

Create an SSH public key using puttygen

An SSH public key may be required and requested for various services and use cases.

Step-by-step guide

To create an SSH public key using puttygen for windows:

1. Open puttygen.exe
2. Select *Type of key to generate*: **SSH-2 RSA**
3. Change *Number of bits in a generated key*: **4096**
4. Press **Generate** and move mouse as instructed
5. We recommend that in the *Key comment* you use (email address)_(YYYY-MM-DD) for your own benefit
6. (Optional) For higher security add *Key passphrase*
7. Export the key to OpenSSH format using the PuTTYgen **Conversions** menu.
8. Copy the public key from the PuTTY Key Generator main window and paste it in an email to Ubisecure. **DO NOT SEND THE PRIVATE KEY**
9. You should also securely save the keys to files for safekeeping using **Save public key** and **Save private key** buttons.

 Never send the private key anywhere.

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