

# Pretty Good Privacy – How to do it.

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# What is PGP?

- Pretty Good Privacy
- 1976 – Diffie/Hellman
- 1977 – Rivest/Shamir/Adleman
- 1991 – Zimmermann writes PGP
- Send E-mail securely to a known recipient
- Digitally sign E-mail so that the recipient(s) can be sure it is from you
- Can also be used with file transfers



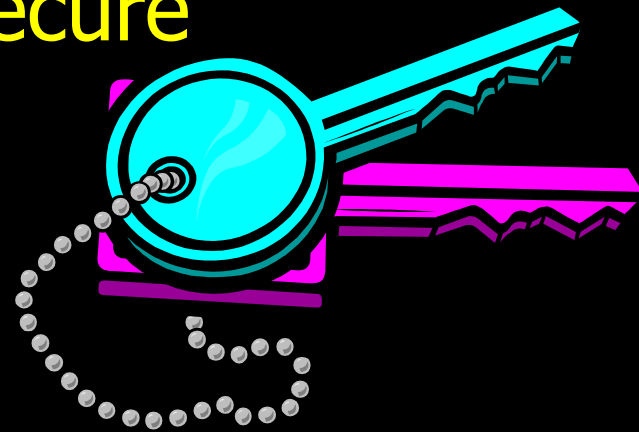
# Why Bother?

- Sending plain text E-mail is little more secure than sending a postcard – PGP enables encryption
- PGP is useful for digitally signing material that is important (case of tutorials being cancelled)
- Enables secure transactions over E-mail.
- Pretty much unbreakable



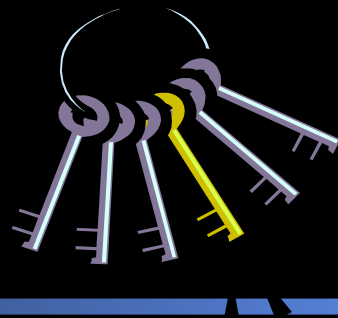
# Key Pairs – public vs. private

- Types of Key – RSA vs DH/DSS
- Public is widely disseminated - private kept secret, with passphrase
- Fingerprints
- Varying levels of security. 512-bit lowest. 2048-bit very secure
- DEMO



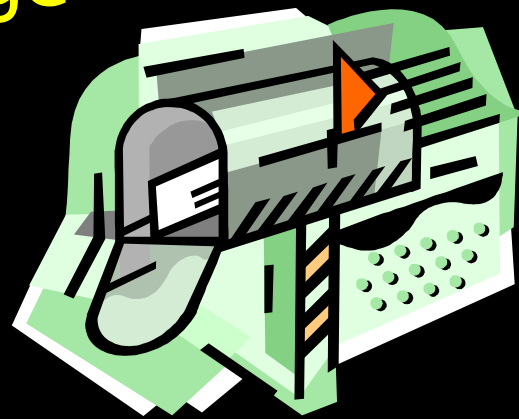
# PGP Servers

- Servers that hold huge public key key rings
- Update to each other, accept and send updates from/to everyone
- Better than everyone keeping a huge key ring
- Server addresses included with PGP software



# Encrypting messages

- Recipient's public key is used to encrypt message
- Can use several different recipients' public keys then any one of the matching private keys are required to decrypt message
- DEMO



# Signing Messages

- Sender's private key is used to encrypt some or all of the message
- Public key of sender is widely available so verification of signature is easy for anyone
- DEMO



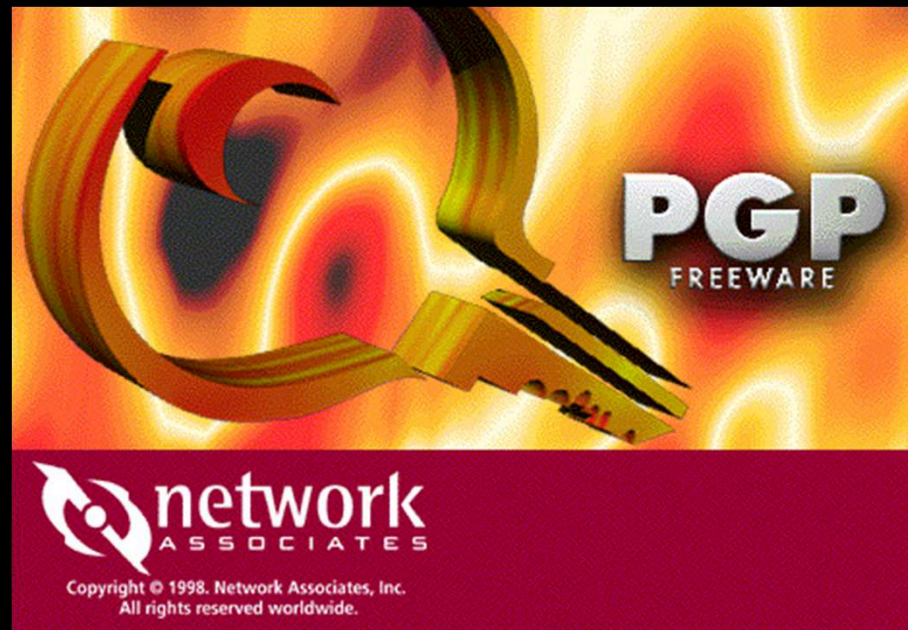
## Signing Keys. Why?

