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Agenda:

- ✦ Generic Public Key Encryption
- ✦ PGP Encryption
- ✦ Digital Signatures
- ✦ PGP Keys
- ✦ Key Management
- ✦ Discussion
- ✦ Demo

Public Key a.k.a. Asymmetric Encryption

✦ 2 Keys used

- ✦ 1 Public Key – Made publicly known
- ✦ 1 Private Key – Carefully Protected

✦ May Encrypt with either key (Public or Private)

✦ Decrypt with the opposite key used for encryption

Symmetric Encryption a.k.a. Shared Secret

✦ Encrypt and Decrypt with same key

✦ Problems

- ◆ Have to securely pre-negotiate a shared secret
- ◆ Sender can also decrypt messages.
- ◆ Security depends on the strength of the secret
- ◆ Need a unique secret for each communication path

✦ Benefits

- ◆ Symmetric Encryption is about 1000 times faster than Asymmetric Encryption

The Best of Both Worlds

Hybrid A/Symmetric Encrypt.

**Combine the Best of Public Key
with the Best of Symmetric Encryption**

2. Start off with PK to avoid a shared Secret
3. Use PK to authenticate parties
(May be either Party or Both)
4. Generate a one time random session key
5. Share the session key via PK
6. Switch to Symmetric Encryption for better performance, using the shared session key

Hybrid A/Symmetric Encryption

✦ Common Reoccurring Design Pattern
Used in

- ✦ SSL
- ✦ IPSec
- ✦ SSH
- ✦ S/MIME

And ...

- ✦ PGP

PGP E-mail Encryption

1. Document is compressed
2. Random Session Key generated
3. Document is encrypted (symmetric) with the session key
4. Session Key is encrypted with the public key of every recipient.
5. Encrypted Key(s) and Document converted to ASCII Armor (RFC 2015)

Digital Signatures

- ✦ Digital signature is applied prior to encryption
 1. Generate a Secure Hash of the entire document.
 2. Secure Hash is kind of like a check-sum, but much better as it is not easily calculated in reverse.
 3. The Secure Hash is encrypted with the signers private key.
 4. Anyone with public key can decrypt the hash
 5. Decrypted Hash is compared against recalculated hash to verify that the document hasn't been modified.
 6. Provides non-repudiation as well as integrity.

Algorithm Details

- ✦ PGP like IPsec and SSL is really a collection or suite of Algorithms
- ✦ Choices of Algorithms (RSA & DH/DSS)
- ✦ Choices of Symmetric Ciphers
- ✦ Choices of key lengths
- ✦ Added Info included in the message
- ✦ Also included with the keys

PGP Keys -- What's in a key

- ◆ **ID** – Unique Identifier (0xDB93230C)
- ◆ **Type** – Algorithm Used (RSA or DH/DSS)
- ◆ **Size** – Key size in bits (usually 1024 and up)
- ◆ **Created** – Date Key was created.
- ◆ **Expire** – Date the Key expires
- ◆ **Cipher** – Symmetric Algorithm (CAST, IDEA, 3DES, AES-128 & AES-256)
- ◆ **Finger Print** – Secure Hash of the key
(Good for validating key)
- ◆ **Validity** – Valid only if signed
- ◆ **Trust** – Implies auto-trust of other keys signed

Key Management

Getting Keys

Getting a key is easy -- Via:

- ✦ E-mail
- ✦ Key Servers e.g. wwwkeys.us.pgp.net
- ✦ Off of a web site
- ✦ PDA transfer
- ✦ Most anyway a file can be received

Key Management

Trusting Keys

✦ Methods of Validation

- ✦ Face to Face with Photo ID (best verification)
- ✦ Phone Call and read the Key Finger Print
(Good if you know the person)
- ✦ Get key from multiple sources and verify (Good for verifying signatures from on downloaded files.)

