

WEB SECURITY:

SECURE DATA STORAGE

(SETTING UP KEY BASED AUTHENTICATION IN DEBIAN)

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Motivation

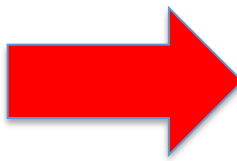
- **Hackers are (or could be) actually good, pleasant and extremely intelligent people who could keep computer criminals on the run (run away, escaping).**

Ankit Fadia

Tools Needed for This Step

Required tools

- Windows based SSH client (called PuTTY)
- Key generating tool (called puttygen)
- Connection to openssh_server running on Debian
- Debian operating system version 10 or higher



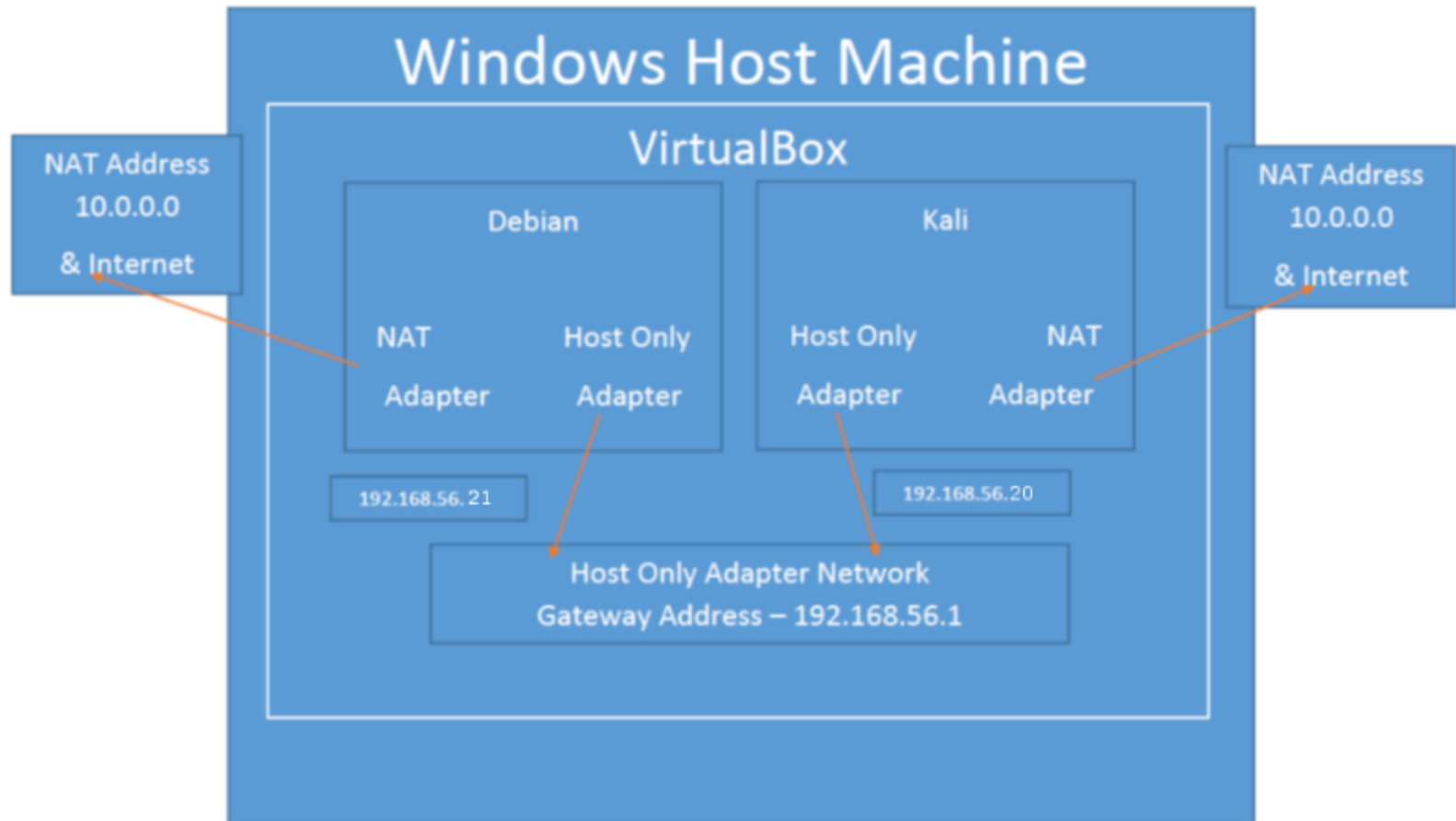
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maryam@deb:~$ cat /etc/debian_version  
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Setting Up SSH Key Based Authentication

- Encrypted communications (TLS (SSL), SSH, SFTP, SCP) are required for communications.

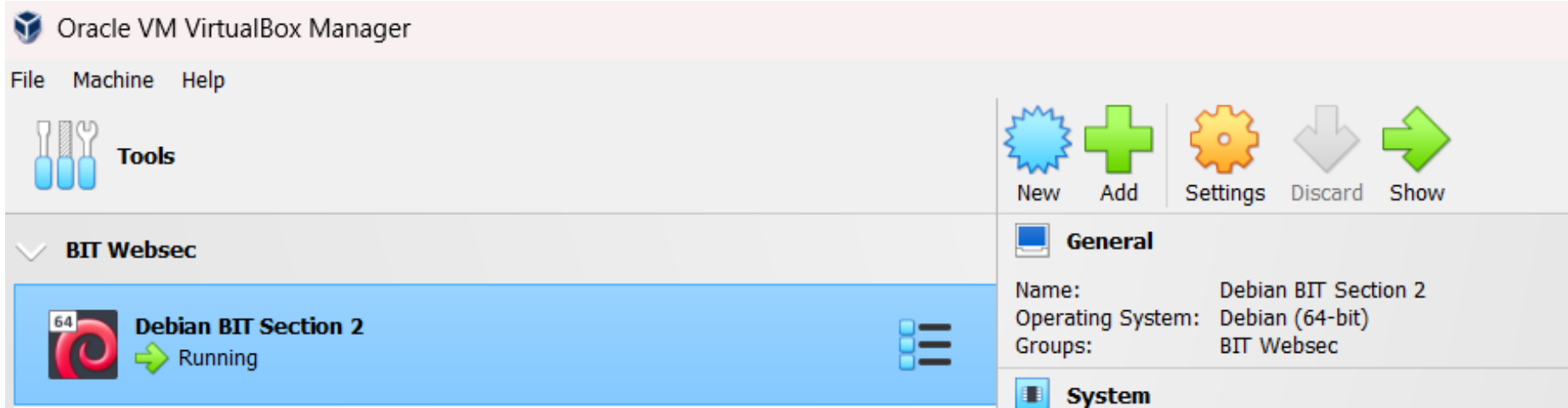
How TLS Works



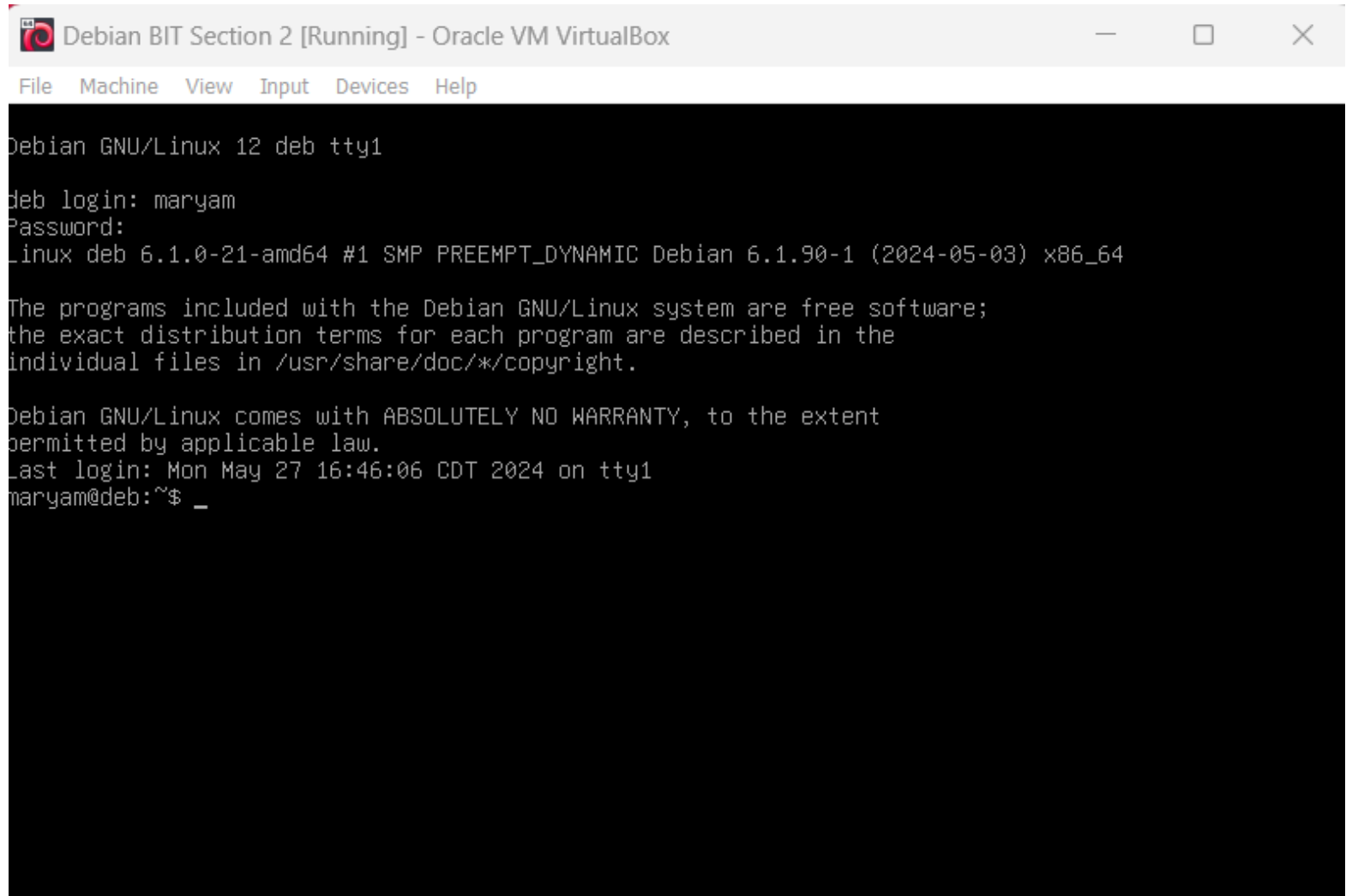


**verify your network is
setup properly**

Run Debian



Login Debian as a Regular User



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Debian BIT Section 2 [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox". The terminal output is as follows:

```
Debian GNU/Linux 12 deb tty1
deb login: maryam
Password:
Linux deb 6.1.0-21-amd64 #1 SMP PREEMPT_DYNAMIC Debian 6.1.90-1 (2024-05-03) x86_64

The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Mon May 27 16:46:06 CDT 2024 on tty1
maryam@deb:~$ _
```

Run “ip addr”

```
maryam@deb:~$ ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host noprefixroute
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: enp0s3: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 08:00:27:04:70:a0 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 10.0.2.15/24 brd 10.0.2.255 scope global dynamic enp0s3
        valid_lft 86187sec preferred_lft 86187sec
    inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:fe04:70a0/64 scope link
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
3: enp0s8: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 08:00:27:72:c4:58 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.56.101/24 brd 192.168.56.255 scope global dynamic enp0s8
        valid_lft 387sec preferred_lft 387sec
    inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:fe72:c458/64 scope link
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
maryam@deb:~$
```

Creating an **Asynchronous** Key Connection between Windows **WinSCP, PuTTY,** and **Debian**

public/private key to enable ssh key authentication

- we have SSH communications between the server and the client
 - the Debian machine acting as a ssh server
 - our host machine acting as a client
- we can look at creating a public/private key combination to enable ssh key authentication.

Install **PuTTY Key Generator**

Verify Installation

- To verify that PuTTYgen has been installed correctly, you can search for it in the Start menu or simply navigate to the installation directory:
 - C:\Program Files (x86)\WinSCP\PuTTY
 - C:\Program Files\PuTTY
- look for the puttygen.exe file
- PuTTY Key Generator is installed, and you can use it to manage SSH keys

PuTTY

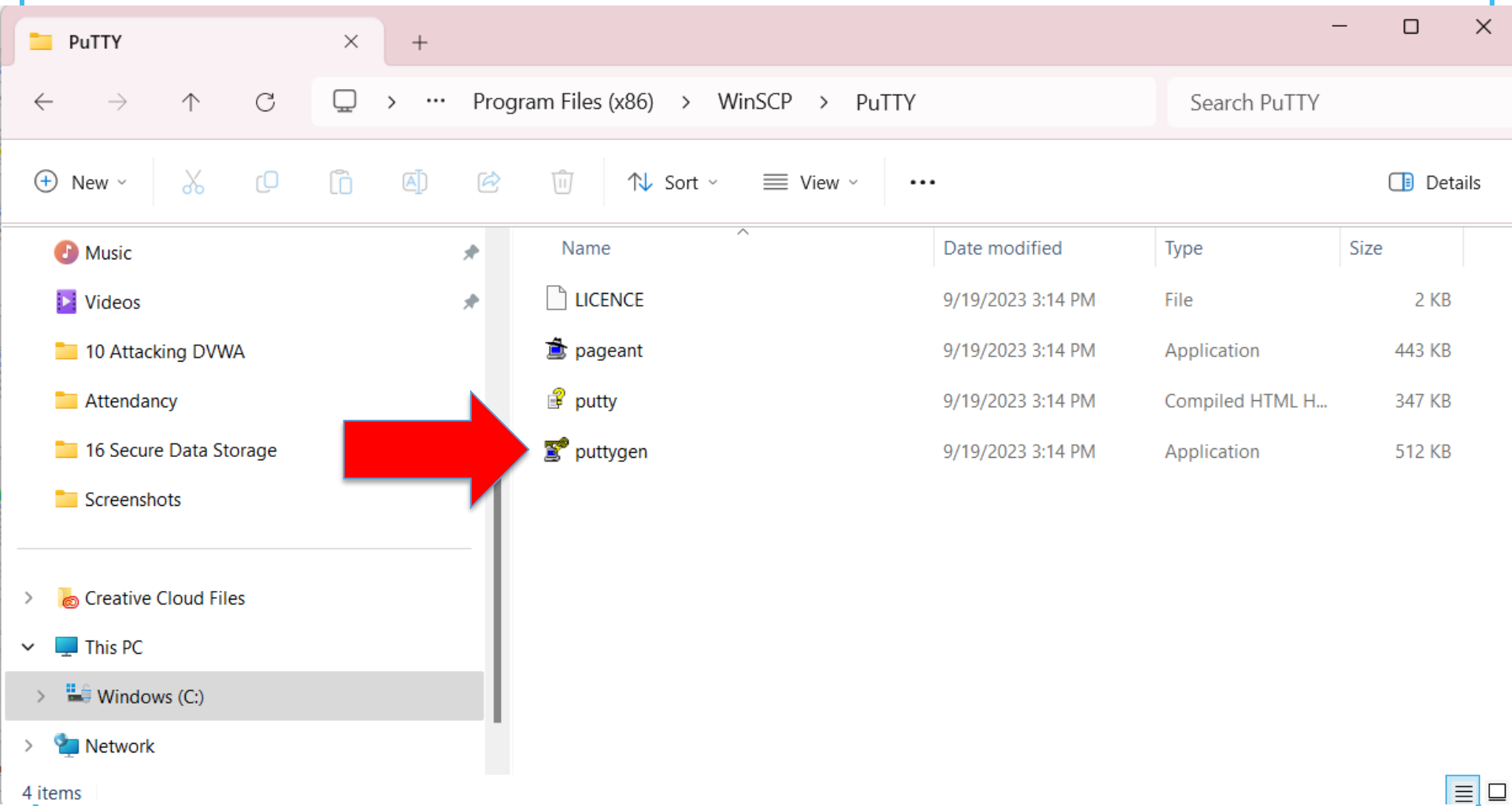
← → ↑ ↻ > This PC > Windows (C:) > Program Files > PuTTY Search PuTTY

