

# Cryptography: Practice

2013 JMU Cyber Defense Boot Camp

# Prerequisites

- This unit **assumes** that you have already known
  - Symmetric-key encryption
  - Public-key encryption
  - Digital signature
  - Digital certificates

# Step 0

- Use Firefox to log into your vCenter server and find your Windows 2003 VM
- Use the “**WLAN and Crypto Security**” VM snapshot

# Organization

- Practice
  - Truecrypt
  - GPG

# Road Map

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# TrueCrypt

- Open-source **disk** encryption software
  - Not just encrypting single files, but the whole disk
- Supports Windows, Linux, and Mac OS
  - <http://www.truecrypt.org/>
- Has been used by “**bad people**” to encrypt laptops and external hard disks

# Step 1

- Download and install
  - <http://www.truecrypt.org/downloads>
- **NOTE:** TrueCrypt has already been installed on your Windows 2003 VM under the “**WLAN and Crypto Security**” VM snapshot

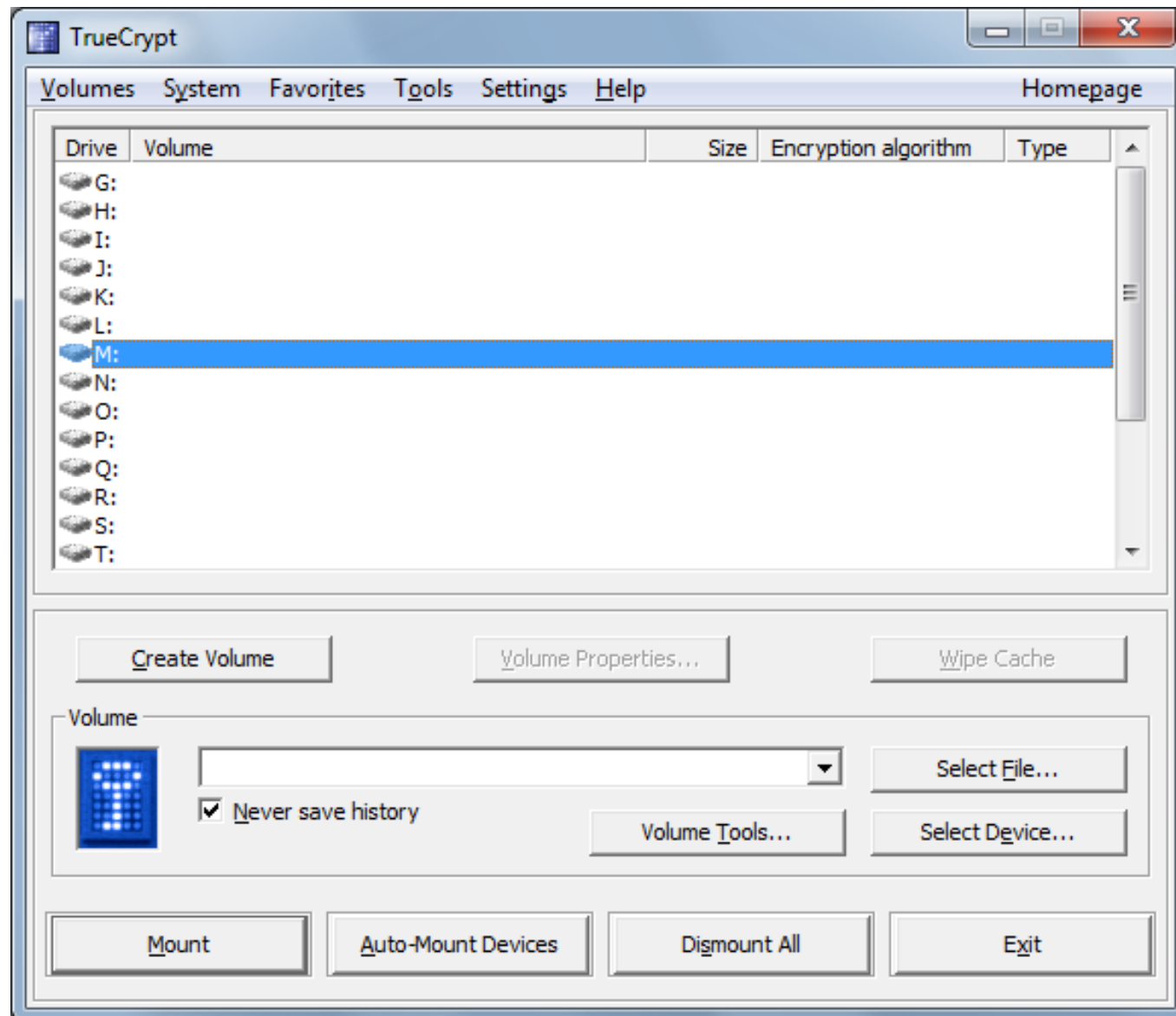
## Step 2: Run TrueCrypt

- Start > All Programs > TrueCrypt > TrueCrypt
- (You can also run it directly from a shortcut on your Desktop)