✦ Signing the key ensure its integrity

PGP File Formats

- ✦ **ASCII Armor** - for encrypted e-mail and preferred for key exchanges.
- ✦ **Clear Text Signed** – Text with in-line PGP signature
- ✦ **8 bit Binary** - default for file encryption for both GnuPG and pgp.com
- ✦ **Detached Signed** – Signature store in separate file (may be in ASCII or binary format).
- ✦ All formats have good interoperability across platforms. Even key rings are surprisingly portable

Sample Key

ASCII Armor Format

-----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

Version: PGP 8.0

```
mQGIBDrP1xURBADFhi5Aw9XQ2ULmCZne7aY4V1V2Iqvw8lkDZvVe+TbSE1sHu8qB
1IBqQETXCM4H3c/jdJyqR+He4J7R3rfy/f/uAJhKyI5oklr+r43ardotsvvXoFXb
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. . .

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iEYEGBECAAYFAjrP1xUACgkQLNgy0NuTIwx1zgcg0f031ddKPROkmZPGnq+etlia
sgMAn0IQ1K4flhVqi290Mw9jIeDo+FDR
=abqO
```

-----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

PGP E-Mail Formats

✦ PGP In-line – ASCII Armor or clear text signed

- ◆ Recommended for e-mail without an attachment
- ◆ Simplest format, just another message
- ◆ Most compatible with MS Windows Mail Clients

✦ PGP/MIME - RFC 1847, 2015, 2440 & 3156

- ◆ Encapsulates the message and all attachments into single verifiable MIME.
- ◆ Most compatible with Unix Mail Clients
- ◆ Most Reliable due to encapsulation

Sample

Clear Text Signed Format

Subject: SANS NewsBites Vol. 6 Num. 14
To: Ralph Durkee (SD1168) <rd@rd1.net>

-----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE-----

Hash: SHA1

SANS NewsBites April 7, 2004 Vol. 6, Num. 14

TOP OF THE NEWS

. . .

-----BEGIN PGP SIGNATURE-----

Version: GnuPG v1.2.3 (Darwin)

iD8DBQFAc/CG+LUG5KFpTkYRApmaAJ4vVBY62P9Xv9AweD2rrJvH8qjnoQCdEO3x
NKG7+JbxZQ40Ge62FLBupRI=
=kXtD

-----END PGP SIGNATURE-----

Sample PGP/MIME

Content-Type: application/pgp-encrypted

Version: 1

Content-Type: application/octet-stream

-----BEGIN PGP MESSAGE-----

Version: GnuPG v1.0.6 (FreeBSD)

Comment: For info see <http://www.gnupg.org>

qANQR1DBwU4D9+nmRMAIsHMQCAC6ne2TmKp0fX2fKDMGO0c07aAvzLZYRUcrQgHg

. . .

F82Z0qFvv3HKHMi fQB0XNPM=

=/4GH

-----END PGP MESSAGE-----

PGP More E-Mail Formats

✦ **Third Format -- Separate encrypted Attachments**

- ✦ Each encrypted separately
 - ✦ Message body may be encrypted in-line and/or as an attachment.
 - ✦ Doesn't prevent tampering by removing or adding attachments.
- ✦ MS Outlook always sends PGP w/ attachments separately, body is in-line and as an rtf attachment.
- ✦ Eudora prompts with warning that PGP/MIME is not compatible with some email clients.

Default File extensions by Platform

File Format	GnuPG	PGP
ASCII Armored	.asc	.asc
Binary Encrypted	.gpg	.pgp
Detached Signatures	.sig	.sig

