conclusion:**

Using Kleopatra, key pairs were generated, the receiver's public key was imported, and message were encrypted and signed to ensure confidentiality and authenticity. The encrypted message was sent securely, and the recipient decrypted it using their private ate key, verifying its integrity and sender authenticity. This implementation demonstrates how GPG encryption effectively protects email communication from interception, tampering, and impersonation.