- How do you know that a person's key is really theirs?
- Get owner to repeat fingerprint to you in person or on phone if you know their voice before signing key
- Unsigned keys are a security risk
- Key signing sessions involve just this
- <http://www.ox.compsoc.net/compsoc/events/pgp-keysigning.html>



# The Software

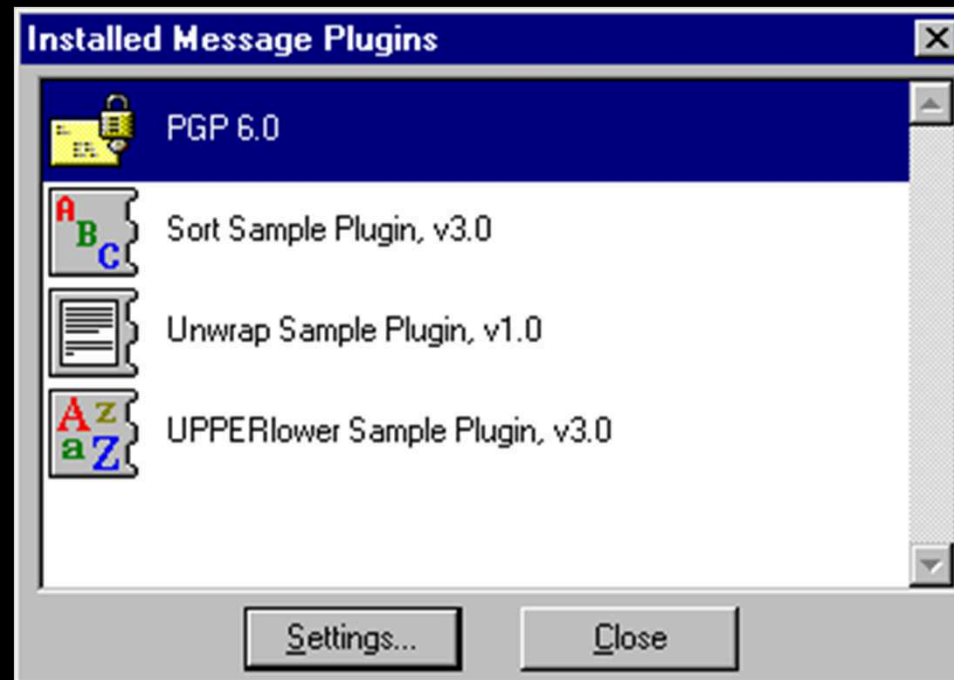
- Versions for PC, Mac, UNIX etc...
- Command-line & GUI
- <ftp://ftp.ox.ac.uk/pub/pgp/pgpi/>
- Version 6.0.2i
- Linewrap
- Sable/Ermine
- DEMO