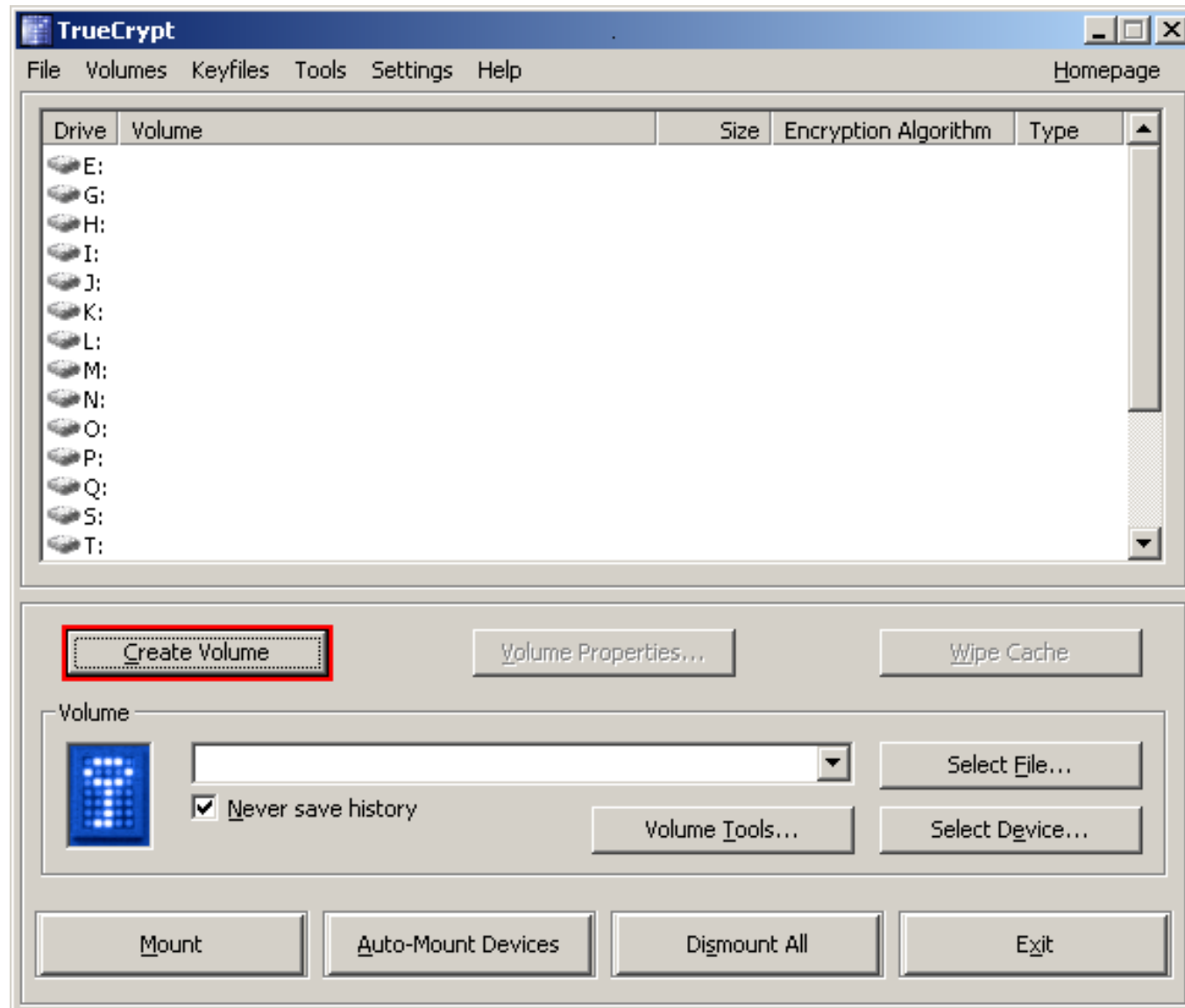


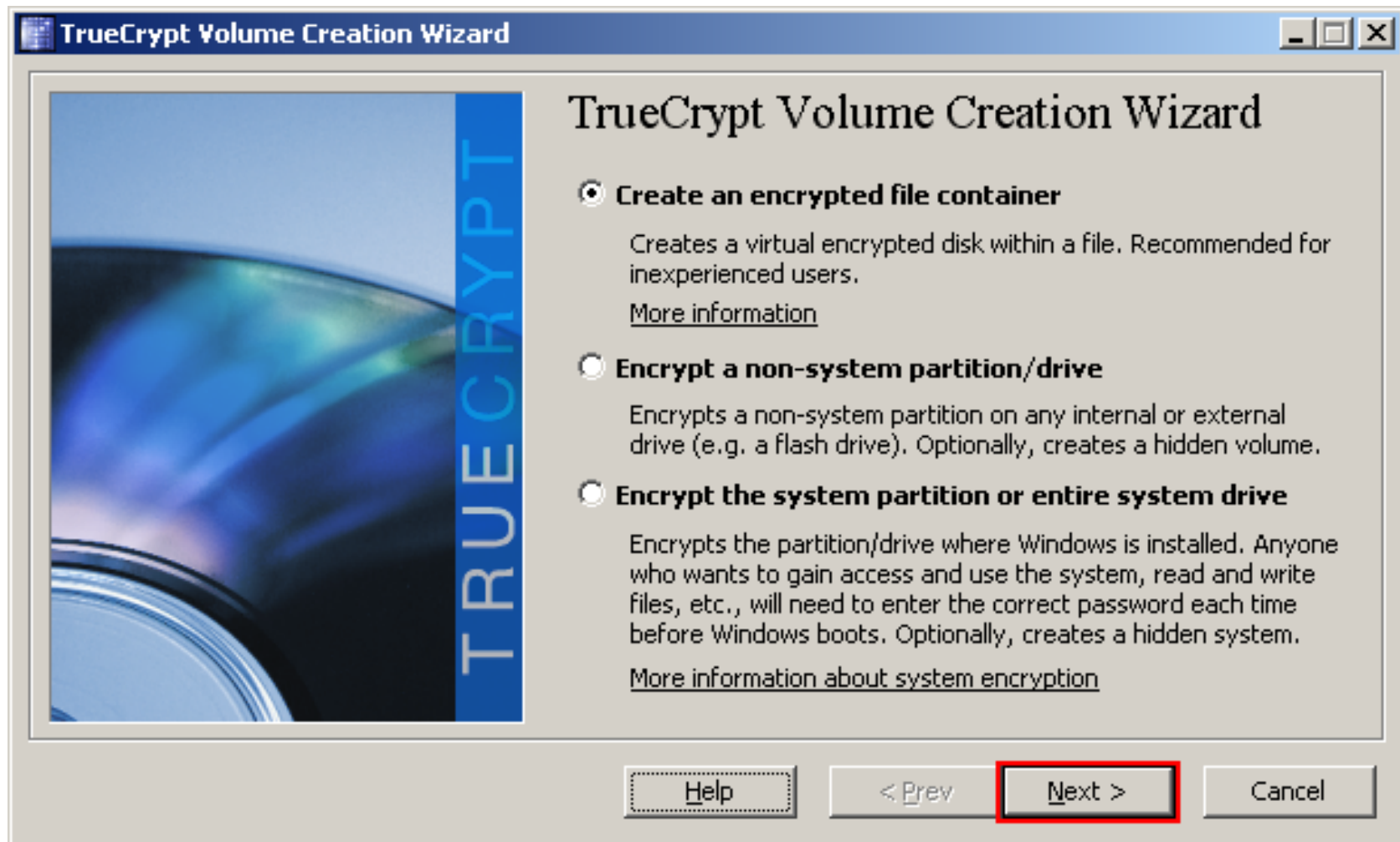
## Step 2

- Create a virtual encrypted disk (called file containers)
  - Put all of your critical files there

