

GPG, which stands for GNU Privacy Guard, is a free and open-source encryption software that provides cryptographic privacy and authentication for data communication. It's a modern replacement

for PGP (Pretty Good Privacy) and is widely used for securing emails and files. GPG is available for

various platforms, including Linux, macOS, and Windows. In GPG, the terms "private key ring" and

"public key ring" refer to collections of cryptographic keys used for encryption and decryption:

Private Key Ring:

- The private key ring is a file or storage location where the sender's private keys are stored.
- Private keys are used by the sender for decrypting messages that were encrypted with the receiver's public key and for digitally signing messages or files.
- The sender should guard their private key(s) very carefully because anyone with access to the private key can decrypt their messages and files, impersonate them, and potentially compromise their security.

Public Key Ring:

- The public key ring is a file or storage location where the public keys of the receiver and other potential recipients are stored.
- Public keys are used by the sender for encrypting messages or files that they want to send securely to the receiver. The sender uses the receiver's public key to encrypt the data, and only the receiver can decrypt it with their private key.
- Additionally, public keys are used to verify digital signatures created by the sender or others. If the sender receives a digitally signed message or file, they can use the sender's public key to verify that it was indeed signed by them and hasn't been tampered with.

Commands used for Key Generation and Encryption/Decryption:

Step 1: Generate private key and public key pairs for sender and receiver using command

`gpg --gen-key` or `gpg --full-generate-key` (repeat for sender and receiver)

Step 2: Create a file containing sender's public key which then can be sent to other users.

`gpg --export -a username>filename` (creates file in ascii format) or

`gpg --output filename --armor --export user's_email` (for sender)

Step 3: Similarly create a file containing the sender's private key.

`gpg --export-secret-key -a username>filename` (for sender)

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Step 4: You can create a fingerprint of key using the command

`gpg --fingerprint receiver's_email` (for receiver)

Step 5: Sender needs to add in his public key ring, the public key of receiver (for sender)

`gpg --import filename_containing_public_key_of_receiver`

Step 6: Listing public keys in keyring

`gpg --list-keys` (from public key rings of all users)

`gpg --list-keys emailid@gmail.com` (from public key rings of specific users)

Step 7: Sender can sign the public key of receiver using command

`gpg --sign-key receiver_email`

Step 8: Encrypt the data to send.

`gpg --encrypt -r receiver_email name_of_file`

OR

`gpg --encrypt --sign --armor -r receiver_email name_of_file`

OR

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gpg --encrypt --sign -r receiver_email name_of_file
```

Step 9: Decrypt the file

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gpg -o myfiledecrypted -d myfile.txt.gpg
```

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```
anchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --gen-key
```

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Note: Use "gpg --full-generate-key" for a full featured key generation dialog.

GnuPG needs to construct a user ID to identify your key.

Real name: client

Email address: client@gmail.com

You selected this USER-ID:

"client <client@gmail.com>"

Change (N)ame, (E)mail, or (O)kay/(Q)uit? o

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gpg: key 0CCC132BD4DF5838 marked as ultimately trusted

gpg: directory '/home/sanchi/.gnupg/openpgp-revocs.d' created

gpg: revocation certificate stored as

'/home/sanchi/.gnupg/openpgp-revocs.d/C8A38B2C9045A08DDB9003310CCC132BD4DF5838.rev'

public and secret key created and signed.

```
pub  rsa3072 2024-10-22 [SC] [expires: 2026-10-22]
```

```
    C8A38B2C9045A08DDB9003310CCC132BD4DF5838
```

```
uid          client <client@gmail.com>
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sub  rsa3072 2024-10-22 [E] [expires: 2026-10-22]
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sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --gen-key
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Real name: receiver

Email address: receiver@gmail.com

You selected this USER-ID:

"receiver <receiver@gmail.com>"

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gpg: key 6C30129BFA589429 marked as ultimately trusted

gpg: revocation certificate stored as

'/home/sanchi/.gnupg/openpgp-revocs.d/59DBB104259D320240BF6FB96C30129BFA589429.rev'  
public and secret key created and signed.