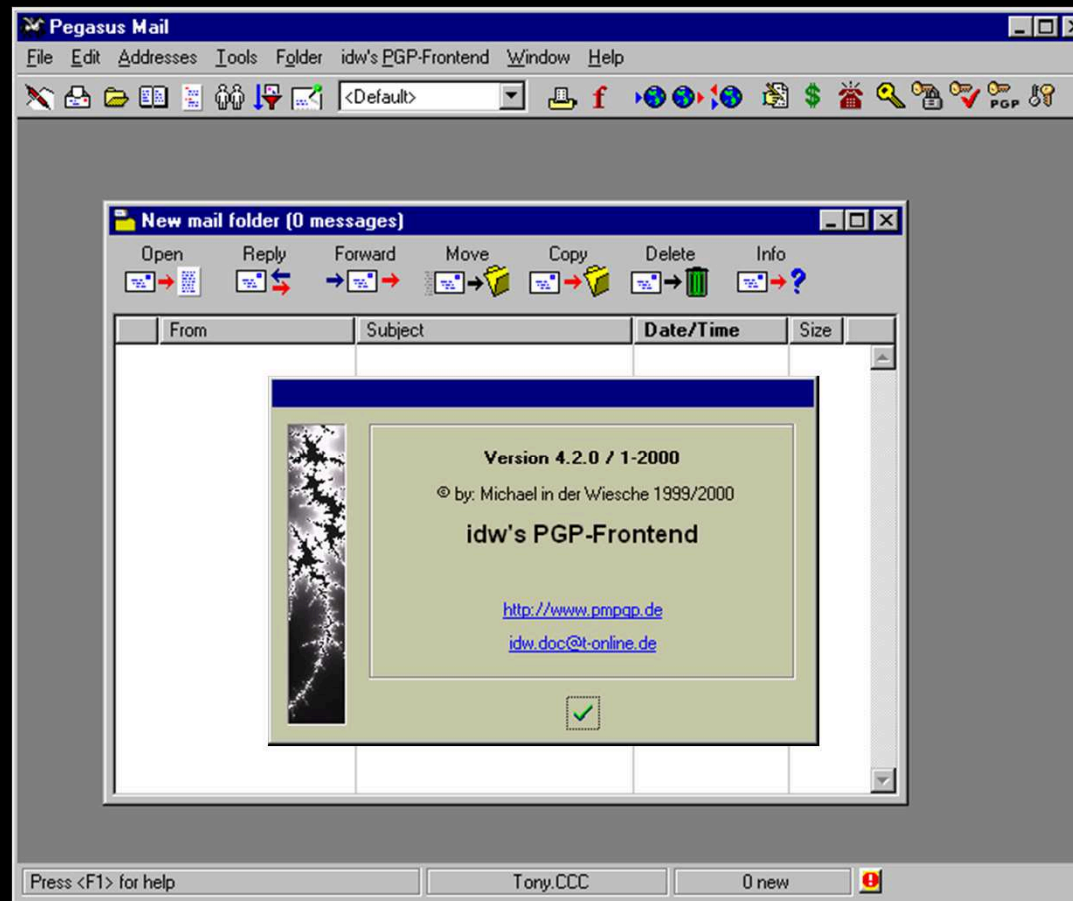
# Using PGP with Eudora, Outlook

- Plugins available with PGP 6.0.2i and above on Win32 at install time



# Using PGP with Pegasus Mail

- <http://www.pegasus.usa.com/encrypt.asp>
- PGPMMP

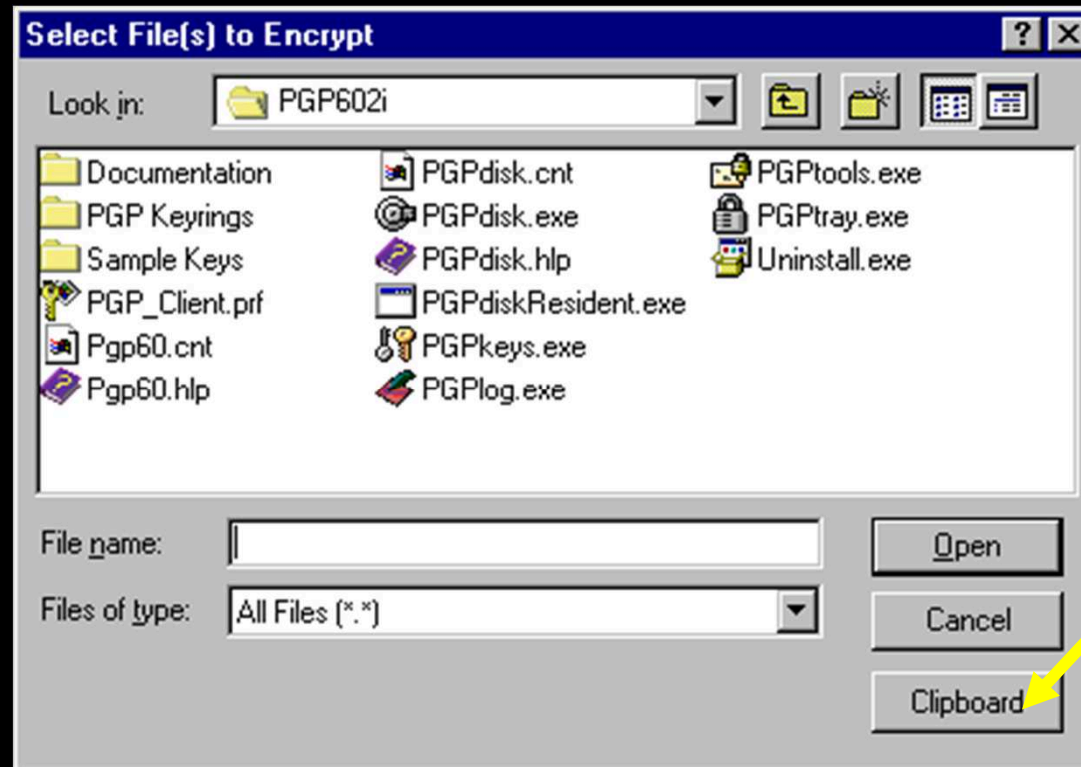


# Using PGP with pine and elm on UNIX

- Mkgpg can be used with PINE
  - [http://www.wsu.edu/UNIX\\_Systems/pgp/PGP-mkPGP-readme.html](http://www.wsu.edu/UNIX_Systems/pgp/PGP-mkPGP-readme.html)
- Elm has better in-built support than pine
- Can just extract files and manually decrypt or manually encrypt and include files

# Using PGP with Herald (WING)

- Easiest here to use PGP's ability to encrypt/decrypt the clipboard
- DEMO



# Resources

- <http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/email/secure.html>
- <http://www.pgpi.org/>
- <http://www.pgpi.org/doc/faq/>
- <http://users.ox.ac.uk/~aesb/pgp.ppt>

# Questions



- This talk at:  
<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~aesb/pgp.ppt>