

how to generate a gpg key pair using windows 10 powershell:

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To generate a GPG key pair using Windows 10 PowerShell, follow these steps:

Step 1: Install GnuPG

1. Download GnuPG (GPG) for Windows:

- Go to Gpg4win.
- Download and install it (default settings are fine).

2. Verify Installation:

- Open PowerShell and run:

```
powershell  
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gpg --version
```

- If installed correctly, you will see the GPG version and configuration details.
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Step 2: Generate a New Key Pair

1. Run the GPG Key Generation Command:

```
powershell  
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gpg --full-generate-key
```

2. Choose Key Type:

- Select **(1) RSA and RSA** (recommended).
- Press Enter.

3. Choose Key Size:

- Enter **4096** (for better security).
- Press Enter.

4. Set Expiration Date:

- Choose a time frame or type 0 for no expiration.
- Confirm with y.

5. Enter User Details:

- **Real Name:** Your name (e.g., John Doe).
- **Email Address:** Your email (e.g., johndoe@example.com).
- **Comment (optional):** Can be left empty.
- Confirm with O (for "Okay").

6. Set a Strong Passphrase:

- Choose a secure passphrase and remember it.
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Step 3: Verify the Key

To list your newly created keys:

```
powershell  
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gpg --list-keys
```

To list your private keys:

```
powershell  
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gpg --list-secret-keys
```

Step 4: Export Keys (Optional)

- **Export Public Key:**

```
powershell  
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gpg --export --armor johndoe@example.com > publickey.asc
```

- **Export Private Key:**

```
powershell  
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gpg --export-secret-keys --armor johndoe@example.com > privatekey.asc
```

Your GPG key pair is now set up and ready for use!