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Attendance	pscp	12/16/2023 1:12 PM	Application	972 KB
16 Secure Data Storage	psftp	12/16/2023 1:12 PM	Application	990 KB
Screenshots	putty	12/16/2023 1:08 PM	Compiled HTML H...	350 KB
Creative Cloud Files	putty	12/16/2023 1:12 PM	Application	1,273 KB
This PC	puttygen	12/16/2023 1:13 PM	Application	599 KB
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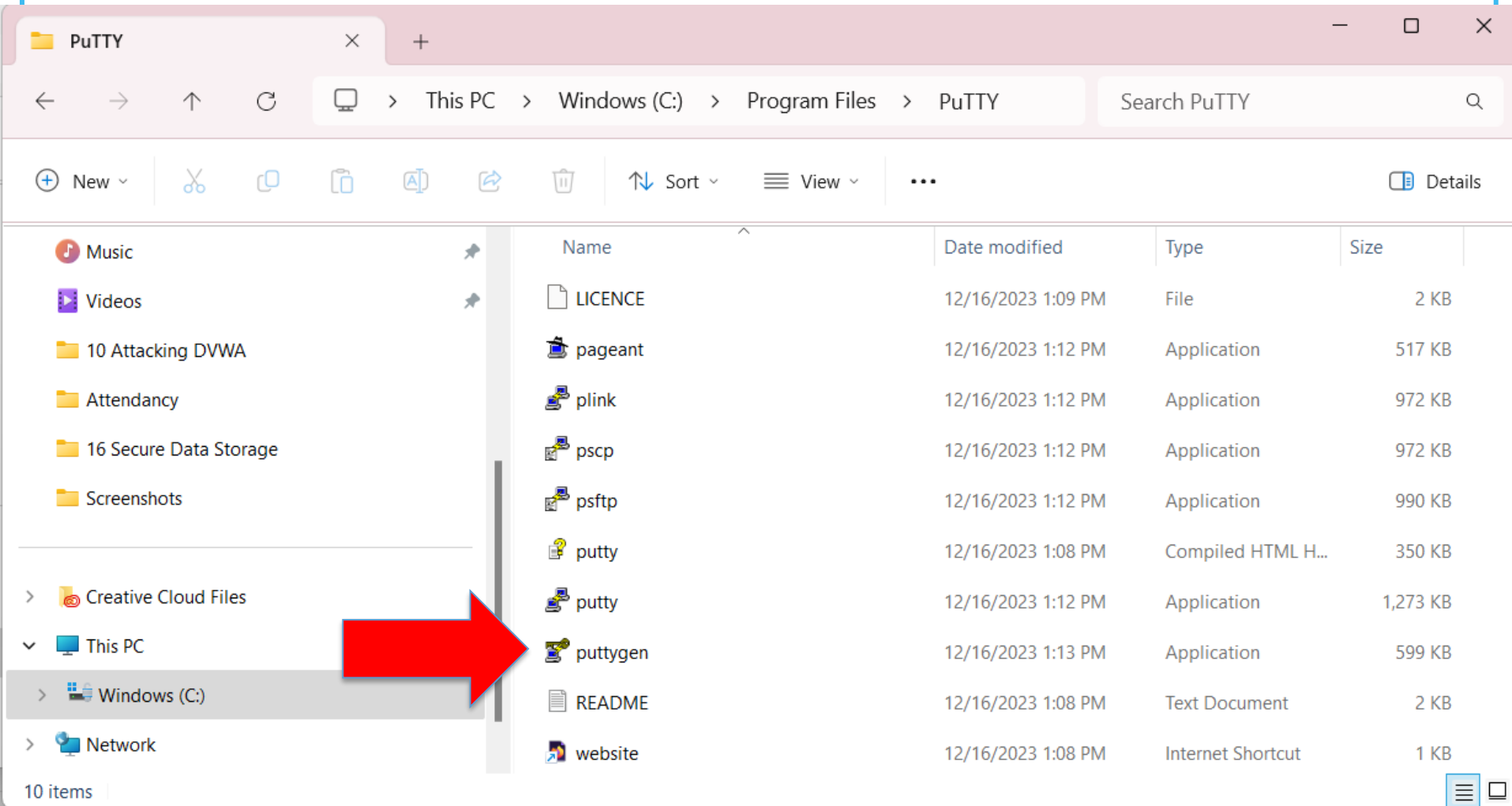




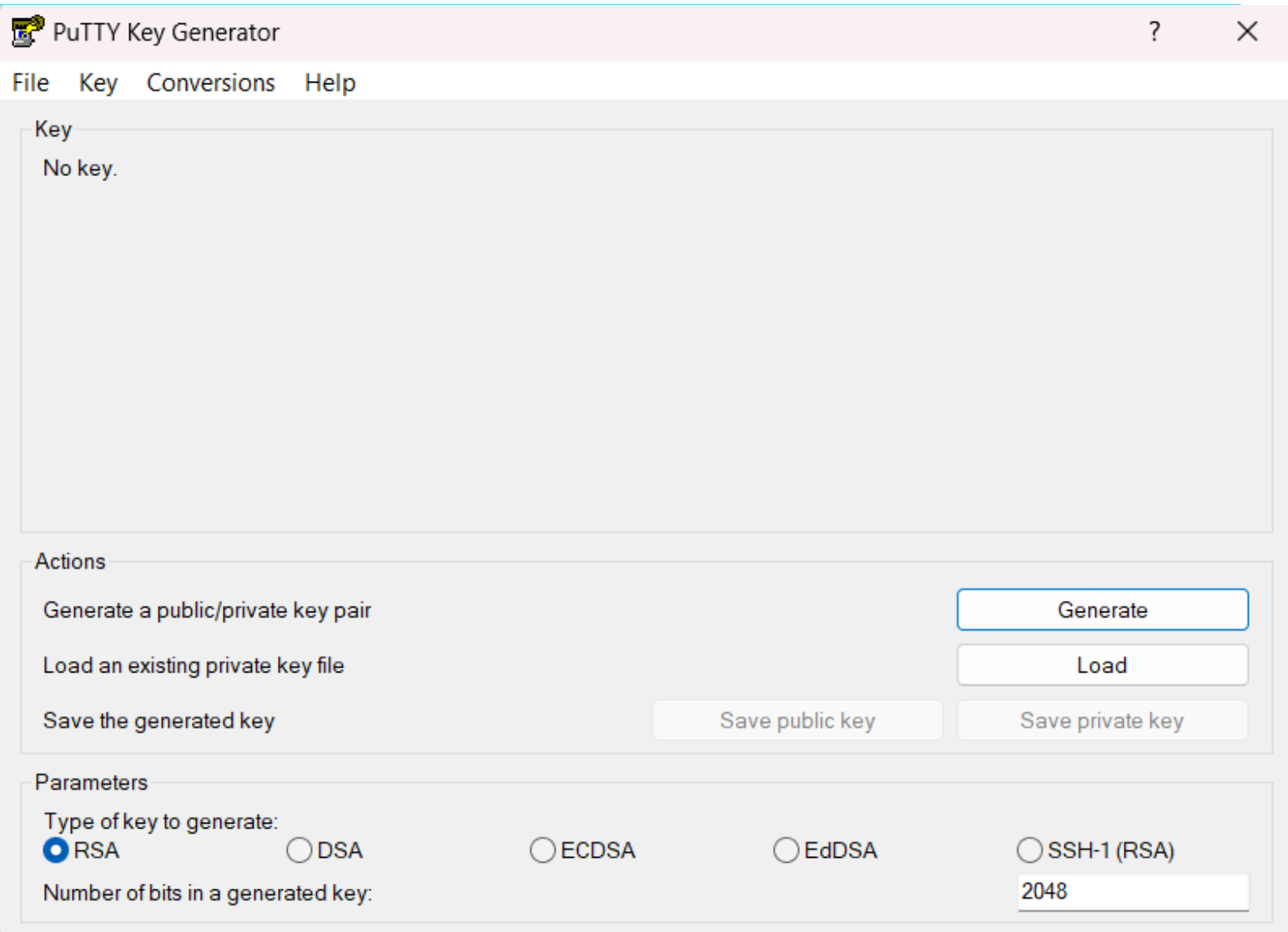
Not sure if you selected PuTTYgen during PuTTY installation

- If you don't find `puttygen.exe` in the PuTTY installation directory, it's likely that PuTTYgen was not selected for installation during the PuTTY setup process.
- In that case, you may need to reinstall PuTTY and ensure that you select PuTTYgen as one of the components to install.

Double Click on the “puttygen”



The Following Window Is Opened



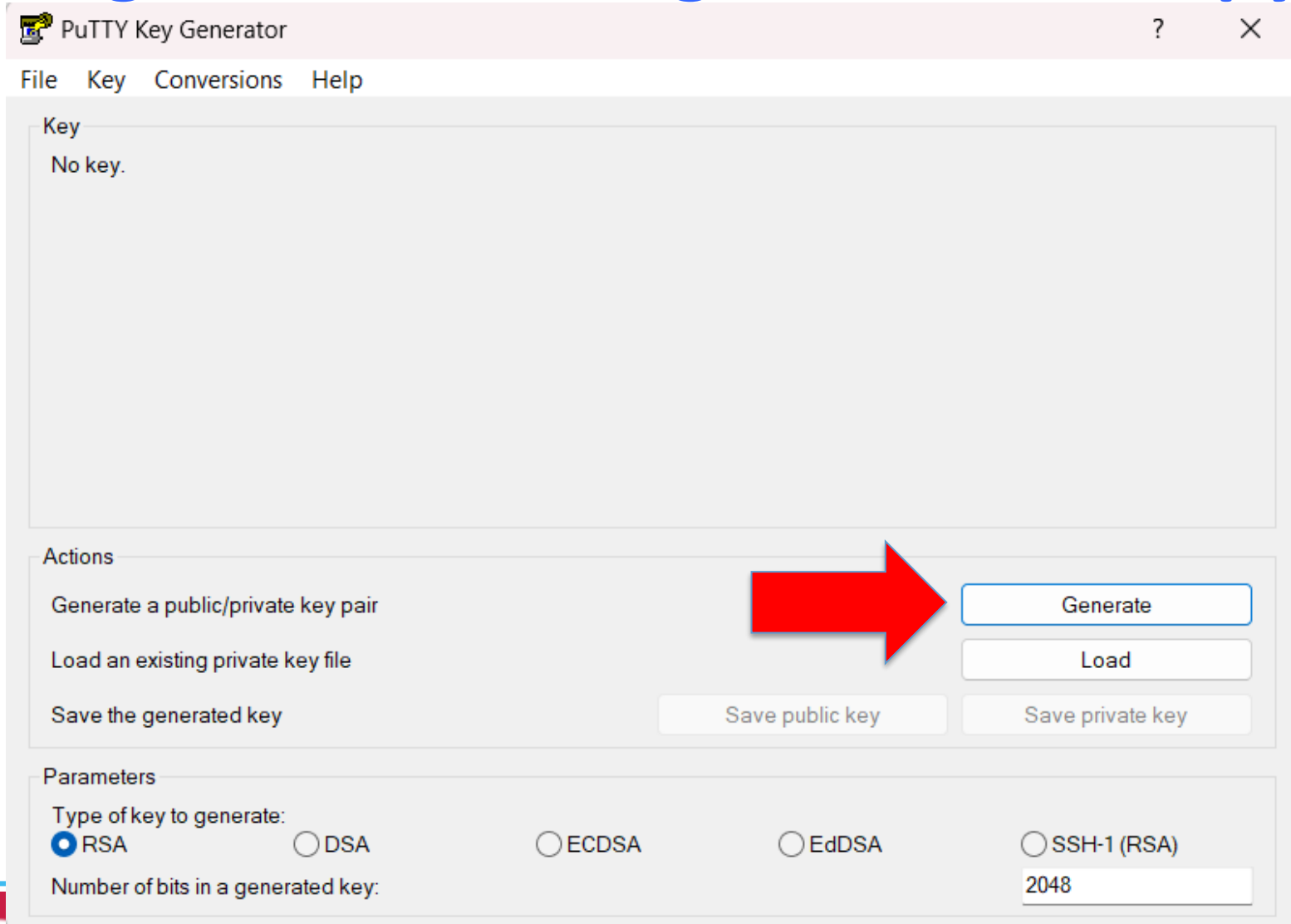
The screenshot shows the PuTTY Key Generator application window. The title bar reads "PuTTY Key Generator" with a help icon and a close button. The menu bar includes "File", "Key", "Conversions", and "Help". The main area is divided into three sections: "Key", "Actions", and "Parameters".

Key Section: A large text area containing the text "No key."

Actions Section: Contains four buttons: "Generate", "Load", "Save public key", and "Save private key".

Parameters Section: Contains two rows of controls. The first row is "Type of key to generate:" with five radio button options: "RSA" (selected), "DSA", "ECDSA", "EdDSA", and "SSH-1 (RSA)". The second row is "Number of bits in a generated key:" with a text input field containing the value "2048".

Move mouse randomly within the PuTTYgen window to generate entropy



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Key Section: Displays "No key." in a large text area.