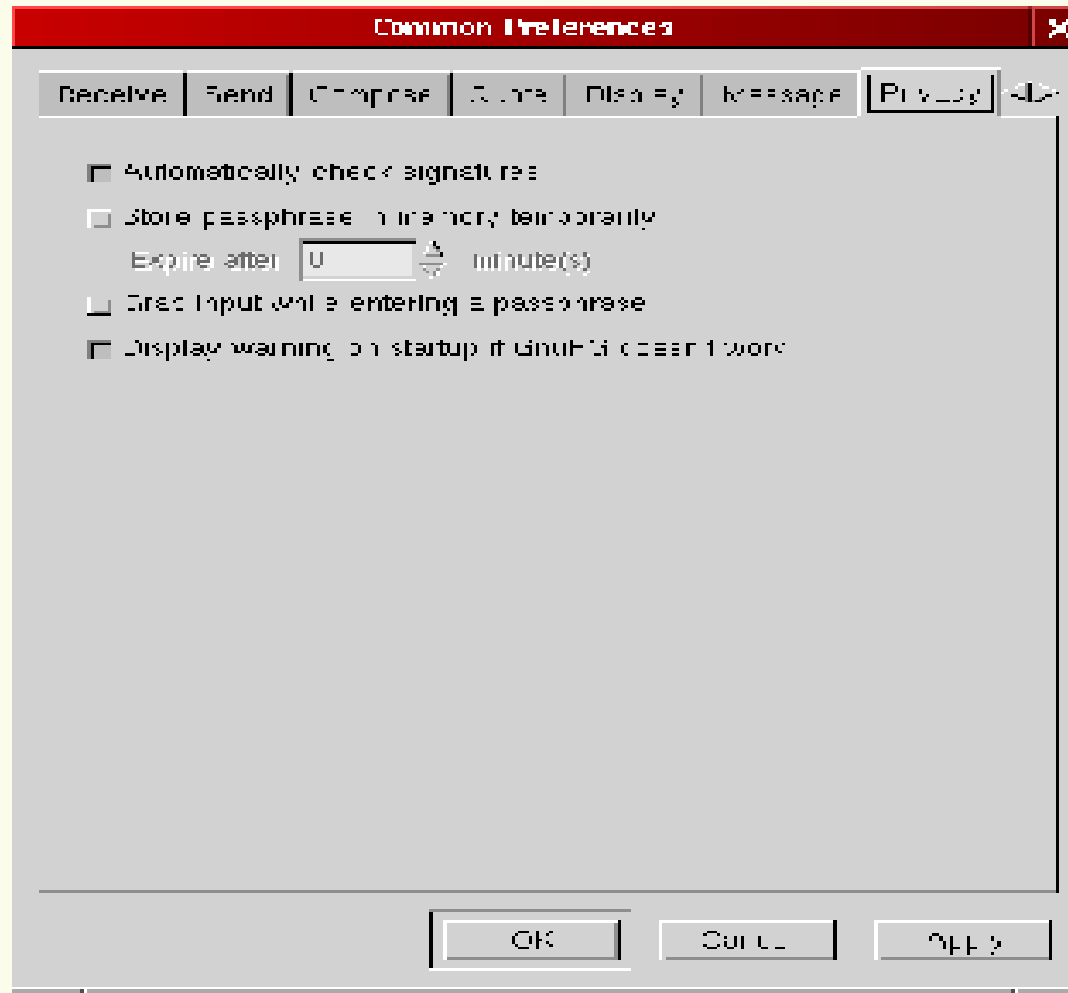
PGP enabled Unix Mail Clients

Client	PGP/In-line	PGP/MIME
Mutt	Verify = Yes (patch for Send)	Yes
Ximian Evolution	next release	Yes
Sylpheed	Verify = no send = yes	Yes
Mac GPGMail	Yes	Yes
Mozilla Enigmail	No	Yes
Kmail	Yes	Yes

