

# How to Make a Public Key

[Public-key cryptography](#) is a method of making secure connections using a pair of cryptographic keys: one public key and one private key. The private key is a secret (not to be shared with anyone) and the public key is shared with anyone.

## ssh-keygen

- [ssh-keygen](#) - A command line client to create an ssh key

## putty-gen

The program "putty" comes with a program called "putty-gen". It is a GUI client.



When using putty-gen, be sure to use send us the **one-line** public key. You can find this at the top of the putty-gen dialog box in the "Public key for pasting into authorized\_keys file" box.

## Google

- [Google "public private key generation"](#)