pub rsa3072 2024-10-22 [SC] [expires: 2026-10-22]  
59DBB104259D320240BF6FB96C30129BFA589429

uid receiver <receiver@gmail.com>

sub rsa3072 2024-10-22 [E] [expires: 2026-10-22]

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --export -a client > client\_public\_key

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --export -a receiver > receiver\_public\_key

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --export -secert-key -a client > client\_private

gpg: conflicting commands

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --export-secert-key -a client > client\_private

invalid option "--export-secert-key"

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --export -secert-key -a client > client\_private

gpg: conflicting commands

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --export -secert-key -a

receiver> receiver\_private

gpg: conflicting commands

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --export-secre^Ckey -a

receiver> receiver\_private

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ ^C

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ ^C

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --gen-key

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Real name: sanjana

Email address: sanjana@gmail.com

You selected this USER-ID:

"sanjana <sanjana@gmail.com>"

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gpg: key 5163DE5C283F7D55 marked as ultimately trusted

gpg: revocation certificate stored as

'/home/sanchi/.gnupg/openpgp-revocs.d/A9C7F4FEC2C33A77314DF3865163DE5C283F7D55.rev'

public and secret key created and signed.

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pub  rsa3072 2024-10-22 [SC] [expires: 2026-10-22]
```

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    A9C7F4FEC2C33A77314DF3865163DE5C283F7D55
```

```
uid          sanjana <sanjana@gmail.com>
```

```
sub  rsa3072 2024-10-22 [E] [expires: 2026-10-22]
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sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --gen-key

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GnuPG needs to construct a user ID to identify your key.

Real name: sanchi

Email address: sanchi@gmail.com

You selected this USER-ID:

"sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>"

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gpg: key ABBBBFE337140F8FB marked as ultimately trusted

gpg: revocation certificate stored as

'/home/sanchi/.gnupg/openpgp-revocs.d/A79159B874617F579D07568CABBBFE337140F8FB.rev'

public and secret key created and signed.

```
pub  rsa3072 2024-10-22 [SC] [expires: 2026-10-22]
```

```
    A79159B874617F579D07568CABBBFE337140F8FB
```

```
uid          sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>
```

```
sub  rsa3072 2024-10-22 [E] [expires: 2026-10-22]
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sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --export -a sanjana>sanjana\_public

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sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --export -a sanchi>sanchi_public
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --export-secret-key -a
sanjana>sanjana_private
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --export-secret-key -a sanchi>sanchi_private
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --fingerprint sanchi@gmail.com
gpg: checking the trustdb
gpg: marginals needed: 3 completes needed: 1 trust model: pgp
gpg: depth: 0 valid: 4 signed: 0 trust: 0-, 0q, 0n, 0m, 0f, 4u
gpg: next trustdb check due at 2026-10-22
pub  rsa3072 2024-10-22 [SC] [expires: 2026-10-22]
     A791 59B8 7461 7F57 9D07 568C ABBB FE33 7140 F8FB
uid      [ultimate] sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>
sub  rsa3072 2024-10-22 [E] [expires: 2026-10-22]
```

```
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --import sanchi_public
gpg: key ABBBFE337140F8FB: "sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>" not changed
gpg: Total number processed: 1
gpg:      unchanged: 1
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --import sanchi_public
gpg: no valid OpenPGP data found.
gpg: Total number processed: 0
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --import sanchi_public
gpg: key ABBBFE337140F8FB: "sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>" not changed
gpg: Total number processed: 1
gpg:      unchanged: 1
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --import sanchi_public
gpg: key ABBBFE337140F8FB: "sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>" not changed
gpg: Total number processed: 1
gpg:      unchanged: 1
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg--list-keys
gpg--list-keys: command not found
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --list-keys
/home/sanchi/.gnupg/pubring.kbx
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-----
pub  rsa3072 2024-10-22 [SC] [expires: 2026-10-22]
     C8A38B2C9045A08DDB9003310CCC132BD4DF5838
uid      [ultimate] client <client@gmail.com>
sub  rsa3072 2024-10-22 [E] [expires: 2026-10-22]
```