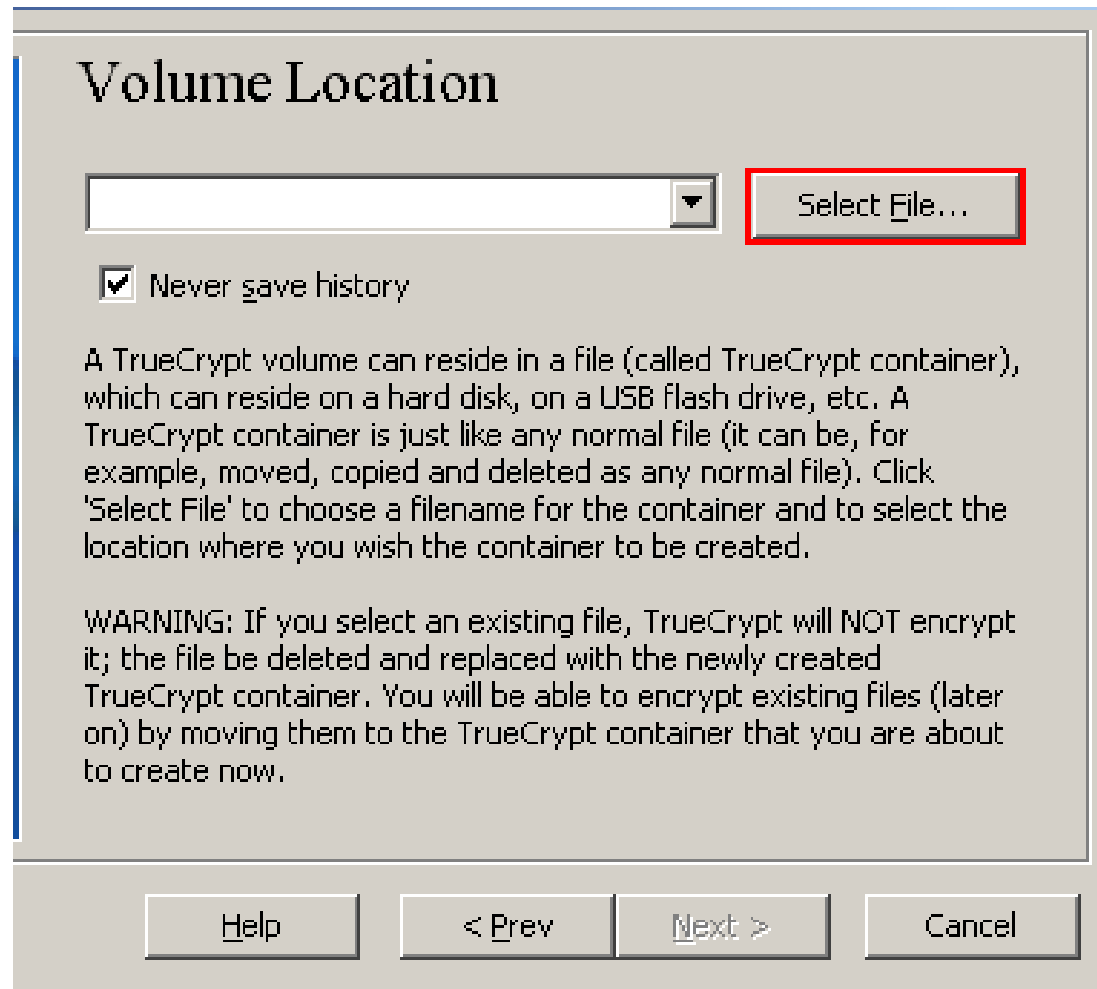


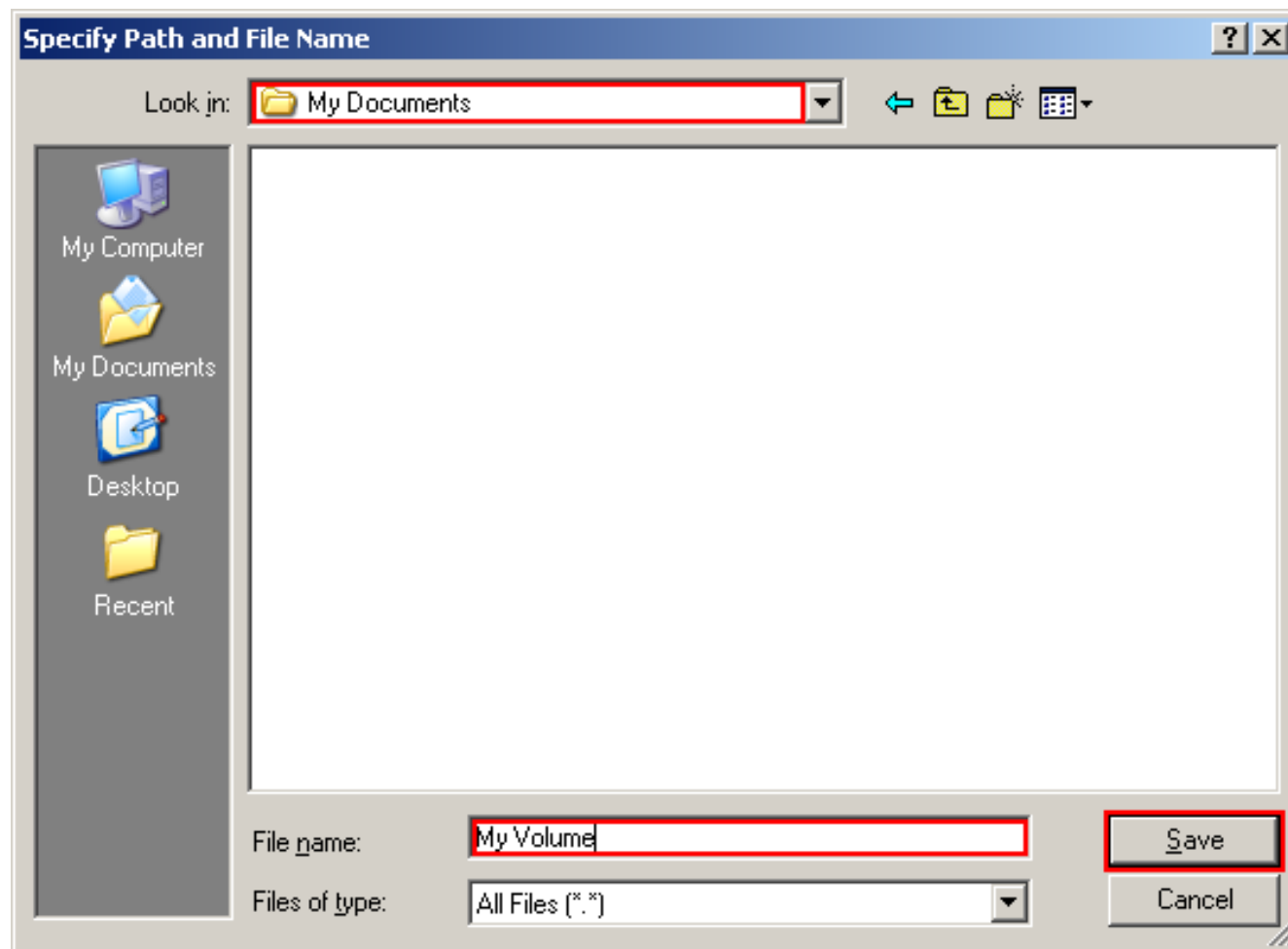
**CREDITS:** some of these screen snapshots are from <http://www.truecrypt.org/docs/>