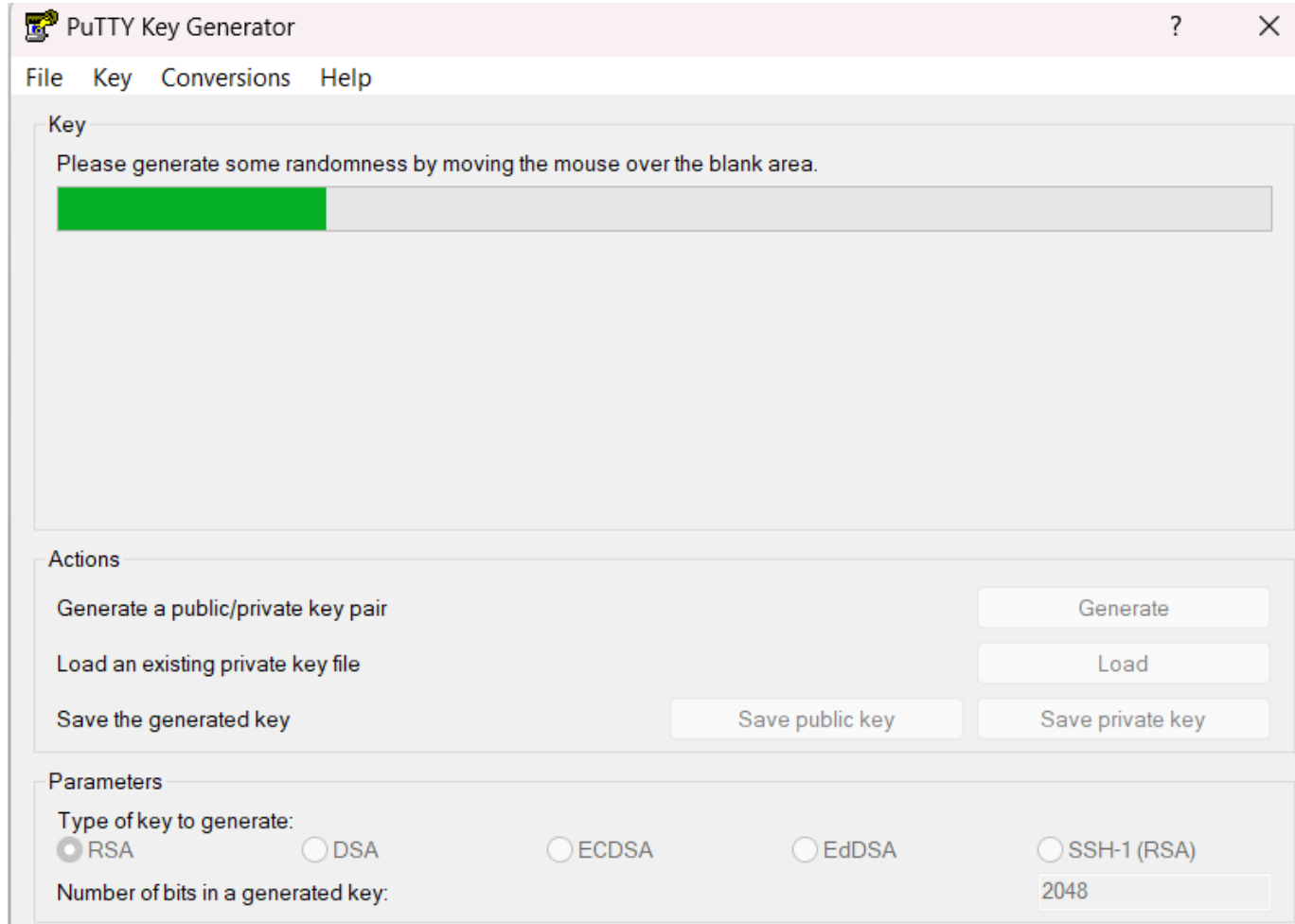
Actions Section: Contains four buttons: "Generate", "Load", "Save public key", and "Save private key". A large red arrow points directly to the "Generate" button.

Parameters Section: Includes a "Type of key to generate:" section with four radio buttons: "RSA" (selected), "DSA", "ECDSA", and "EdDSA". Below this is a "Number of bits in a generated key:" section with a text input field containing the value "2048".

Generate a New SSH Key

- If you need to generate a new SSH key pair, you can do so by selecting the desired key type (such as RSA, DSA, ECDSA, or ED25519) and clicking the "Generate" button.
- Follow the on-screen instructions to move your mouse cursor randomly within the PuTTYgen window to generate entropy, which is used to create a secure key pair.

Generate a New SSH Key



PuTTY Key Generator ? X

File Key Conversions Help

Key

Please generate some randomness by moving the mouse over the blank area.

Actions

Generate a public/private key pair Generate

Load an existing private key file Load

Save the generated key Save public key Save private key

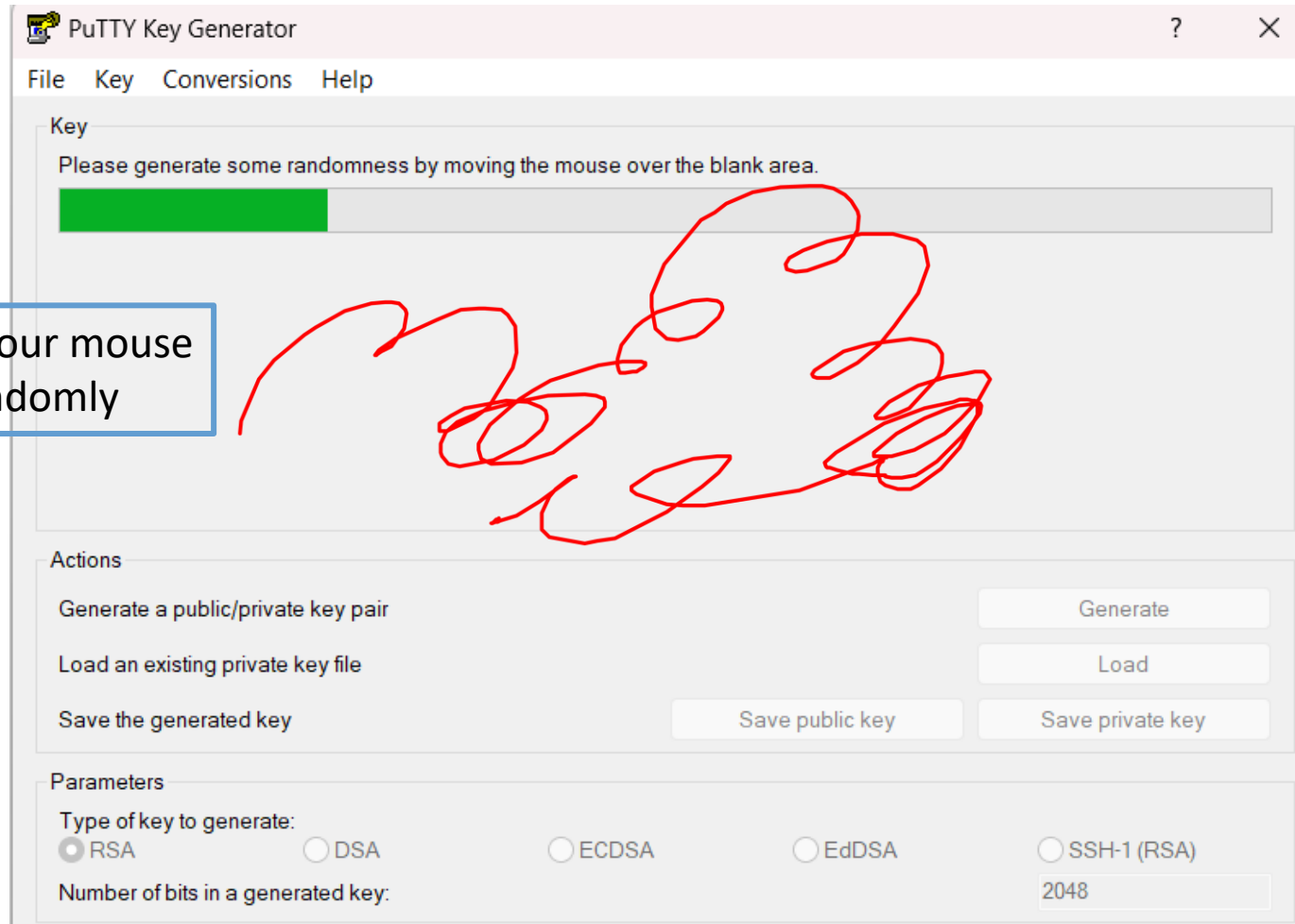
Parameters

Type of key to generate:

☒ RSA ☐ DSA ☐ ECDSA ☐ EdDSA ☐ SSH-1 (RSA)

Number of bits in a generated key:

Generate a New SSH Key



PuTTY Key Generator

File Key Conversions Help

Key

Please generate some randomness by moving the mouse over the blank area.

Move your mouse Randomly

Actions

Generate a public/private key pair Generate

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Save the generated key Save public key Save private key

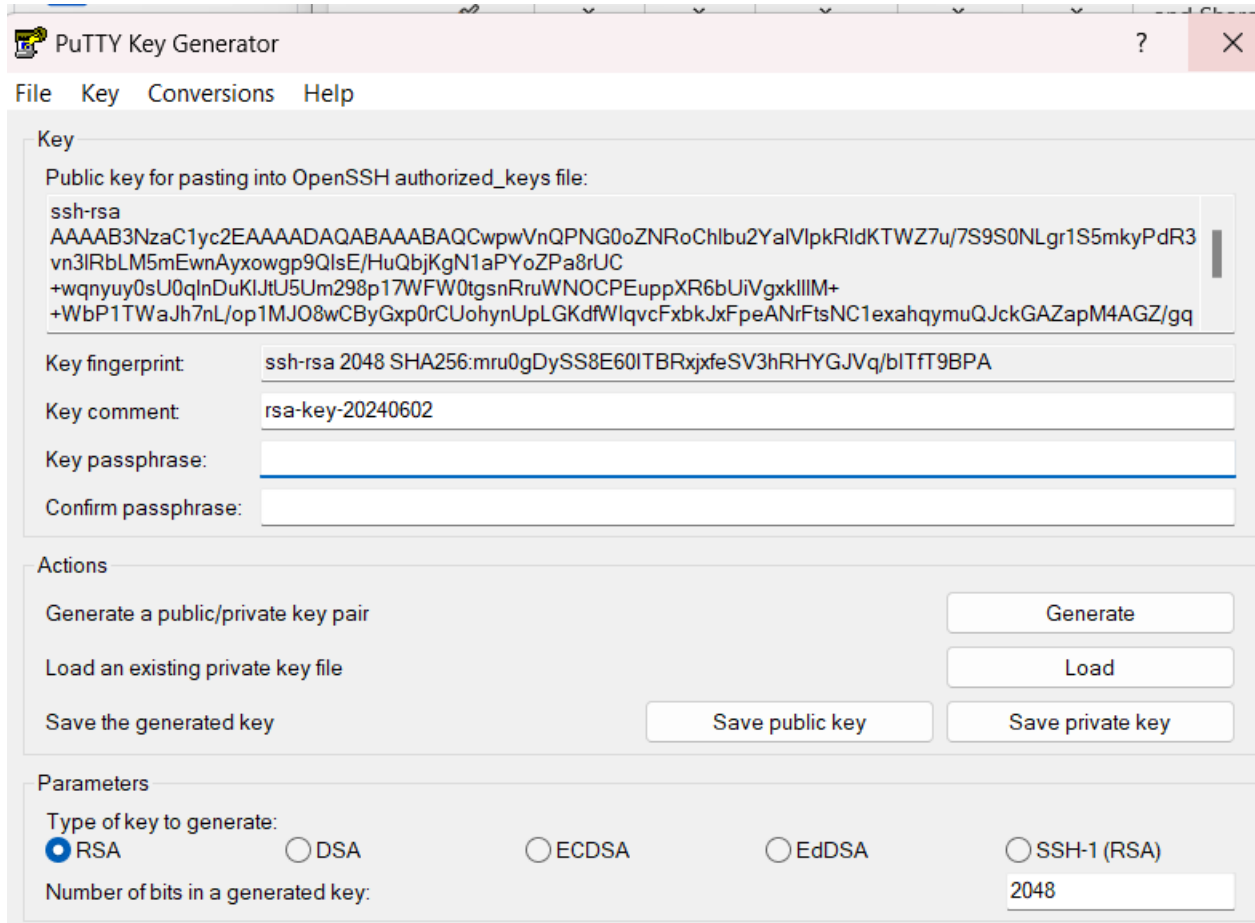
Parameters

Type of key to generate:

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Number of bits in a generated key:

Generated SSH Keyes



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Key

Public key for pasting into OpenSSH authorized_keys file:

```
ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQACwpwVnQPNG0oZNRoChlbu2YaIVlpkRIdKTWZ7u/7S9S0NLgr1S5mkyPdR3
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Key fingerprint: ssh-rsa 2048 SHA256:mru0gDySS8E60ITBRxjxfeSV3hRHYGJVq/bITft9BPA

Key comment: rsa-key-20240602

Key passphrase:

Confirm passphrase:

Actions

Generate a public/private key pair Generate

Load an existing private key file Load

Save the generated key Save public key Save private key

Parameters

Type of key to generate:

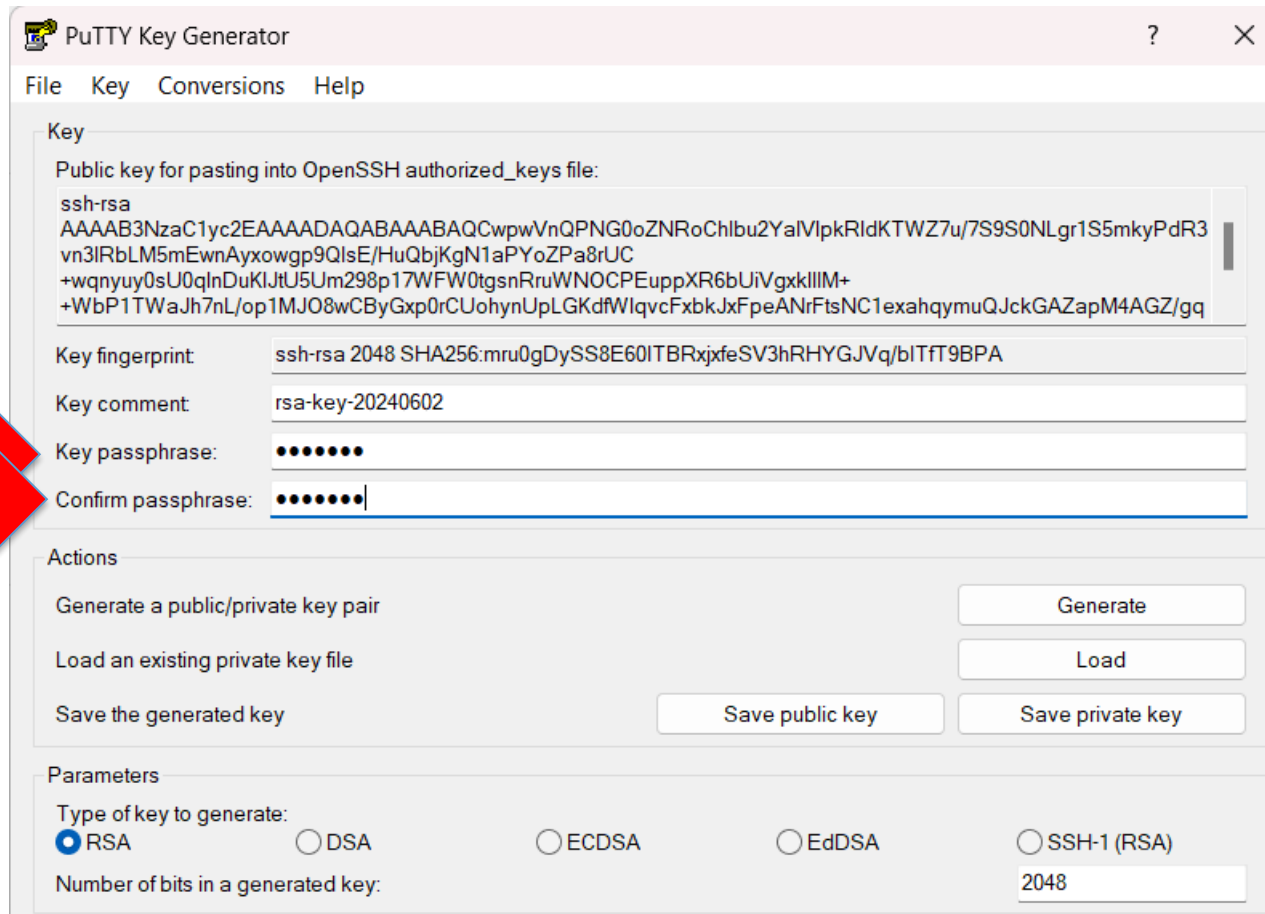
☒ RSA ☐ DSA ☐ ECDSA ☐ EdDSA ☐ SSH-1 (RSA)

Number of bits in a generated key: 2048

Save the SSH Key Pair

- Once the key pair is generated, you can optionally provide a **passphrase** to encrypt the private key for added security.

Add Key passphrase



PuTTY Key Generator

File Key Conversions Help

Key

Public key for pasting into OpenSSH authorized_keys file:

```
ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQAwVnQPNz0oZmR3bWkyPDR3
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+WbP1TWaJh7nL/op1MJO8wCBYgxp0rCUohynUpLGKdFWlqvcFxbk
JxFpeANrFtsNC1exahqymuQJckGAZapM4AGZ/gg
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Key comment: rsa-key-20240602

Key passphrase: ••••••••

Confirm passphrase: ••••••••

Actions

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Parameters

Type of key to generate:

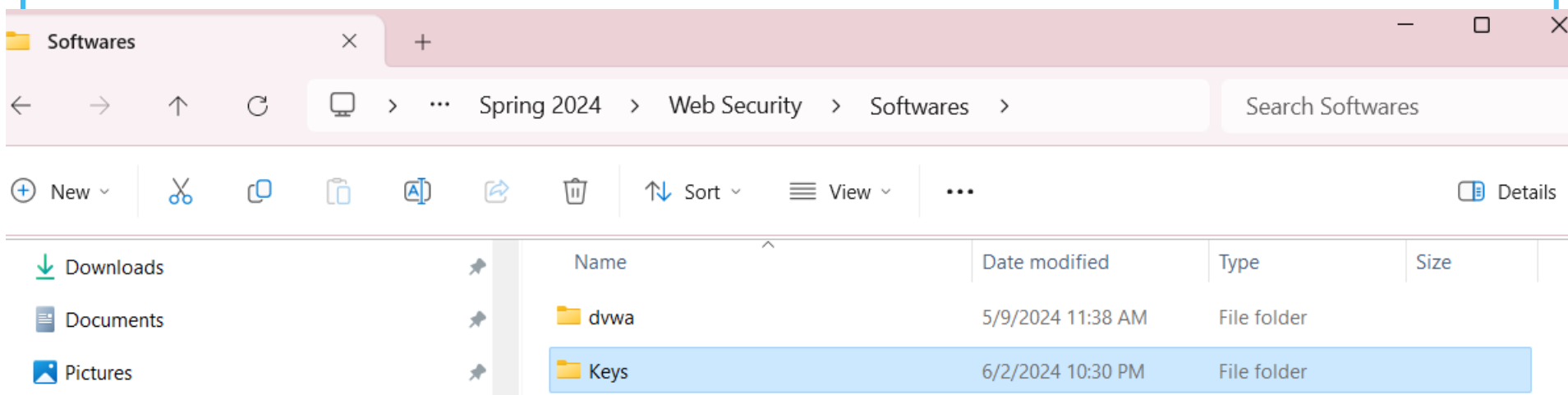
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Number of bits in a generated key: 2048

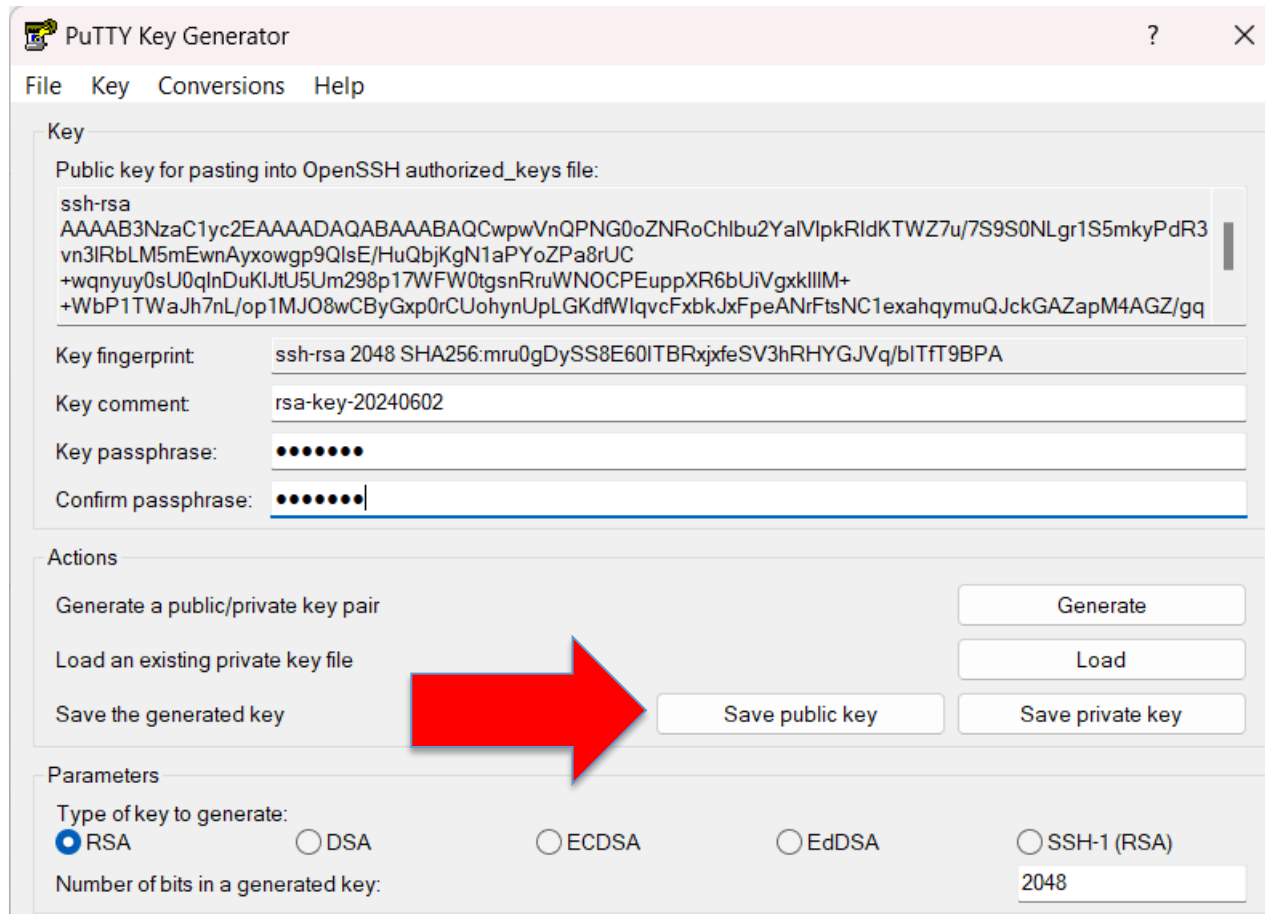
Save the SSH Key Pair

- You can also click the "Save public key" button to save the corresponding public key.
- You can click the "Save private key" button to save the private key to a file on your computer.

Create a Folder in Software to Save Public Key and Private Key



Save Public Key



PuTTY Key Generator

File Key Conversions Help

Key

Public key for pasting into OpenSSH authorized_keys file:

```
ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQAwVnQPNz0oZmR3bWkyPDR3
vn3IRbLM5mEwnAyxowgp9QIsE/HuQbjKgN1aPYoZPa8rUC
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+WbP1TWaJh7nL/op1MJO8wCBYgxp0rCUohynUpLGKdFWlqvcFxbk.JxFpeANrFtsNC1exahqymuQJckGAZapM4AGZ/gq
```

Key fingerprint: ssh-rsa 2048 SHA256:mru0gDySS8E60ITBRxjxfeSV3hRHYGJVq/bITfT9BPA

Key comment: rsa-key-20240602

Key passphrase: ••••••••

Confirm passphrase: ••••••••

Actions

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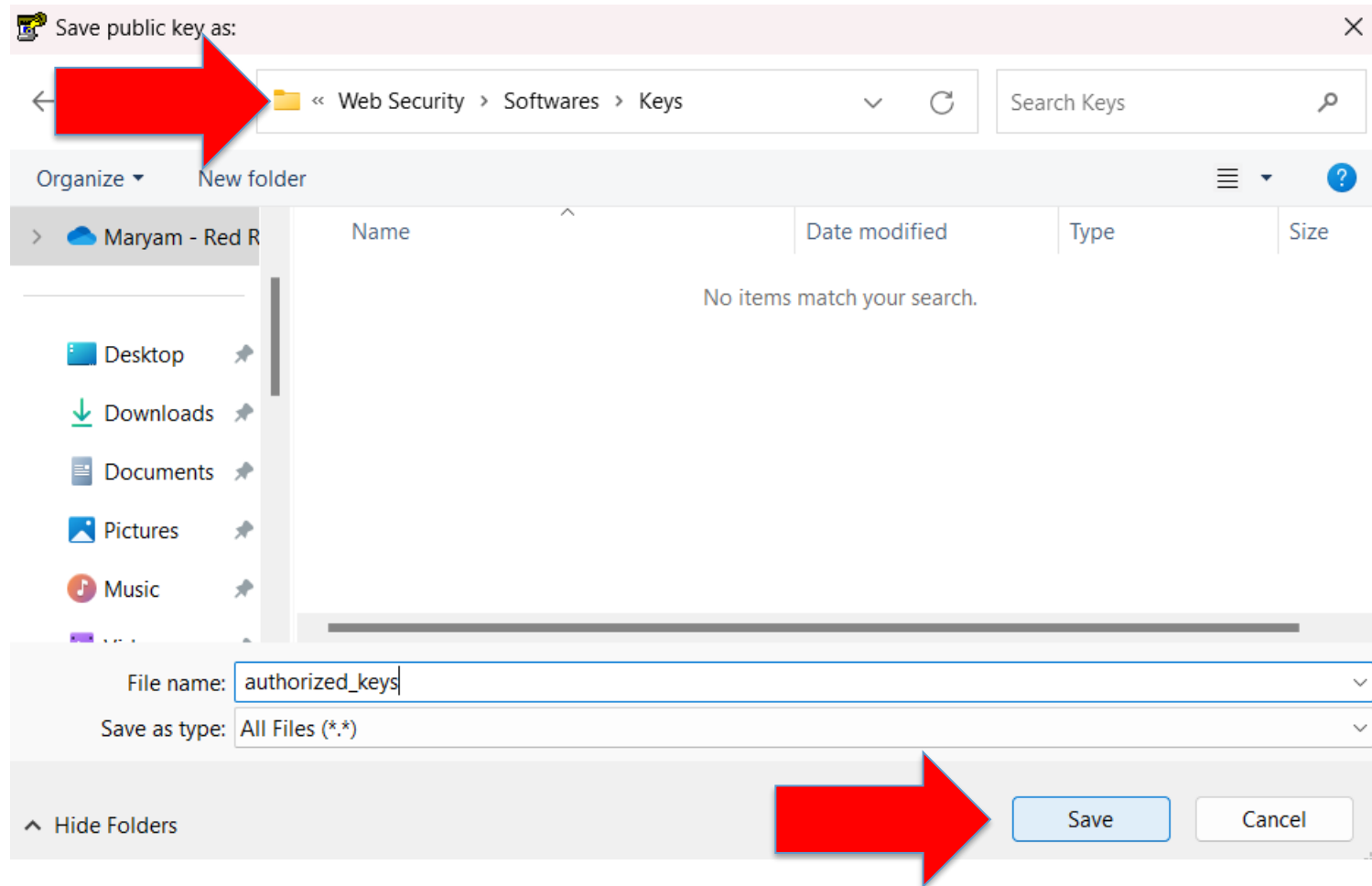
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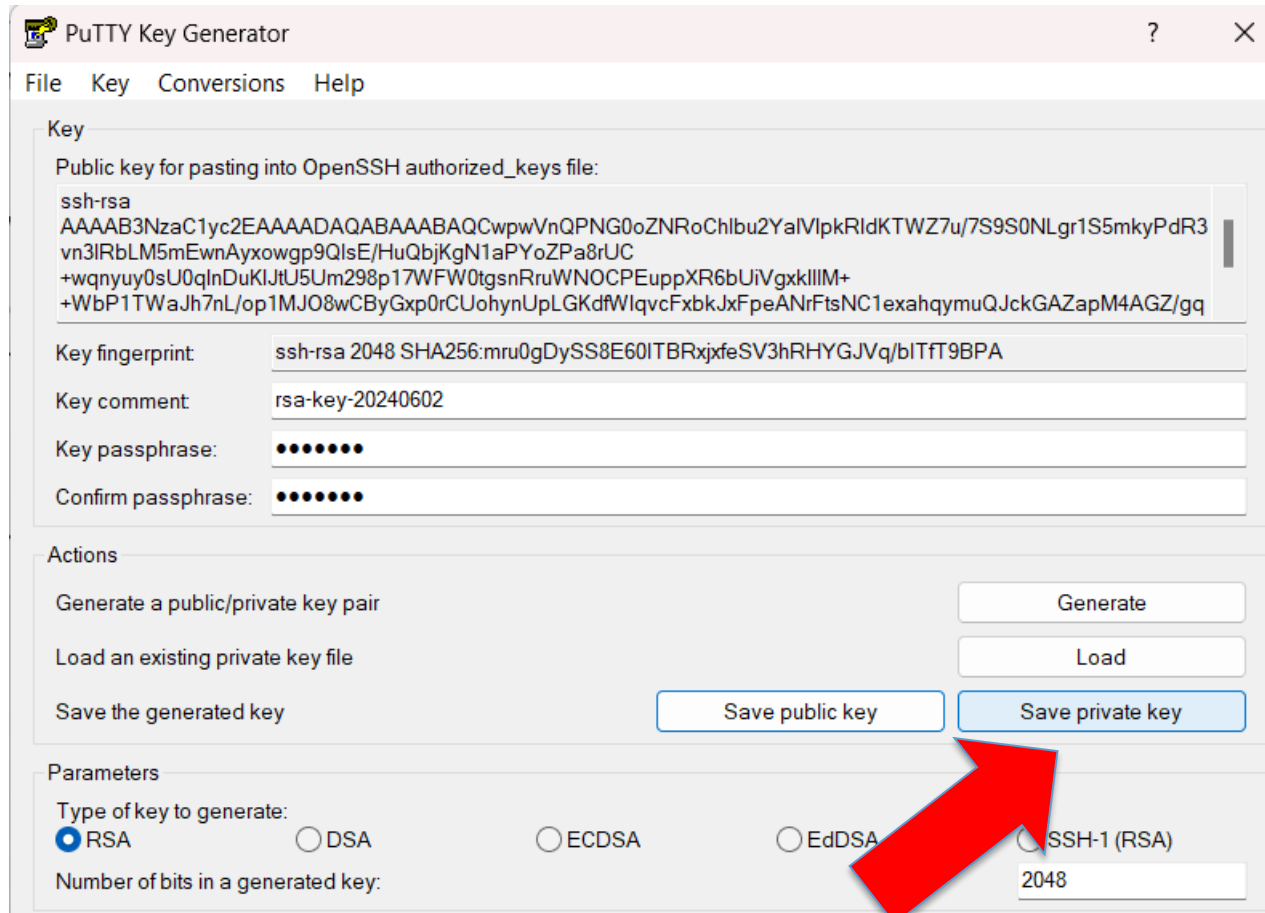
Number of bits in a generated key: 2048