```
pub  rsa3072 2024-10-22 [SC] [expires: 2026-10-22]
     59DBB104259D320240BF6FB96C30129BFA589429
uid      [ultimate] receiver <receiver@gmail.com>
sub  rsa3072 2024-10-22 [E] [expires: 2026-10-22]
```

```
pub  rsa3072 2024-10-22 [SC] [expires: 2026-10-22]
     A9C7F4FEC2C33A77314DF3865163DE5C283F7D55
uid      [ultimate] sanjana <sanjana@gmail.com>
sub  rsa3072 2024-10-22 [E] [expires: 2026-10-22]
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```
pub  rsa3072 2024-10-22 [SC] [expires: 2026-10-22]
     A79159B874617F579D07568CABBBFE337140F8FB
uid      [ultimate] sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>
```

sub rsa3072 2024-10-22 [E] [expires: 2026-10-22]

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --list-keys sanchi@gmail.com

pub rsa3072 2024-10-22 [SC] [expires: 2026-10-22]

A79159B874617F579D07568CABBBFE337140F8FB

uid [ultimate] sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>

sub rsa3072 2024-10-22 [E] [expires: 2026-10-22]

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --sign-key sanchi@gmail.com

sec rsa3072/ABBBFE337140F8FB

created: 2024-10-22 expires: 2026-10-22 usage: SC

trust: ultimate validity: ultimate

ssb rsa3072/A1BBE92EDDA56BDA

created: 2024-10-22 expires: 2026-10-22 usage: E

[ultimate] (1). sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>

sec rsa3072/ABBBFE337140F8FB

created: 2024-10-22 expires: 2026-10-22 usage: SC

trust: ultimate validity: ultimate

Primary key fingerprint: A791 59B8 7461 7F57 9D07 568C ABBB FE33 7140 F8FB

sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>

This key is due to expire on 2026-10-22.

Are you sure that you want to sign this key with your

key "client <client@gmail.com>" (0CCC132BD4DF5838)

Really sign? (y/N) n

Key not changed so no update needed.

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --delete-secret-key ^C

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --delete-secret-key

0CCC132BD4D4DF5838

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gpg: key "0CCC132BD4D4DF5838" not found: Not found

gpg: 0CCC132BD4D4DF5838: delete key failed: Not found

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --delete-secret-key A1BBE92EDDA56BDA

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sec rsa3072/ABBBFE337140F8FB 2024-10-22 sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>

Delete this key from the keyring? (y/N) n

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --delete-secret-key ABBBFE337140F8FB

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```
sec rsa3072/ABBBFE337140F8FB 2024-10-22 sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>
```

Delete this key from the keyring? (y/N) n

```
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --list-secret-keys  
/home/sanchi/.gnupg/pubring.kbx
```

```
-----  
sec rsa3072 2024-10-22 [SC] [expires: 2026-10-22]  
    C8A38B2C9045A08DDB9003310CCC132BD4DF5838  
uid      [ultimate] client <client@gmail.com>  
ssb rsa3072 2024-10-22 [E] [expires: 2026-10-22]
```

```
sec rsa3072 2024-10-22 [SC] [expires: 2026-10-22]  
    59DBB104259D320240BF6FB96C30129BFA589429  
uid      [ultimate] receiver <receiver@gmail.com>  
ssb rsa3072 2024-10-22 [E] [expires: 2026-10-22]
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sec rsa3072 2024-10-22 [SC] [expires: 2026-10-22]  
    A9C7F4FEC2C33A77314DF3865163DE5C283F7D55  
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ssb rsa3072 2024-10-22 [E] [expires: 2026-10-22]
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sec rsa3072 2024-10-22 [SC] [expires: 2026-10-22]  
    A79159B874617F579D07568CABBBFE337140F8FB  
uid      [ultimate] sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>  
ssb rsa3072 2024-10-22 [E] [expires: 2026-10-22]
```

```
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --delete-secret-key  
C8A38B2C9045A08DDB9003310CCC132BD4DF5838  
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```