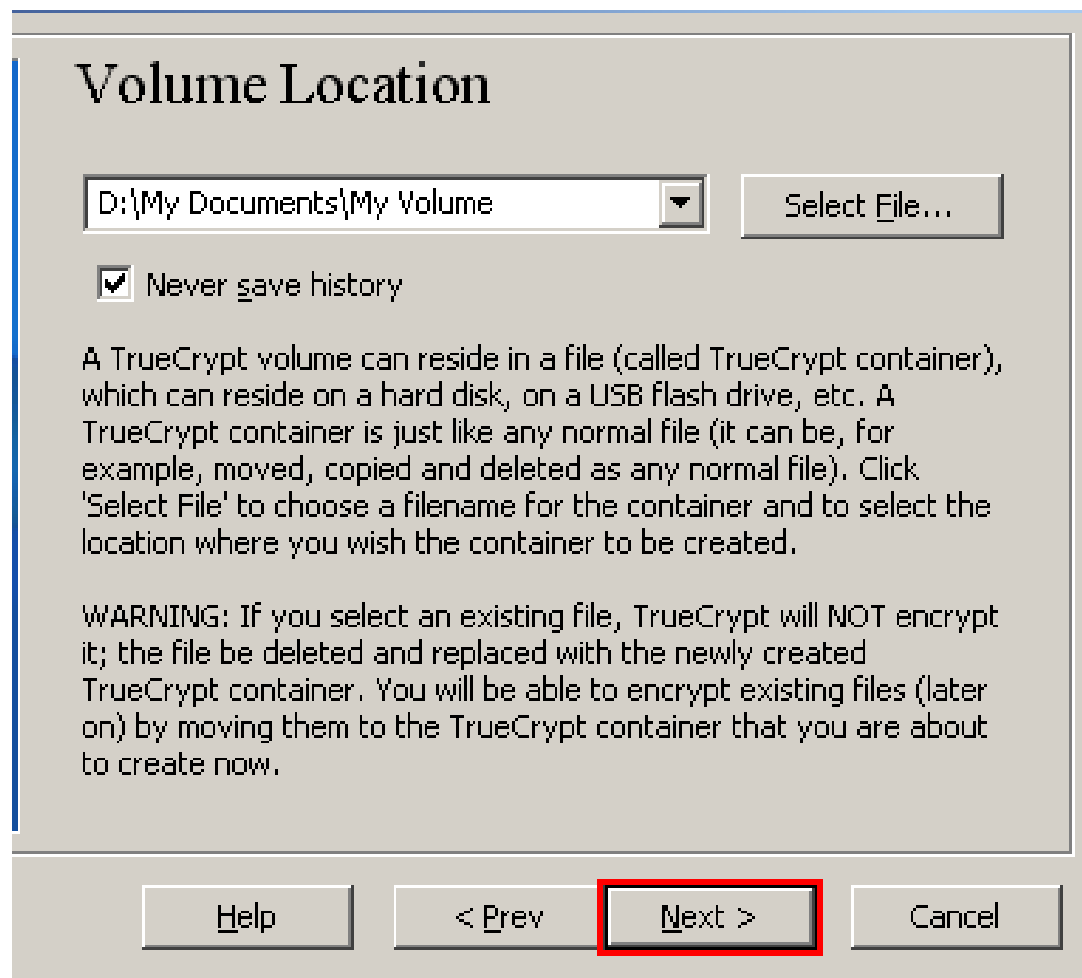


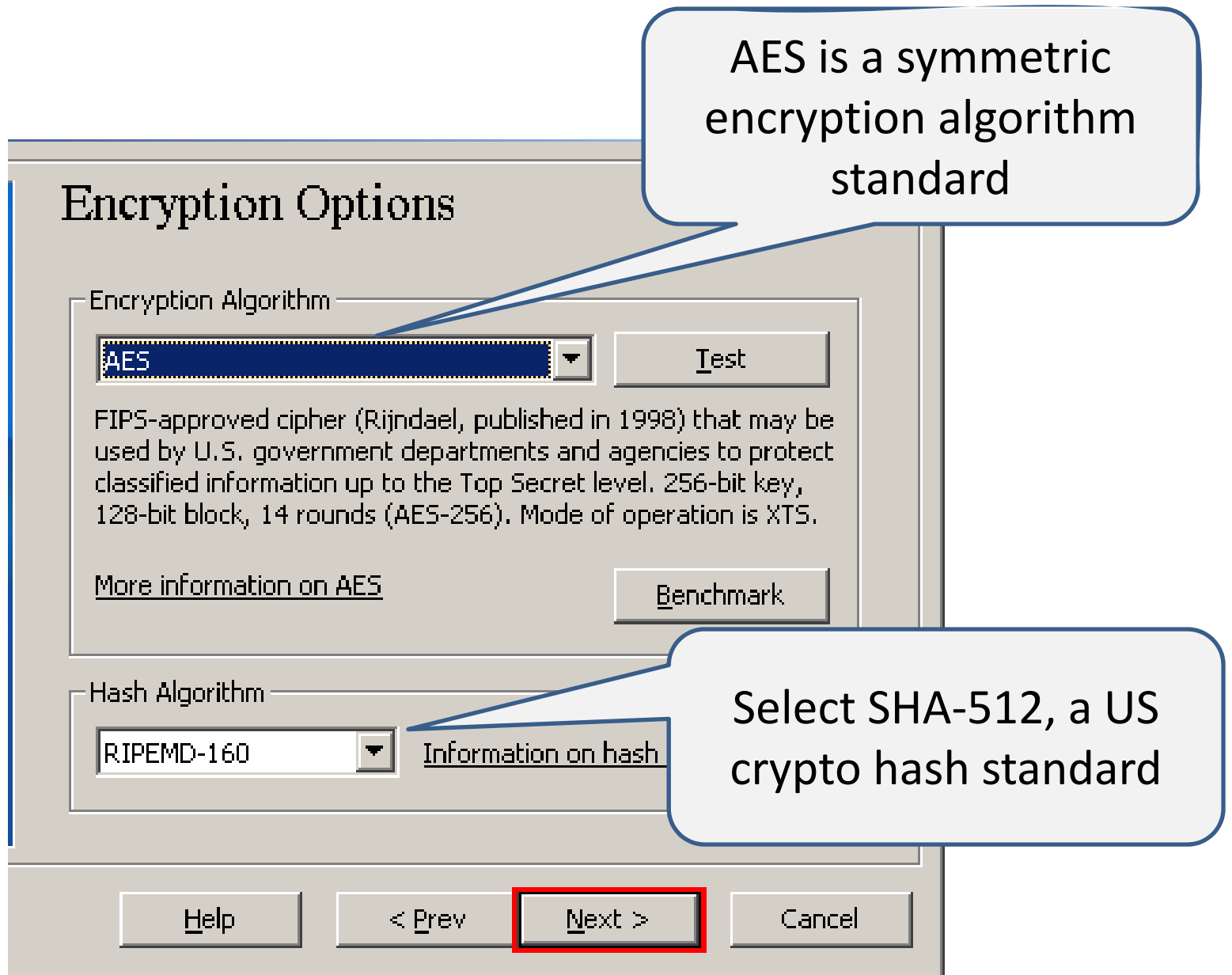


# The Location of the Virtual Encrypted Disk











The size of your virtual encrypted disk; Choose 2G if you like

## Volume Size

☐ KB ☒ MB ☐ GB

**Free space on drive D:\ is 846.56 MB.**

Please specify the size of the container to create.

If you create a dynamic (sparse-file) container, this parameter will specify its maximum size.

Note that the minimum possible size of a FAT volume is 275 KB.  
The minimum possible size of an NTFS volume is 2829 KB.

[Help](#) [< Prev](#) [Next >](#) [Cancel](#)

**Volume Password**

Password:

Confirm:

☐ Display password

☐ Use keyfiles

[Keyfiles...](#)

It is very important that you choose a good password. You should avoid choosing one that contains only a single word that can be found in a dictionary (or a combination of 2, 3, or 4 such words). It should not contain any names or dates of birth. It should not be easy to guess. A good password is a random combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers, and special characters, such as !, @, #, \$, %, ^, &, \*, +, etc. We recommend choosing a password consisting of at least 20 characters (the longer, the better). The maximum password length is 64 characters.

[Help](#) [< Prev](#) [Next >](#)

This is the password used to protect your virtual disk

You can generate a random key and use it to protect your virtual disk. Let's **not** do this now