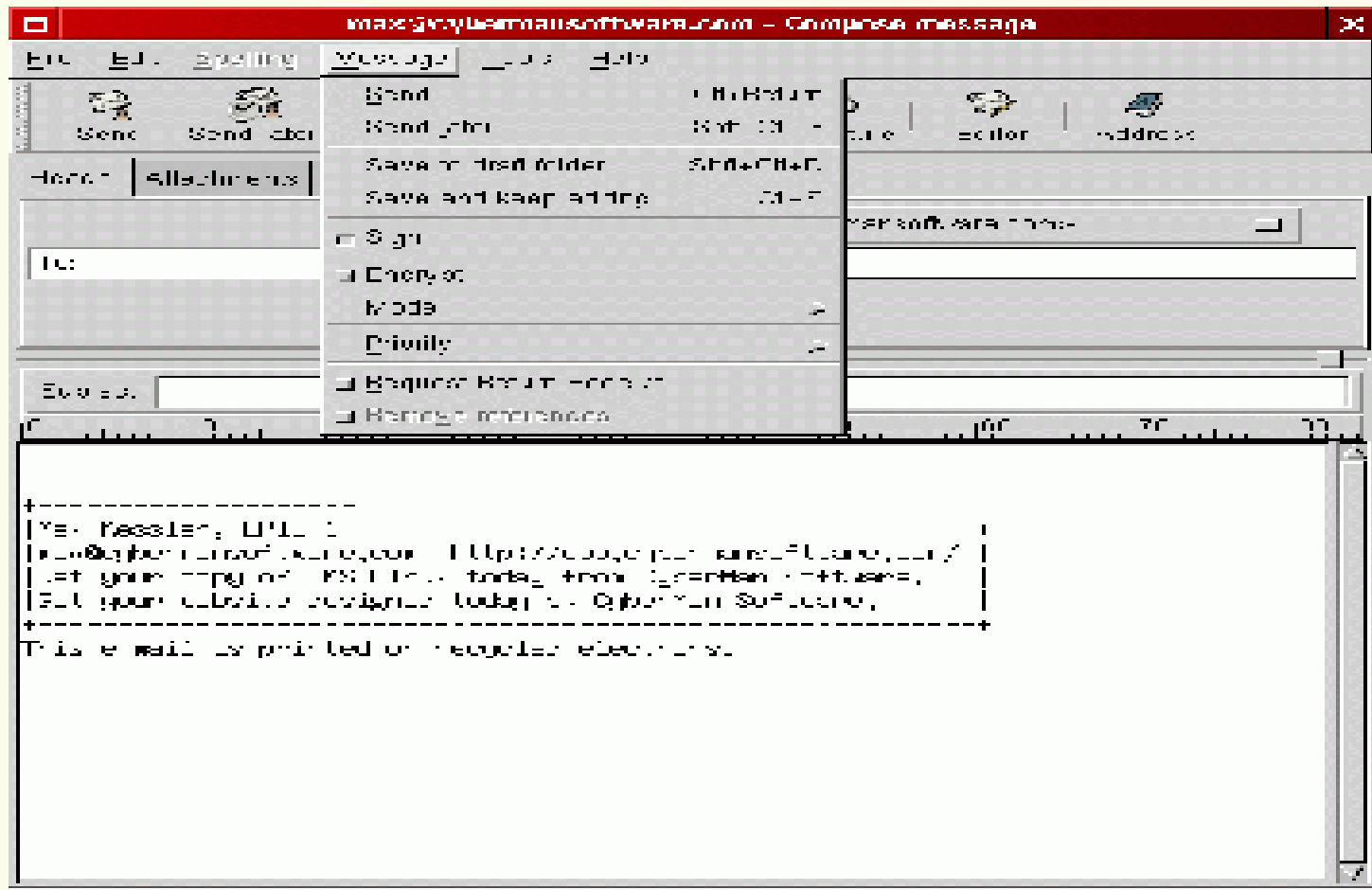
PGP enabled MS Windows Mail Clients

Client	PGP/In-line	PGP/MIME
MS Outlook	Yes	No
Eudora	Yes	Yes

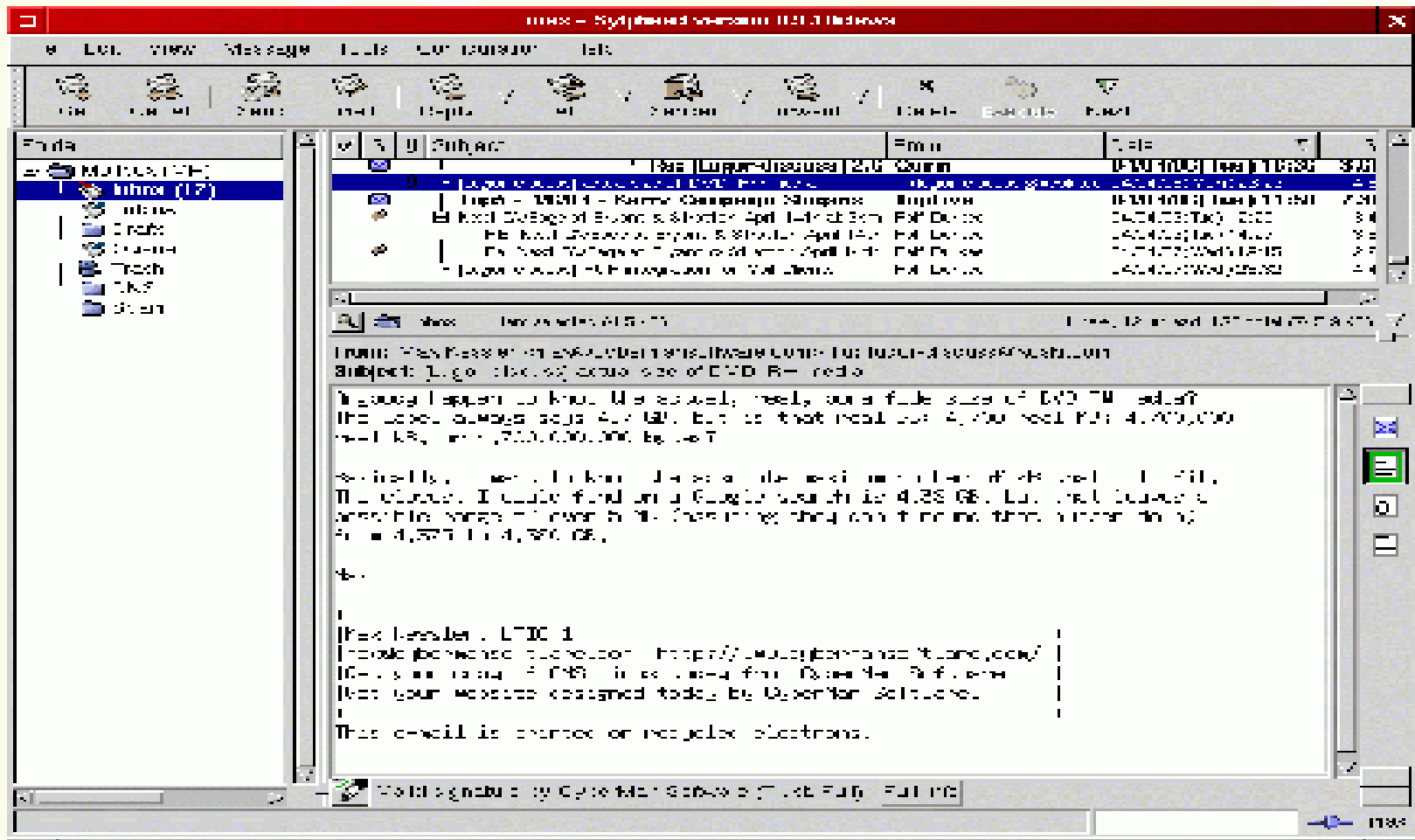
Sylpheed Screen Shots



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Discussion

✦ Any remaining Questions?

✦ Thought questions:

- ◆ What are the weakness of PGP?
- ◆ What attacks are likely if someone wanted to decipher PGP encrypted e-mail?
- ◆ Is a Man-in-the-middle attack possible?
- ◆ If not why not, or if so how could it be prevented?

References

- ✦ **GNU Privacy Guard** <http://www.gnupg.org/>
- ✦ **International PGP** <http://www.pgpi.org>
- ✦ **PGP Corporation** - <http://www.pgp.com>
- ✦ **mutt patch: pgp-menu-traditional** <http://www.woolridge.org/mutt/pgp-menu-traditional.html>
- ✦ **RFC 3156** - MIME Security with OpenPGP (updates 2015)
- ✦ **RFC 2015** - MIME Security with Pretty Good Privacy (PGP)
- ✦ **RFC 2440** - OpenPGP Message Format
- ✦ **Key Servers** <http://pgp.mit.edu/> <http://www.us.pgp.net>

Demo

