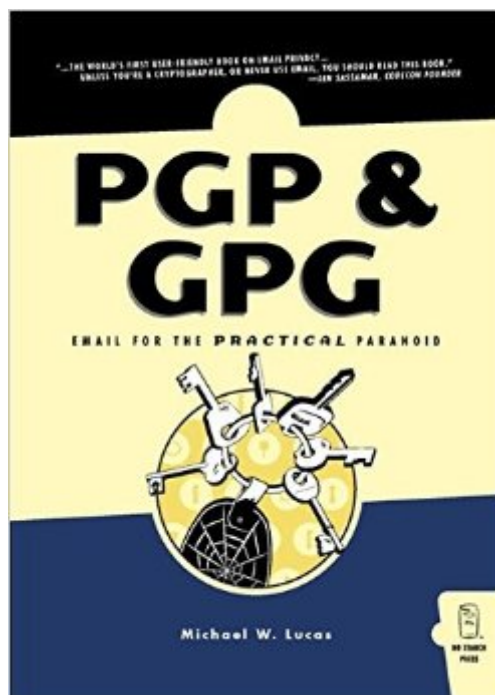# PGP & GPG: Email For The Practical Paranoid

Synopsis

OpenPGP is the most widely used email encryption standard in the world. It is based on PGP (Pretty Good Privacy) as originally developed by Phil Zimmermann. The OpenPGP protocol defines standard formats for encrypted messages, signatures, and certificates for exchanging public keys.PGP & GPG is an easy-to read, informal tutorial for implementing electronic privacy on the cheap using the standard tools of the email privacy field - commercial PGP and non-commercial GnuPG (GPG). The book shows how to integrate these OpenPGP implementations into the most common email clients and how to use PGP and GPG in daily email correspondence to both send and receive encrypted email.The PGP & GPG book is written for the moderately skilled computer user who is unfamiliar with public key cryptography but who is nevertheless interested in guarding their email privacy. Lucas's trademark informal and relaxed tone makes public key cryptography as simple and clear as possible, so that any reasonably savvy computer user can understand it.

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It's nice to see someone write a usable reference guide to PGP/GPG that's not 10+ years old, referring to versions of the software that don't exist any more. Even better in that it's an enjoyable read... PGP & GPG: Email for the Practical Paranoid by Michael W. Lucas.Contents: Cryptography Kindergarten; Understanding OpenPGP; Installing PGP; Installing GnuPG; The Web of Trust; PGP Key Management; Managing GnuPG Keys; OpenPGP and Email; PGP and Email; GnuPG and Email; Other OpenPGP Considerations; Introduction to PGP Command Line; GnuPG Command

Line Summary; IndexWhen I last had any interest in PGP, you could download the PGP package from just about anywhere and everything was run from the command line. Now PGP is the commercial version of the package, and the OpenPGP implementations are the ones you get and use for free. Lucas does a very nice job in explaining the differences between the commercial and open source implementations, as well as how the commercial implementation's GUI makes much of the command line hassle a thing of the past. On top of covering the GnuPGP version of the open source option, he also covers Windows Privacy Tray, or WinPT, which provides an add-on GUI to GnuPG. The email chapters show how PGP can interface to Microsoft Outlook Express, Microsoft Outlook, and Mozilla Thunderbird. Being a Lotus Notes/Domino user, I would have liked to know about any potential integration packages there, but I'll overlook that slight. :)Another positive feature about the book is that he doesn't stop at the nuts and bolts of the software.

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