Move your mouse around for 10 seconds to generate some random bits

## Volume Format

Options

Filesystem  Cluster  ☐ Dynamic

Random Pool: A0B05BC33EB6D3FA30A05F6355622D14... ☒

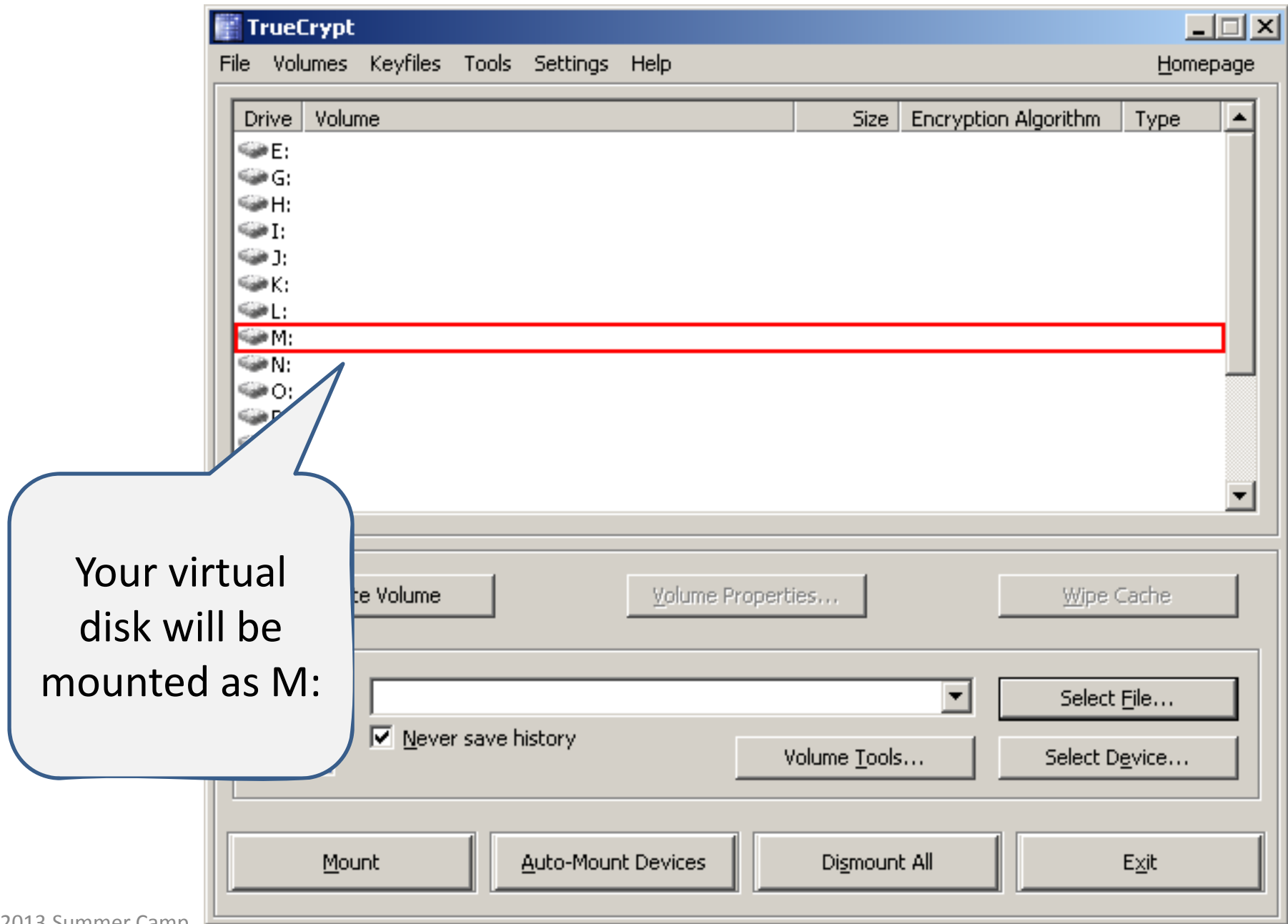