Path to Save Public Key:

authorized_keys



Save Private Key



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PuTTY Key Generator

File Key Conversions Help

Key

Public key for pasting into OpenSSH authorized_keys file:

```
ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQAwVnQPNz0oZNRoChlbu2YaIVpkRldKTWZ7u/7S9S0NLgr1S5mkyPdR3
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Key comment: rsa-key-20240602

Key passphrase: ••••••••

Confirm passphrase: ••••••••

Actions

Generate a public/private key pair Generate

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Parameters

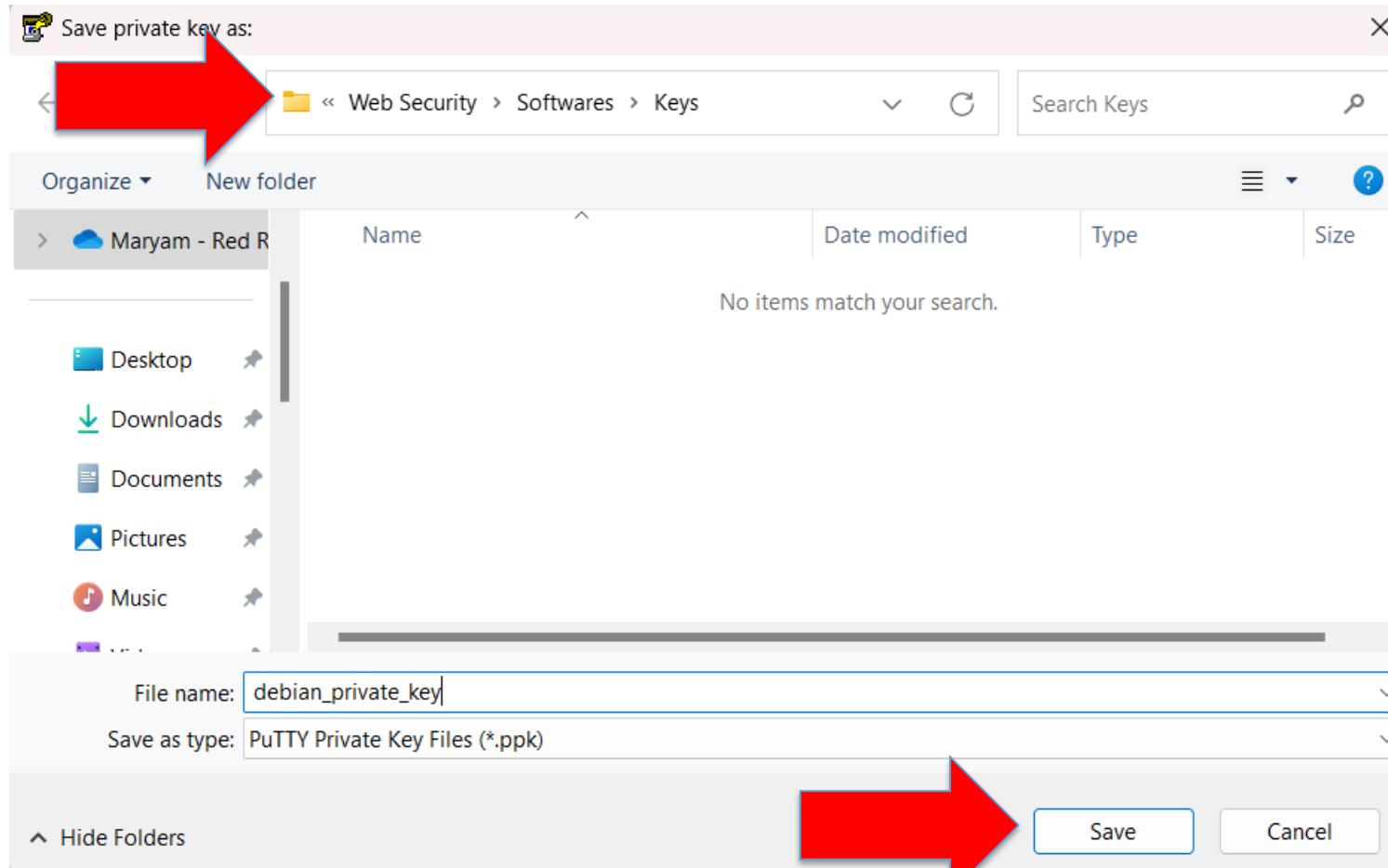
Type of key to generate:

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Number of bits in a generated key: 2048

Path to Save Private Key:

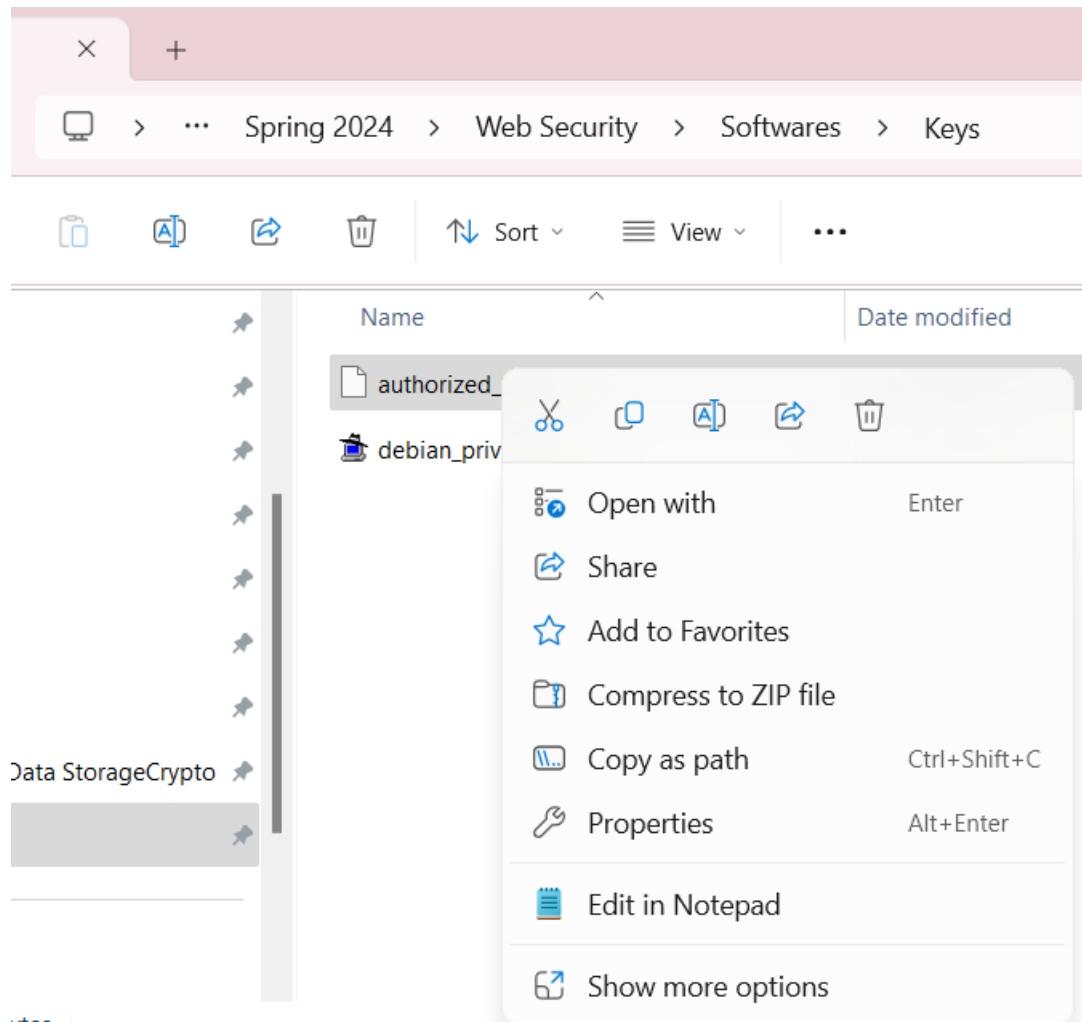
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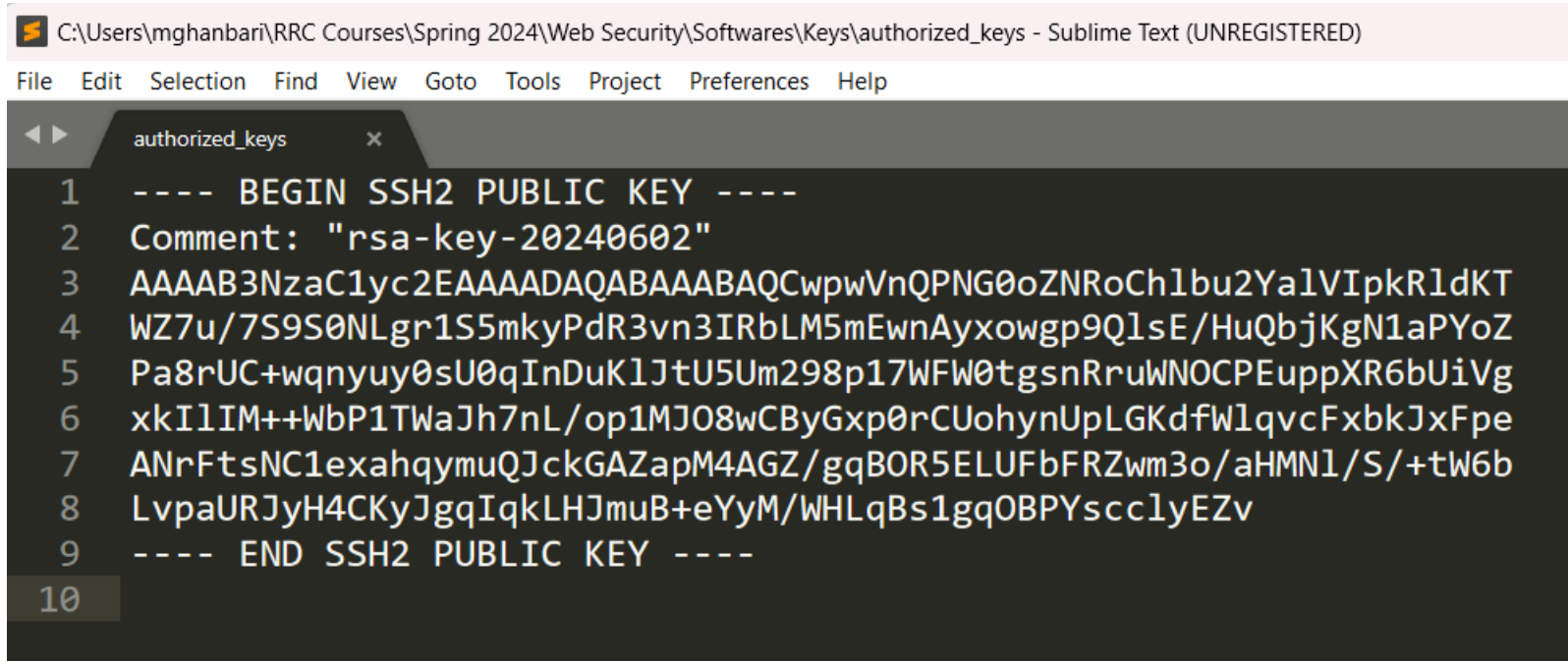
Problem

- Unfortunately, the format of the public key is wrong for Debian. We need to update the content of our “authorized_keys” file with the public key.

Open “authorized_keys” in an Editor



The content of “authorized_keys” File

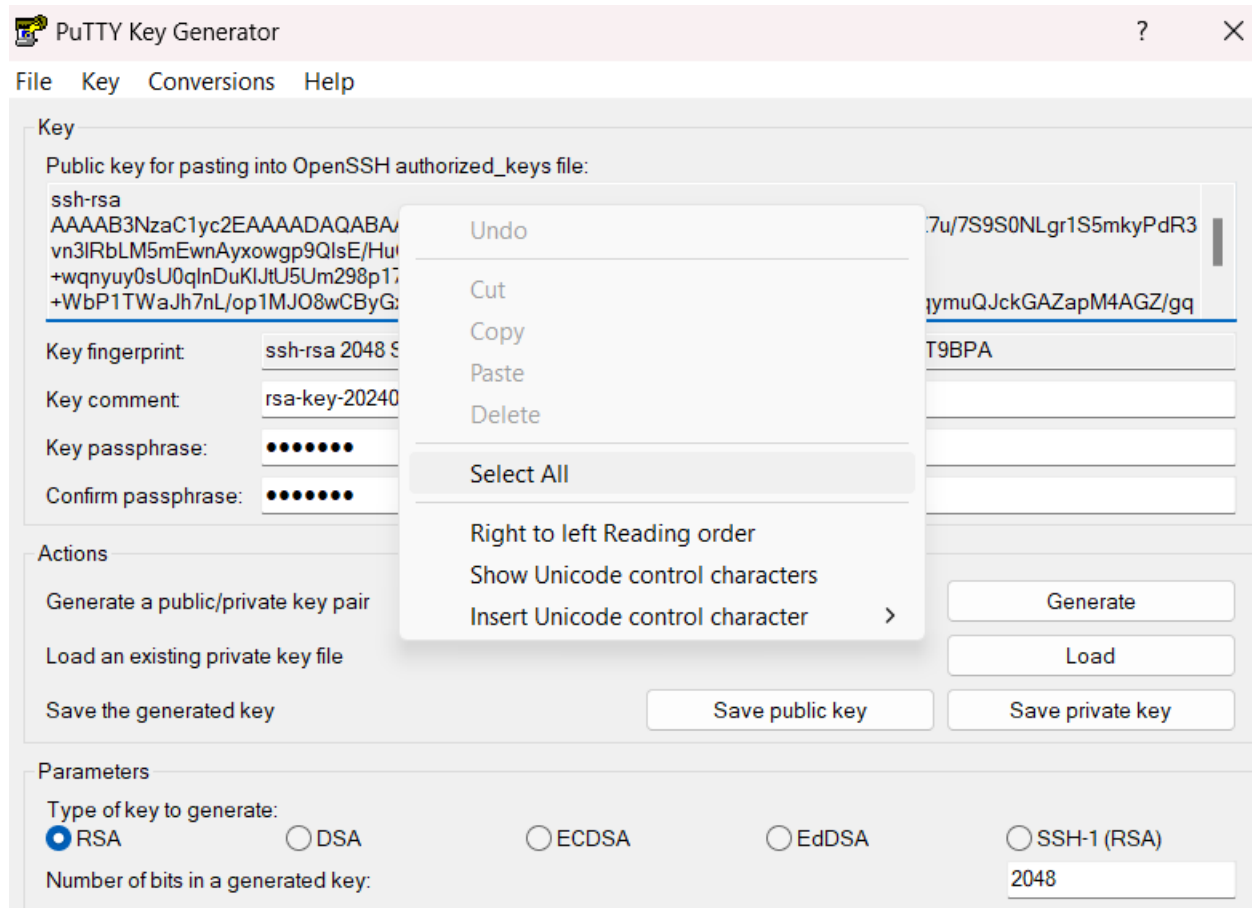


The screenshot shows a Sublime Text editor window with the title bar "C:\Users\mgghanbari\RRC Courses\Spring 2024\Web Security\Softwares\Keys\authorized_keys - Sublime Text (UNREGISTERED)". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Selection, Find, View, Goto, Tools, Project, Preferences, and Help. The editor has a single tab titled "authorized_keys". The content of the file is as follows:

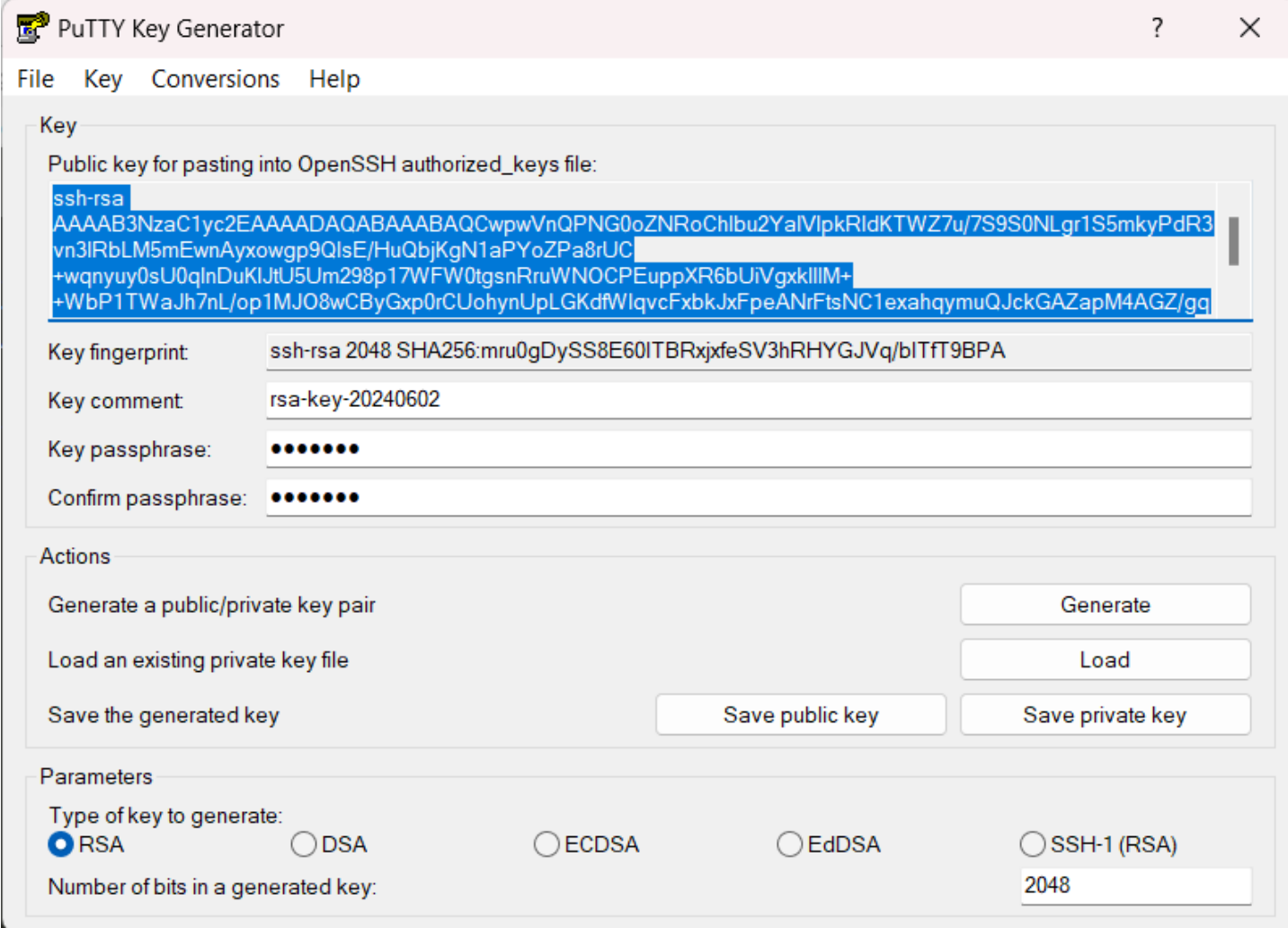
```
1  ---- BEGIN SSH2 PUBLIC KEY ----
2  Comment: "rsa-key-20240602"
3  AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQAwVnQPNQ0oZNRoCh1bu2Ya1VIpkRldKT
4  WZ7u/7S9S0NLgr1S5mkyPdR3vn3IRbLM5mEwnAyxowgp9Q1sE/HuQbjKgN1aPYoZ
5  Pa8rUC+wqnyuy0sU0qInDuK1JtU5Um298p17FW0tgsnRruWNOCPeuppXR6bUiVg
6  xkI1IM++WbP1TWaJh7nL/op1MJ08wCByGxp0rCUohynUpLGKdfWlqvcFxbkJxFpe
7  ANrFtsNC1exahqymuQJckGAZapM4AGZ/gqBOR5ELUFbFRZwm3o/aHMN1/S/+tW6b
8  LvpaURJyH4CKyJgqIqkLHJmuB+eYyM/WHLqBs1gq0BPYscclYEZv
9  ---- END SSH2 PUBLIC KEY ----
10
```

Open PuTTY Key Generator

➤ Hit “select All”



In PuTTY Key Generator: select all



The screenshot shows the PuTTY Key Generator application window. The 'Key' tab is active, displaying a generated SSH-RSA key. The public key text is selected in the text area. Below the text area, the key fingerprint and comment are shown. The 'Actions' section contains buttons for generating, loading, and saving keys. The 'Parameters' section shows the key type set to RSA and the number of bits set to 2048.

PuTTY Key Generator

File Key Conversions Help

Key

Public key for pasting into OpenSSH authorized_keys file:

```
ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQAwVnQPNz0ZNRoChIbu2YalVpkRldKTWZ7u/7S9S0NLgr1S5mkyPdR3
vn3IRbLM5mEwnAyxowgp9QIsE/HuQbjKgN1aPYoZPa8rUC
+wqnyuy0sU0qInDuKIJtU5Um298p17WFW0tgsnRruWNOCPEuppXR6bUjVgxlIIM+
+WbP1TWaJh7nL/op1MJO8wCBYGxp0rCUohynUpLGKdFWlqvcFxbkXjFpeANrFtsNC1exahqymuQJckGAZapM4AGZ/gg
```

Key fingerprint: ssh-rsa 2048 SHA256:mru0gDySS8E60ITBRxjxfeSV3hRHYGJVq/bITfT9BPA

Key comment: rsa-key-20240602

Key passphrase:

Confirm passphrase:

Actions

Generate a public/private key pair Generate

Load an existing private key file Load

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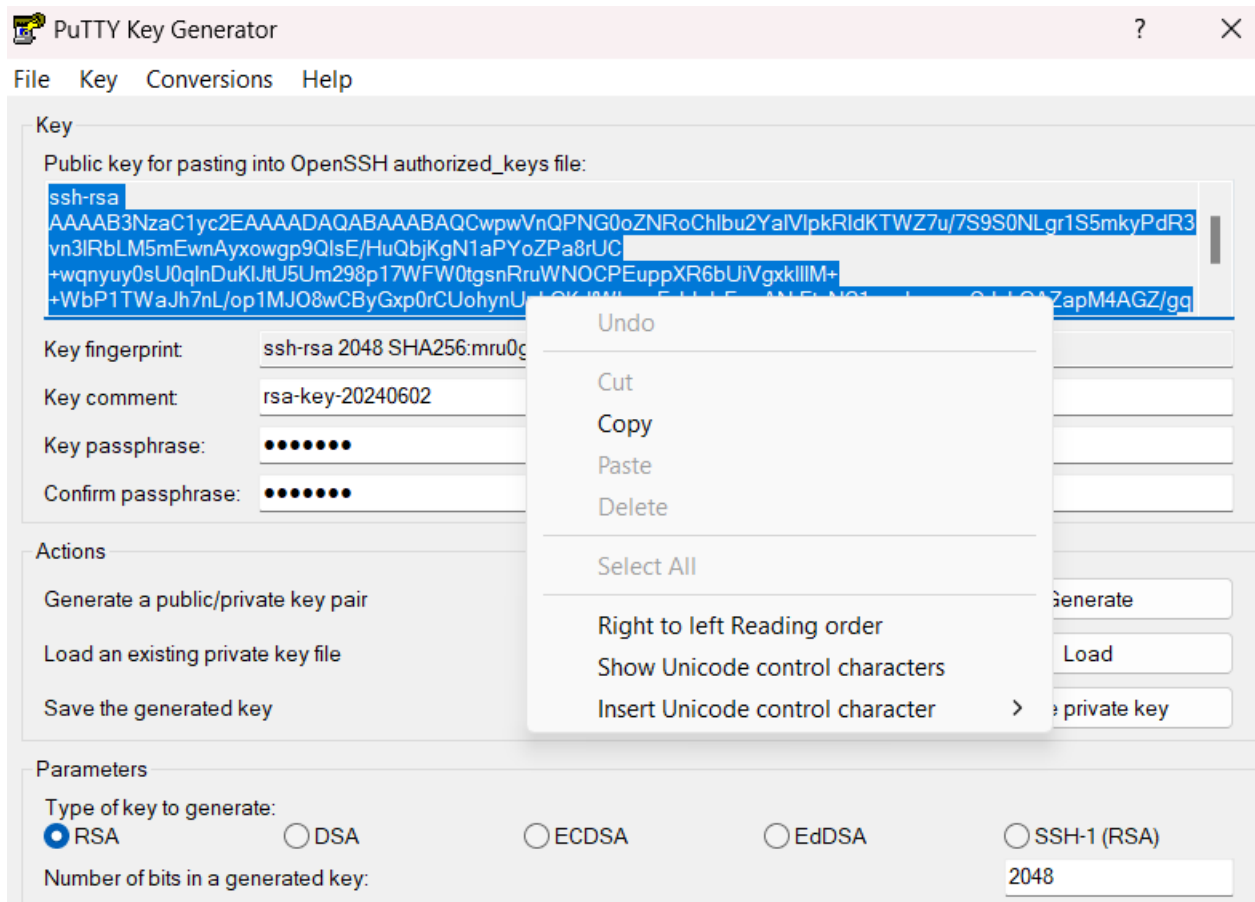
Parameters

Type of key to generate:

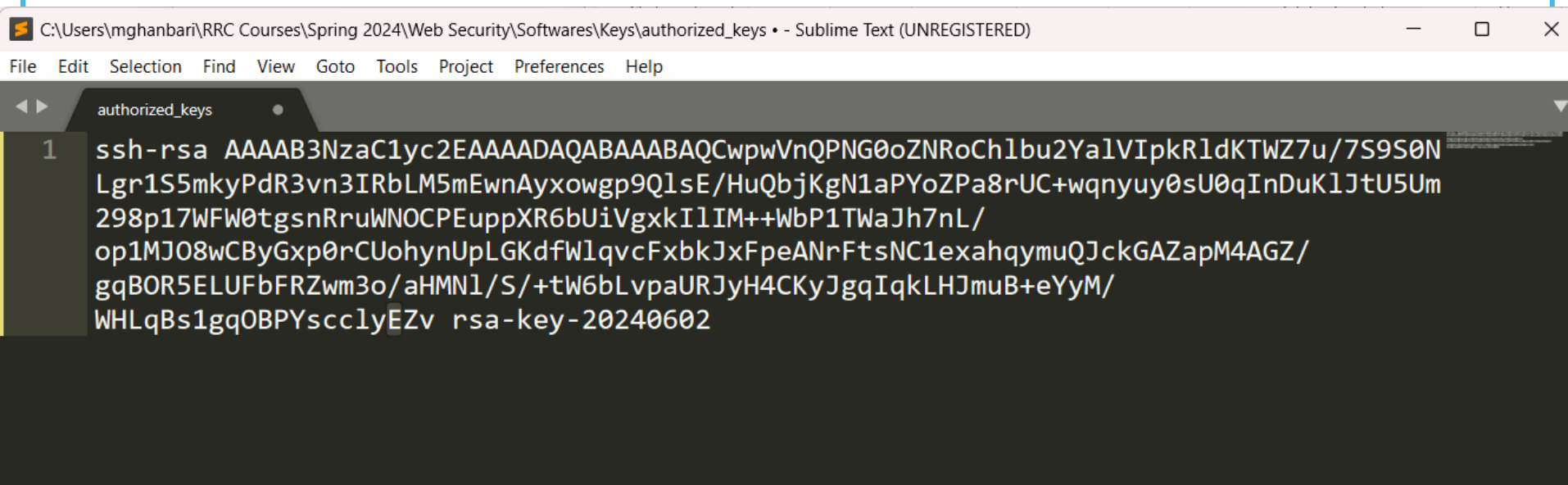
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Number of bits in a generated key: 2048

In PuTTY Key Generator: copy



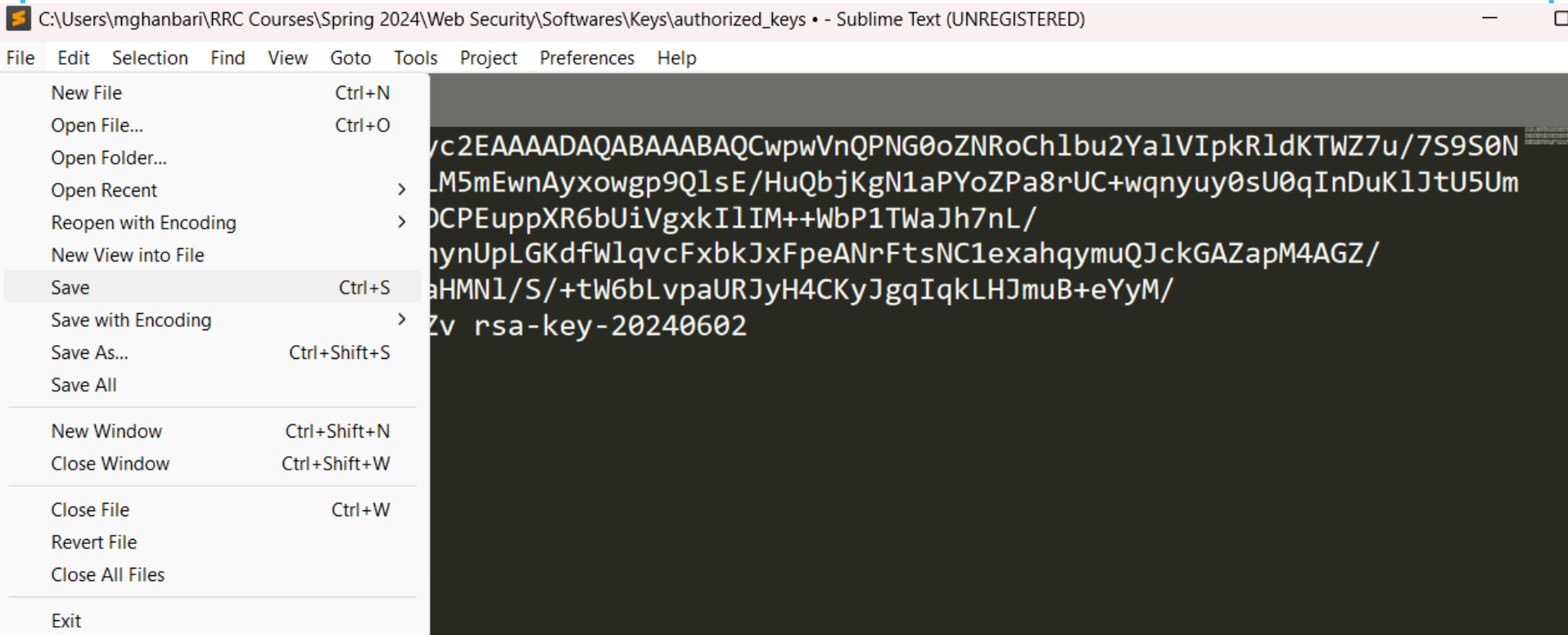
Delete the content of “authorized_keys” File and **paste** the Public Key from PuTTY Key Generator



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```
1 ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQAwVnQPNQ0oZNRoCh1bu2Ya1VIpkR1dKTWZ7u/7S9S0N
Lgr1S5mkyPdR3vn3IRbLM5mEwnAyxowgp9Q1sE/HuQbjKgN1aPYoZPa8rUC+wqnyuy0sU0qInDuK1JtU5Um
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WHLqBs1gqOBPYscclYEZv rsa-key-20240602
```


Save the “authorized_keys” File



Set up **Debian** to Use Key Based Authentication

➤ In Debian write:

- ls -al

```
maryam@deb:~$ ls -al
```

Debian

```
maryam@deb:~$ ls -al
total 32
drwx----- 4 maryam maryam 4096 May  7 12:58 .
drwxr-xr-x  3 root    root    4096 Jan 15 12:41 ..
-rw-----  1 maryam maryam 1243 May 25 00:04 .bash_history
-rw-r--r--  1 maryam maryam  220 Jan 15 12:41 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r--  1 maryam maryam 3526 Jan 15 12:41 .bashrc
drwxr-xr-x  3 maryam maryam 4096 May  7 12:58 .local
-rw-r--r--  1 maryam maryam  807 Jan 15 12:41 .profile
```

In Debian Create a Directory call “.ssh”

- create a folder called .ssh

```
maryam@deb:~$ mkdir .ssh
```

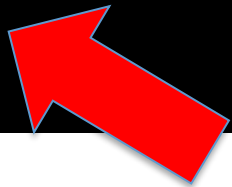
Set the Permission

- Set the proper permissions (read/write/exec for the owner only) to the directory using chmod command

```
naryam@deb:~$ chmod 700 .ssh
```

Deploy Your Public Key to Your Debian Server

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drwx----- 2 maryam maryam 4096 Feb 15 11:06 .ssh
maryam@deb:~$ _
```



Open WinSCP

- Upload Your “authorized_keys” File to Your .ssh Folder Using **WinSCP**

Open WinSCP

Downloads – maryam@192.168.56.101 – WinSCP

Synchronize Queue Transfer Settings Default

Local Mark Files Commands Tabs Options Remote Help

maryam@192.168.56.101 X New Tab

C: Windows

Upload Edit Properties New

C:\Users\mgghanbari\Downloads\

Name	Size	Type	Changed
Parent directory			6/2/2024 7:59:49 PM
P3_Hung-Sheng Lee		File folder	5/16/2024 2:17:22 PM
Creating a network be...	3,468 KB	Adobe Acrobat Do...	6/2/2024 11:17:08 AM
desktop.ini	1 KB	Configuration setti...	8/30/2023 2:38:02 PM
Ghanbari Maryam Au...	187 KB	Adobe Acrobat Do...	5/29/2024 12:17:17 PM
image.png	43 KB	PNG File	5/16/2024 1:17:25 PM
IMG_20240527_21134...	29 KB	JPG File	5/29/2024 12:25:05 PM
IMG_20240527_21135...	36 KB	JPG File	5/29/2024 12:25:08 PM
IMG_20240527_21135...	26 KB	JPG File	5/29/2024 12:25:11 PM
IMG_20240527_21140...	38 KB	JPG File	5/29/2024 12:25:29 PM
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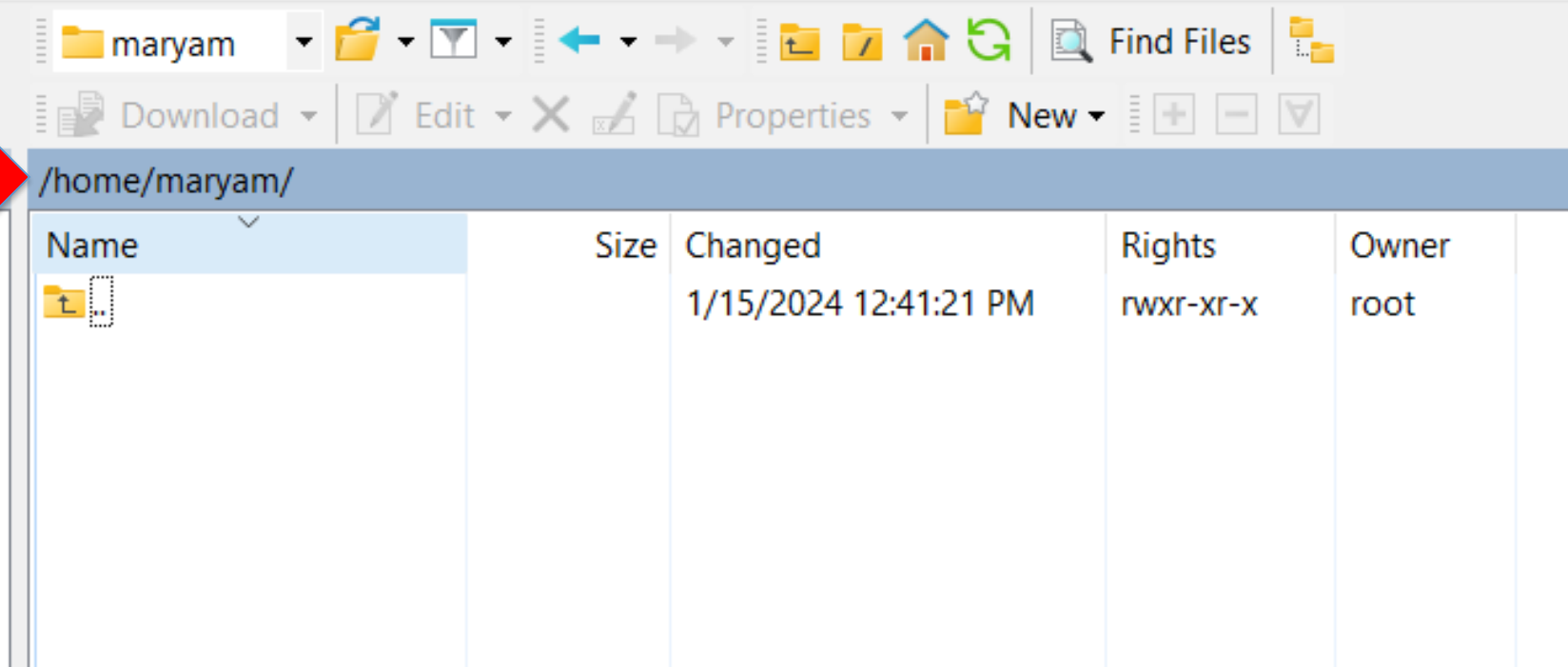
html

Download Edit Properties New


/var/www/html/

Name	Size	Changed	Rights	Owner
..		1/23/2024 4:18:24 PM	rw-r--r--	root
Test		5/15/2024 10:41:36 PM	rw-r--r--	maryam
dvwa_backup		1/28/2024 7:58:25 PM	rw-r--r--	maryam
dvwa		5/15/2024 8:47:21 PM	rw-r--r--	maryam
blog_backup		4/4/2024 10:34:01 PM	rw-r--r--	maryam
blog		4/19/2024 2:18:40 AM	rw-r--r--	maryam
test.php	1 KB	3/10/2024 5:30:15 PM	rw-r--r--	maryam
index.html	11 KB	1/23/2024 4:18:26 PM	rw-r--r--	root

In WinSCP, Go to “home” Directory



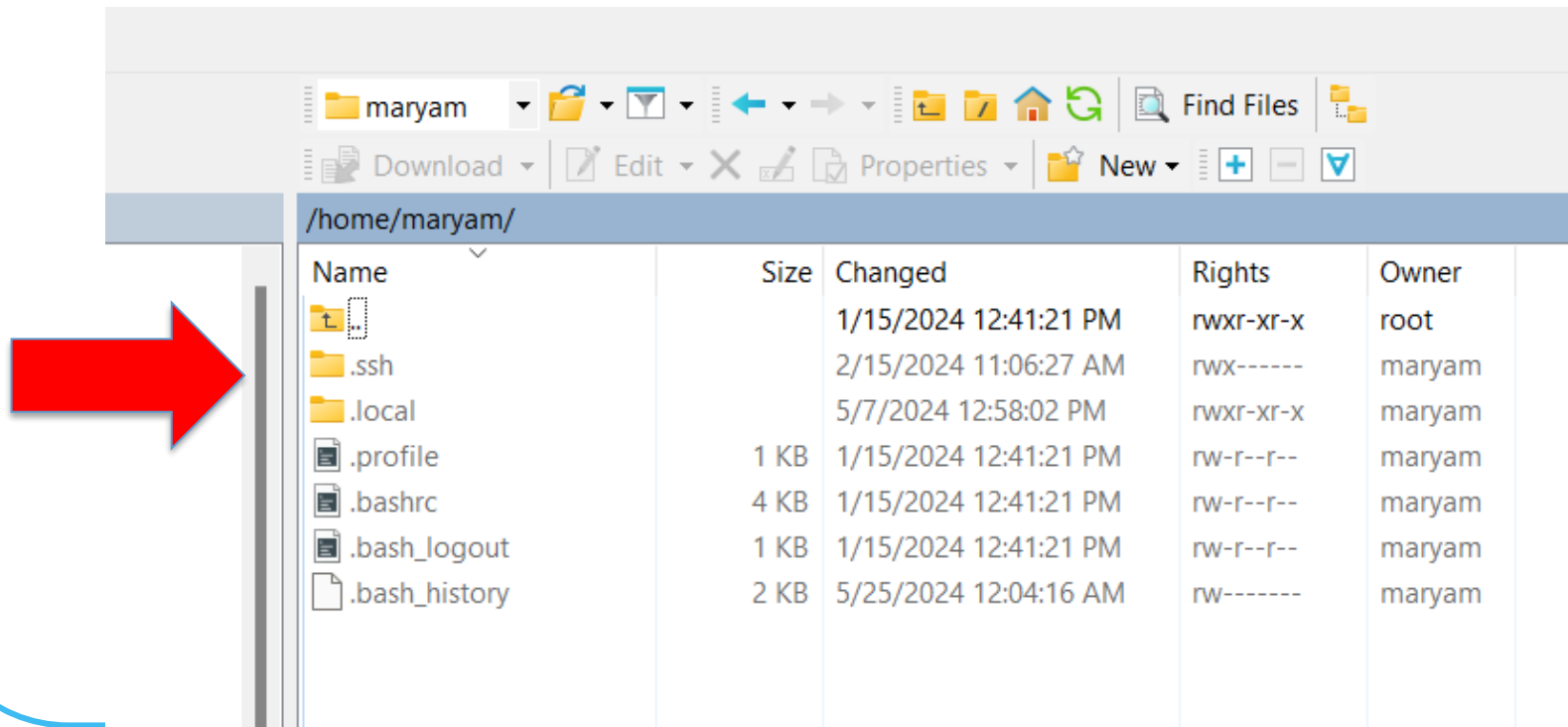
The screenshot shows the WinSCP interface with the address bar displaying `/home/maryam/`. A red arrow points to the address bar. The toolbar includes icons for file operations and a search function. The main pane shows a table of files and directories.

Name	Size	Changed	Rights	Owner
		1/15/2024 12:41:21 PM	rwxr-xr-x	root

In WinSCP, Go to “home” Directory -> Your Username

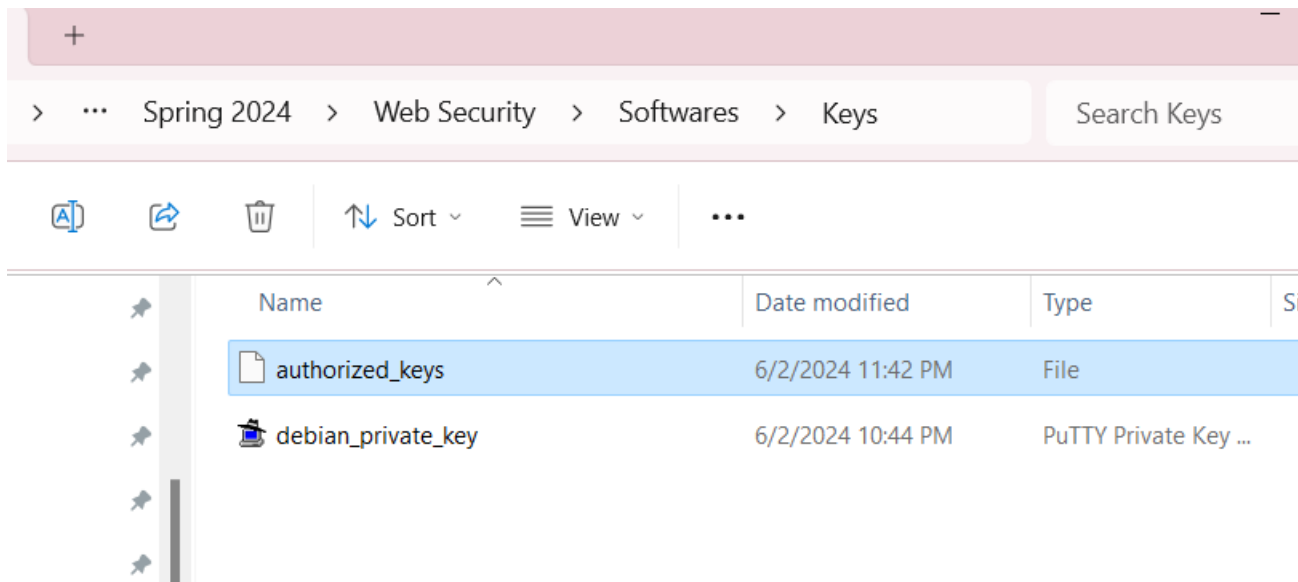
➤ Because our directory is called .ssh. It is hidden, so we have to make it visible using

- Ctrl + Alt +H



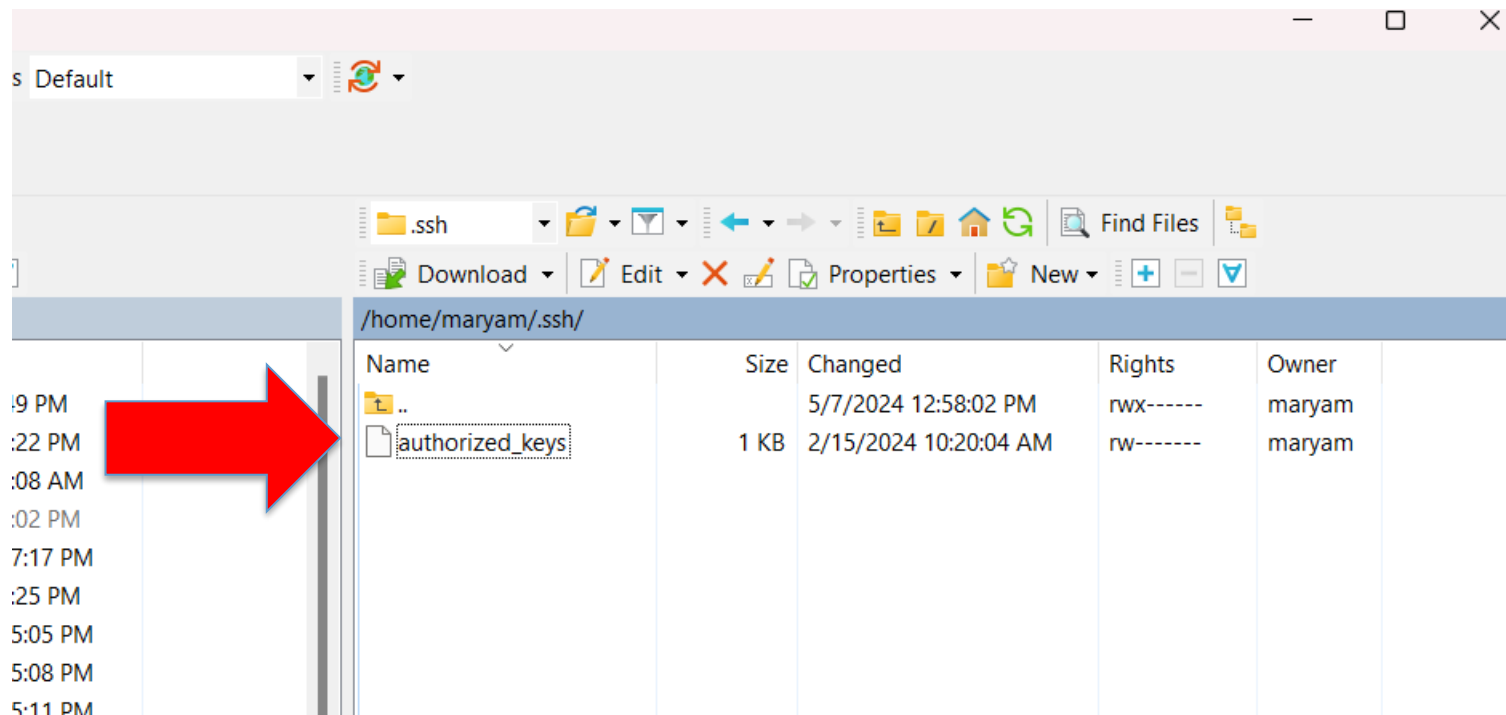
In WinSCP, Go to “home” Directory -> Your Username -> .SSH

➤ Copy the “authorized_keys” File



In WinSCP, Go to “home” Directory -> Your Username -> .SSH

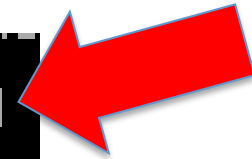
➤ Paste the “authorized_keys” File in the .SSH in



In Debian Change into “.ssh” Directory

- Set the permission again

