

The report shows how I extracted the private key and public key using the OpenSSL library.

Step1: Key Pair Generation (private key)

Key size can be anything among 512-bits, 1024-bits, 2048-bits. I decided to use 2048-bits as it is secure.

- The command to run to generate the key is as follows,

“openssl genrsa -aes128 -out privatekey.pem 2048”

Output will be as follows:

Generating RSA private key, 2048 bit long modulus (2 primes)

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e is 65537 (0x010001)

Enter pass phrase for privatekey.pem:

Verifying - Enter pass phrase for privatekey.pem:

Step2: Certificate Generation (using private key)

In this step, we take the private key as the input and create a certificate in ‘.crt’ format and the number of days the certificate we want to be valid for.

- The command to run to generate a certificate is as follows,

“openssl req -new -x509 -key privatekey.pem -out certificate.crt -days 360”

Output will be as follows:

Enter pass phrase for privatekey.pem:

You are about to be asked to enter information that will be incorporated
into your certificate request.

What you are about to enter is what is called a Distinguished Name or a DN.

There are quite a few fields but you can leave some blank

For some fields there will be a default value,

If you enter '.', the field will be left blank.

Country Name (2 letter code) [AU]:US

State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]:NewMexico

Locality Name (eg, city) []:LasCruces

Organization Name (eg, company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]:NMSU

Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:NMSU

Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []:RahulGarigipati

Email Address []:rahulg@nmsu.edu

Step3: Converting the Certificate to a readable format

In this step, we convert the certificate to a readable format, i.e., PKCS12 format.

- The command to run to convert the certificate to ‘.p12’ is as follows,

“openssl pkcs12 -export -inkey privatekey.pem -in certificate.crt -out certificate.p12 -name "My Certificate"”

Output will be as follows:

Enter pass phrase for privatekey.pem:

Enter Export Password:

Verifying - Enter Export Password:

- And the command to run to convert the certificate from ‘.p12’ to ‘.txt’ is as follows,

“openssl pkcs12 -in certificate.p12 -out certificate.txt -nodes”

Output will be as follows:

Enter Import Password:

Step4: Public Key Extraction from the privatekey

In this step, we take the private key as the input to generate the public key.

- The command to run to generate the public key is as follows,

“openssl rsa -in privatekey.pem -pubout -out publickey.pem”

Output will be as follows:

Enter pass phrase for privatekey.pem:

writing RSA key

- The Passphrase for the privatekey.pem that I have chosen is: “14789”.