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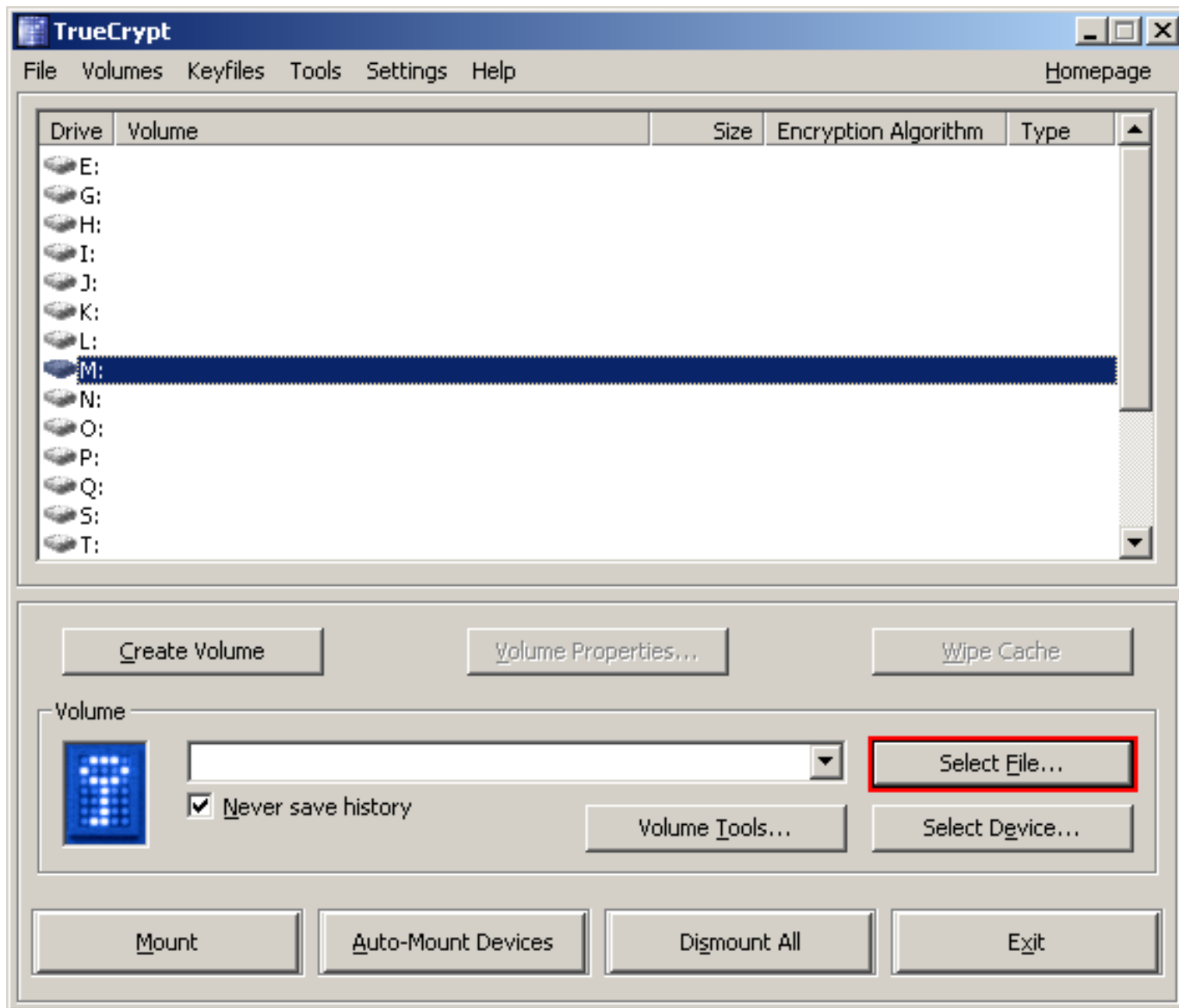
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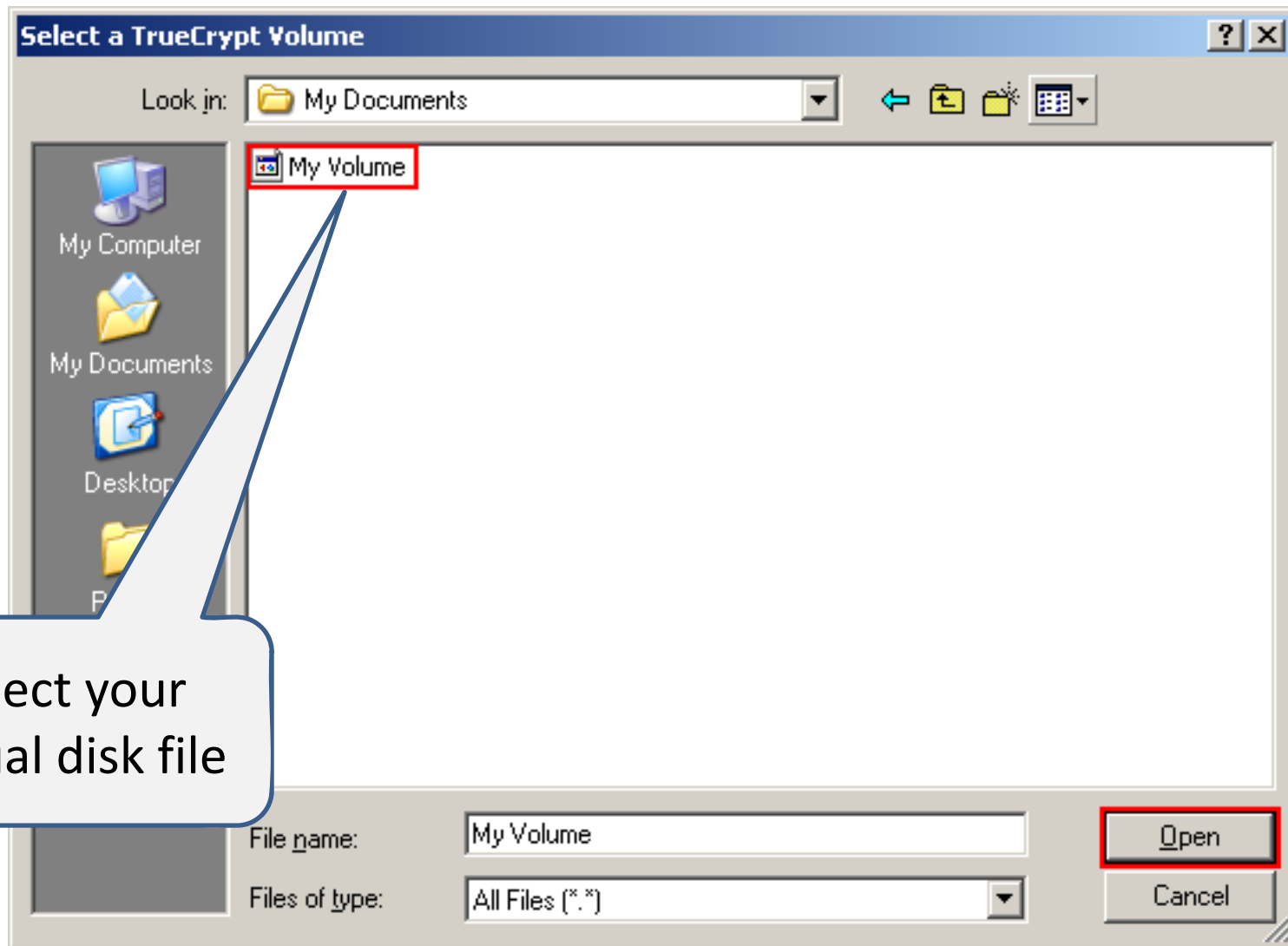
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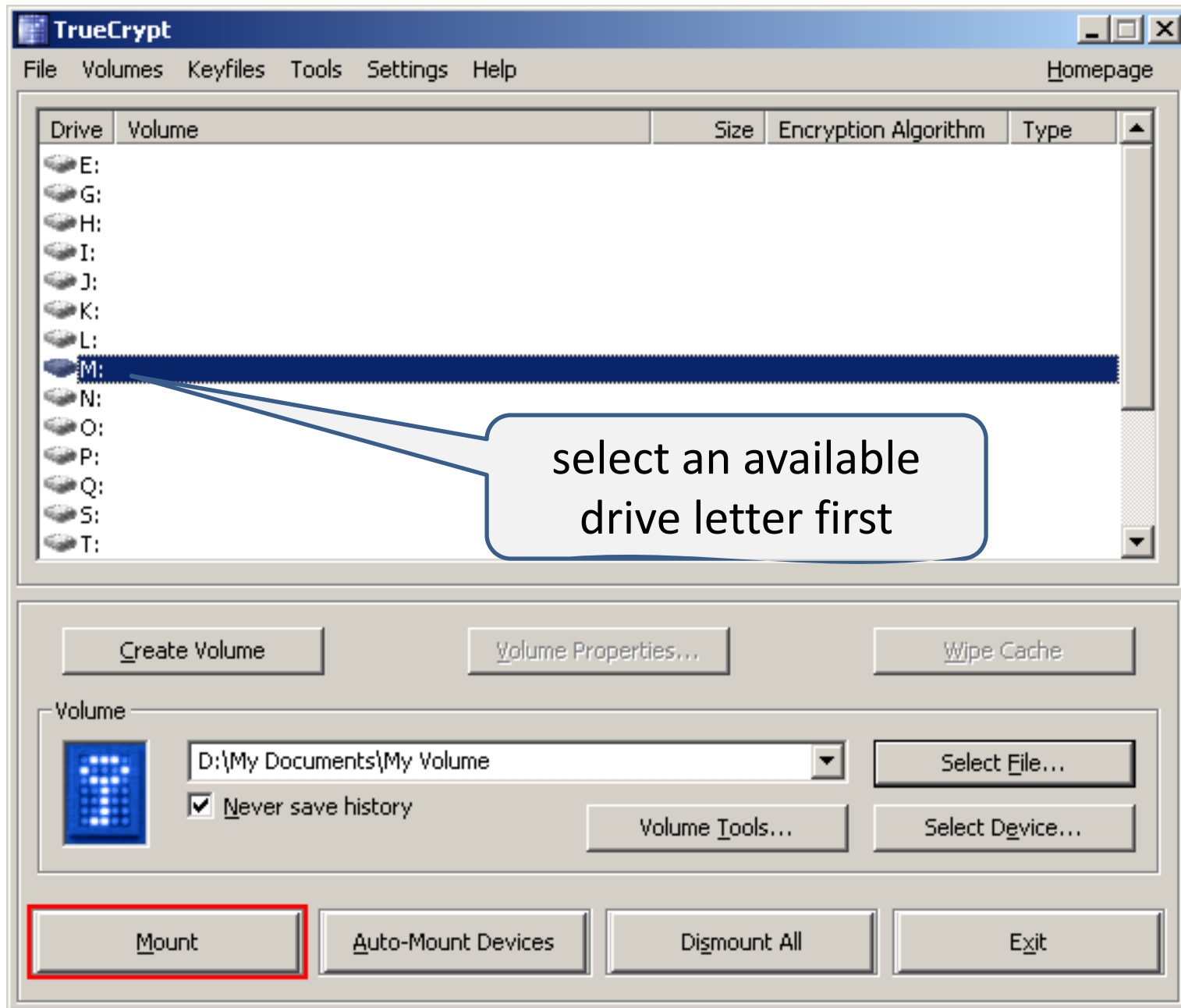
IMPORTANT: Move your mouse as randomly as possible within this window. The longer you move it, the better. This significantly increases the cryptographic strength of the encryption keys. Then click Format to create the volume.