```
maryam@deb:~$ cd .ssh  
maryam@deb:~/ssh$
```



Set the Permission Again To Ensure Extra Security for Our Keys

```
maryam@deb:~/.ssh$ ls -al
total 12
drwx----- 2 maryam maryam 4096 Feb 15 11:06 .
drwx----- 4 maryam maryam 4096 May  7 12:58 ..
-rw----- 1 maryam maryam  397 Feb 15 10:20 authorized_keys
maryam@deb:~/.ssh$
```

Set the Permission Again To Ensure extra security for our Keys

- Secure the file containing your public keys (read/write)

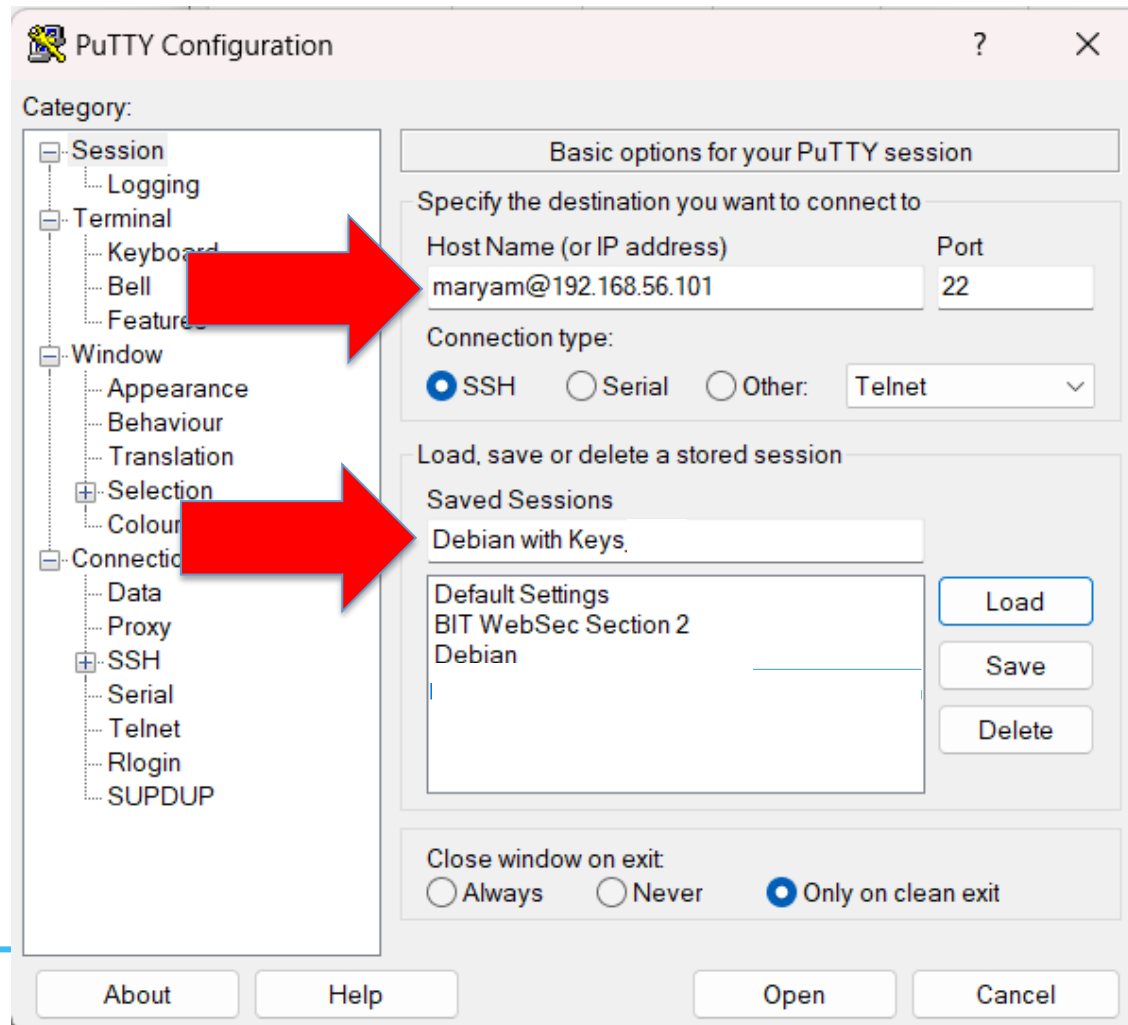
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-rw----- 1 maryam maryam  397 Feb 15 10:20 authorized_keys
maryam@deb:~/.ssh$
```



```
chmod 600 authorized_keys
```

Test the Configuration

➤ Open Putty and enter information



Tell PuTTY to Use Private Key

- Category -> Connection -> SSH -> Auth -> Credentials -> Private key file for authentication



PuTTY Configuration



Category:

- [-] Session
 - Logging
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 - Translation
 - [+] Selection
 - Colours
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 - Host keys
 - Cipher
 - [-] Auth
 - Credentials**
 - GSSAPI
 - TTY
 - X11

Credentials to authenticate with

Public-key authentication

Private key file for authentication:

C:\Users\mgghanbari\RRC Courses\Winter 2

Browse...

Certificate to use with the private key (optional):

Browse...

Plugin to provide authentication responses

Plugin command to run

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Browse

- Browse for the created private key from the Software -> keys folder



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Credentials to authenticate with

Public-key authentication

Private key file for authentication:

ity\Softwares\Keys\debian_private_key.ppk

Browse...

Certificate to use with the private key (optional):

Browse...

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Help

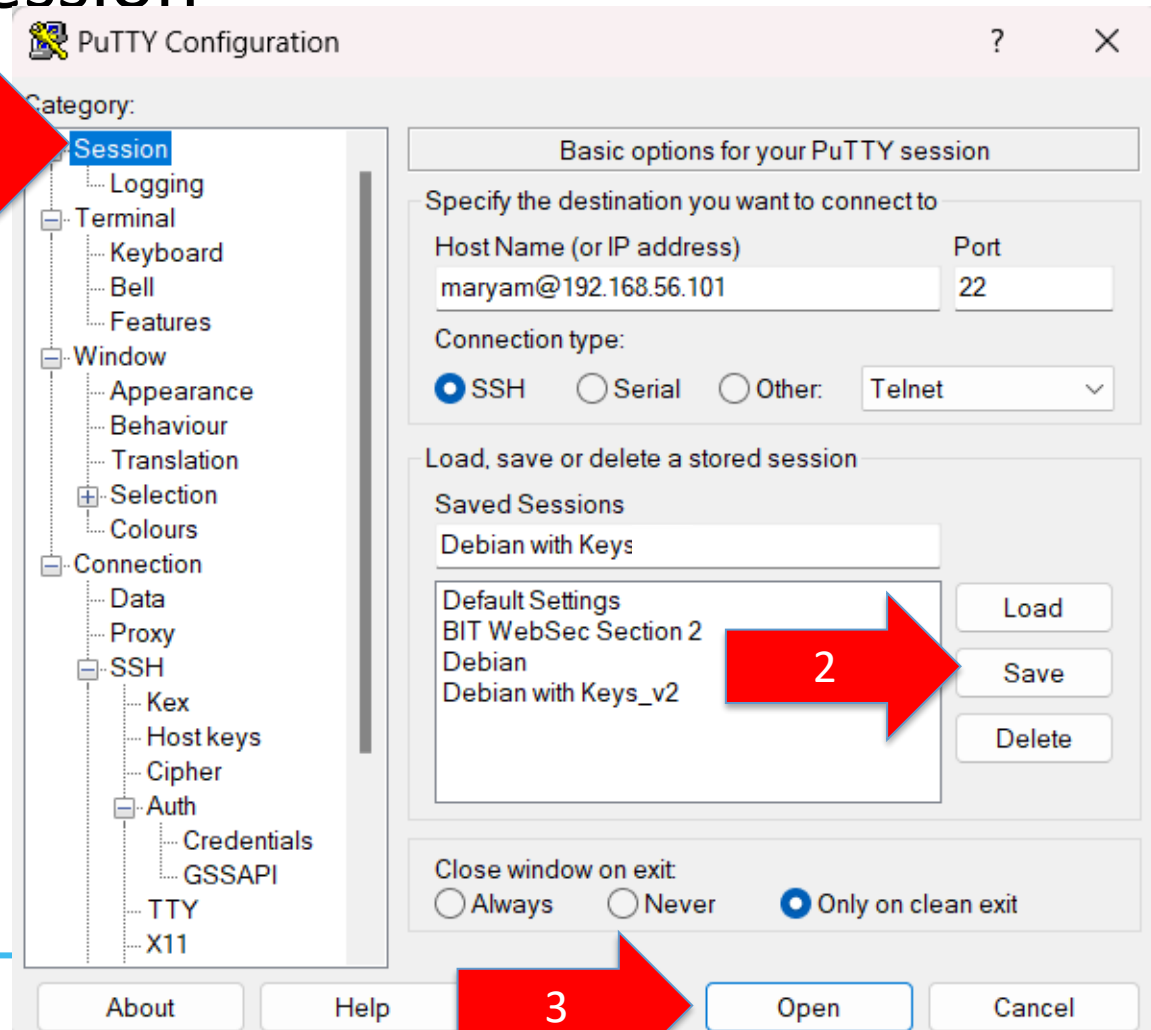
Open

Cancel



Save the Session

➤ Select the Session

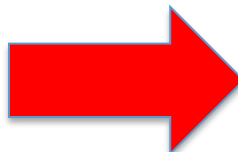


➤ Save

➤ Open

Open the Session to Test it

➤ Enter Passphrase



```
maryam@deb: ~  
Using username "maryam".  
Authenticating with public key "rsa-key-20240215"  
Linux deb 6.1.0-21-amd64 #1 SMP PREEMPT_DYNAMIC Debian 6.1.90-1 (2024-05-03) x86_64  
  
The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;  
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the  
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.  
  
Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent  
permitted by applicable law.  
Last login: Sun Jun  2 20:54:17 2024  
maryam@deb:~$
```

Open the Session

- We can see that we have successfully made a key based connection

Exit the PuTTY

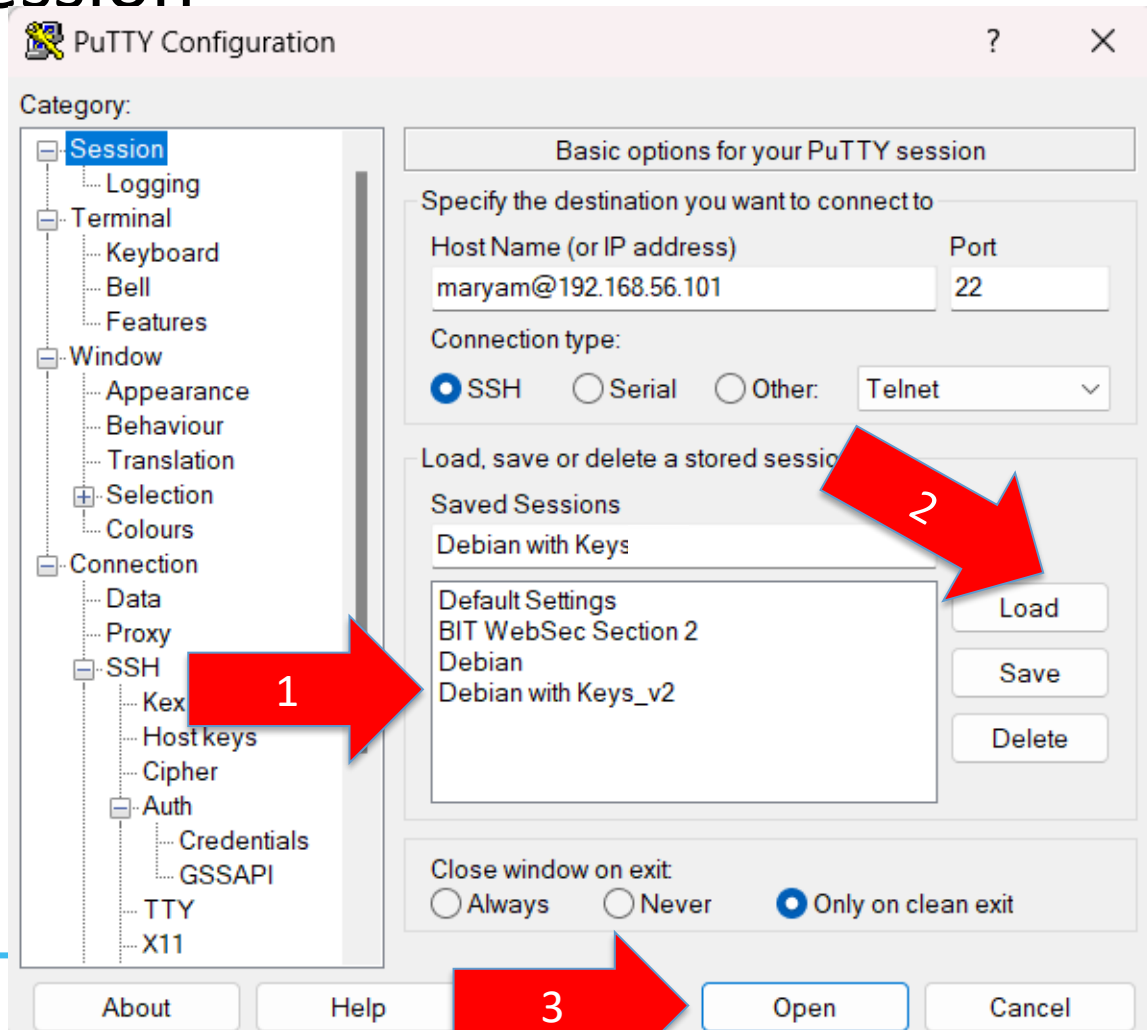
➤ Exit the PuTTY and

A screenshot of a terminal window with a black background and white text. The prompt 'maryam@deb:~\$' is visible, followed by the command 'exit'. A red cursor is positioned at the end of the command. The text is slightly blurred, suggesting a video frame.

```
maryam@deb:~$ exit
```

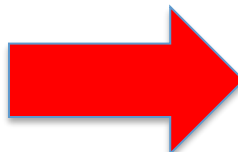

Open the Session Again

➤ Select the Session



Open the Session to Test it

➤ Enter Passphrase



```
maryam@deb: ~  
Using username "maryam".  
Authenticating with public key "rsa-key-20240215"  
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maryam@deb:~$
```

End

- Exit PuTTY
- Close WinSCP
- Close PUTTYGen
- Shout down Debian
- Quit VMWare