```
sec rsa3072/0CCC132BD4DF5838 2024-10-22 client <client@gmail.com>
```

Delete this key from the keyring? (y/N) y

This is a secret key! - really delete? (y/N) y

```
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --sign-key sanchi@gmail.com
```

```
sec rsa3072/ABBBFE337140F8FB  
    created: 2024-10-22 expires: 2026-10-22 usage: SC  
    trust: ultimate validity: ultimate  
ssb rsa3072/A1BBE92EDDA56BDA  
    created: 2024-10-22 expires: 2026-10-22 usage: E  
[ultimate] (1). sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>
```

```
sec rsa3072/ABBBFE337140F8FB
```

created: 2024-10-22 expires: 2026-10-22 usage: SC  
trust: ultimate validity: ultimate  
Primary key fingerprint: A791 59B8 7461 7F57 9D07 568C ABBB FE33 7140 F8FB

sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>

This key is due to expire on 2026-10-22.

Are you sure that you want to sign this key with your  
key "receiver <receiver@gmail.com>" (6C30129BFA589429)

Really sign? (y/N) n

Key not changed so no update needed.

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --delete-secret-key  
59DBB104259D320240BF6FB96C30129BFA589429

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sec rsa3072/6C30129BFA589429 2024-10-22 receiver <receiver@gmail.com>

Delete this key from the keyring? (y/N) y

This is a secret key! - really delete? (y/N) y

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --sign-key sanchi@gmail.com

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created: 2024-10-22 expires: 2026-10-22 usage: SC

trust: ultimate validity: ultimate

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created: 2024-10-22 expires: 2026-10-22 usage: E

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created: 2024-10-22 expires: 2026-10-22 usage: SC

trust: ultimate validity: ultimate

Primary key fingerprint: A791 59B8 7461 7F57 9D07 568C ABBB FE33 7140 F8FB

sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>

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Are you sure that you want to sign this key with your  
key "sanjana <sanjana@gmail.com>" (5163DE5C283F7D55)

Really sign? (y/N) y

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --encrypt -r sanchi@gmail.com sanchi.gpg

gpg --encrypt: command not found

sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~\$ gpg --encrypt -r sanchi@gmail.com sanchi.gpg

gpg: checking the trustdb

gpg: marginals needed: 3 completes needed: 1 trust model: pgp



```
gpg: depth: 0 valid: 4 signed: 0 trust: 0-, 0q, 0n, 0m, 0f, 4u
gpg: next trustdb check due at 2026-10-22
gpg: can't open 'sanchi.gpg': No such file or directory
gpg: sanchi.gpg: encryption failed: No such file or directory
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --encrypt --sign -armor -r
sanchi@gmail.com sanchi.gpg
gpg: mor: skipped: No public key
gpg: sanchi.gpg: sign+encrypt failed: No public key
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --encrypt -r sanchi@gmail.com sanchi
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --encrypt --sign -armor -r
sanchi@gmail.com sanchi.gpg
gpg: mor: skipped: No public key
gpg: sanchi.gpg: sign+encrypt failed: No public key
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --encrypt--sign -armor -r sanchi@gmail.com
sanchi.gpg
invalid option "--encrypt--sign"
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg --encrypt --sign --armor -r
sanchi@gmail.com sanchi.gpg
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg -o sanchidecrypted -d sanchi.txt.gpg
invalid option "-o"
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg -o sanchidecrypted -d sanchi.txt.gpg
gpg: can't open 'sanchi.txt.gpg': No such file or directory
gpg: decrypt_message failed: No such file or directory
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$ gpg -o sanchidecrypted -d sanchi.gpg
gpg: encrypted with 3072-bit RSA key, ID A1BBE92EDDA56BDA, created 2024-10-22
"sanchi <sanchi@gmail.com>"
sanchi@lab1003-HP-280-G4-MT-Business-PC:~$
```