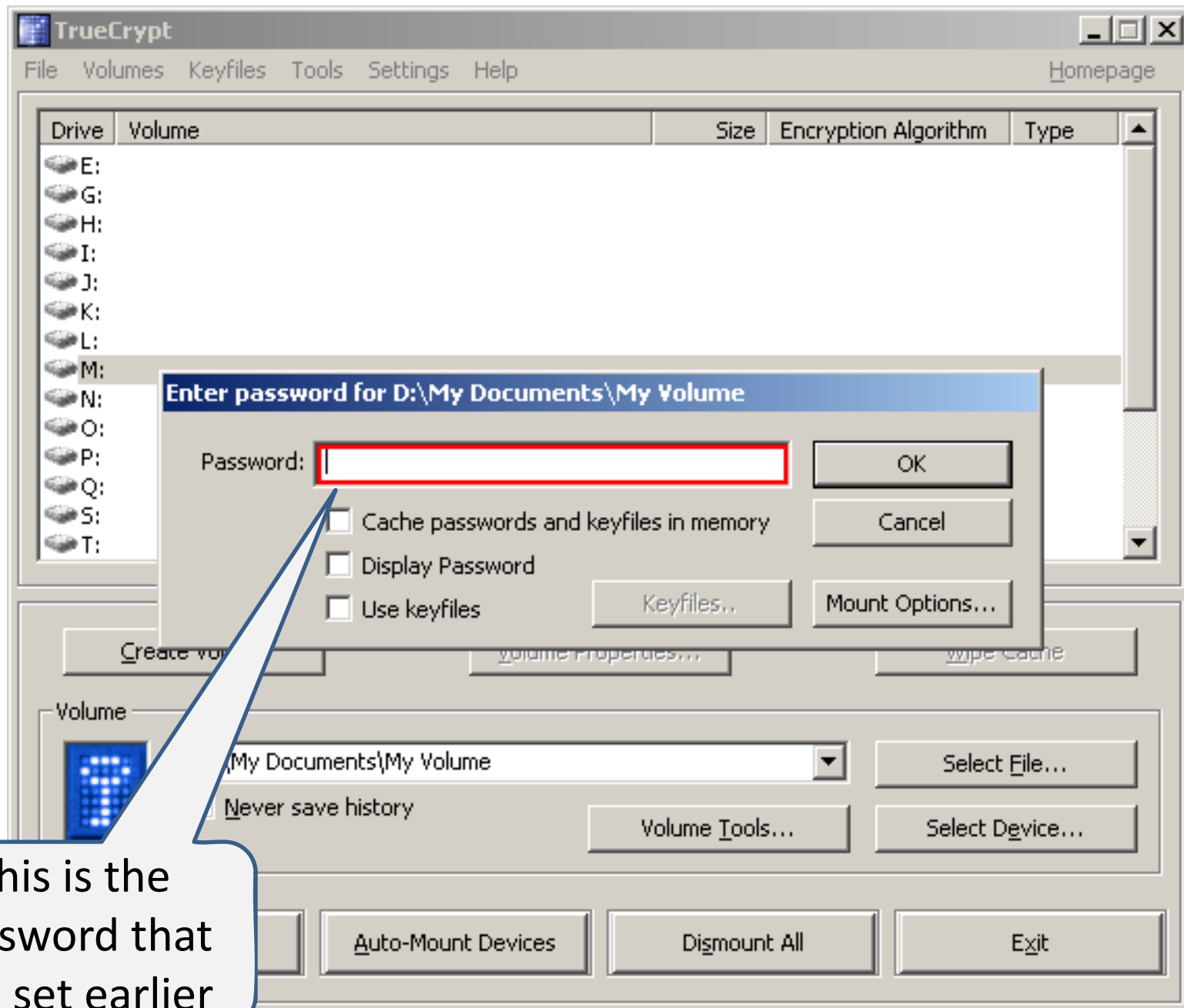




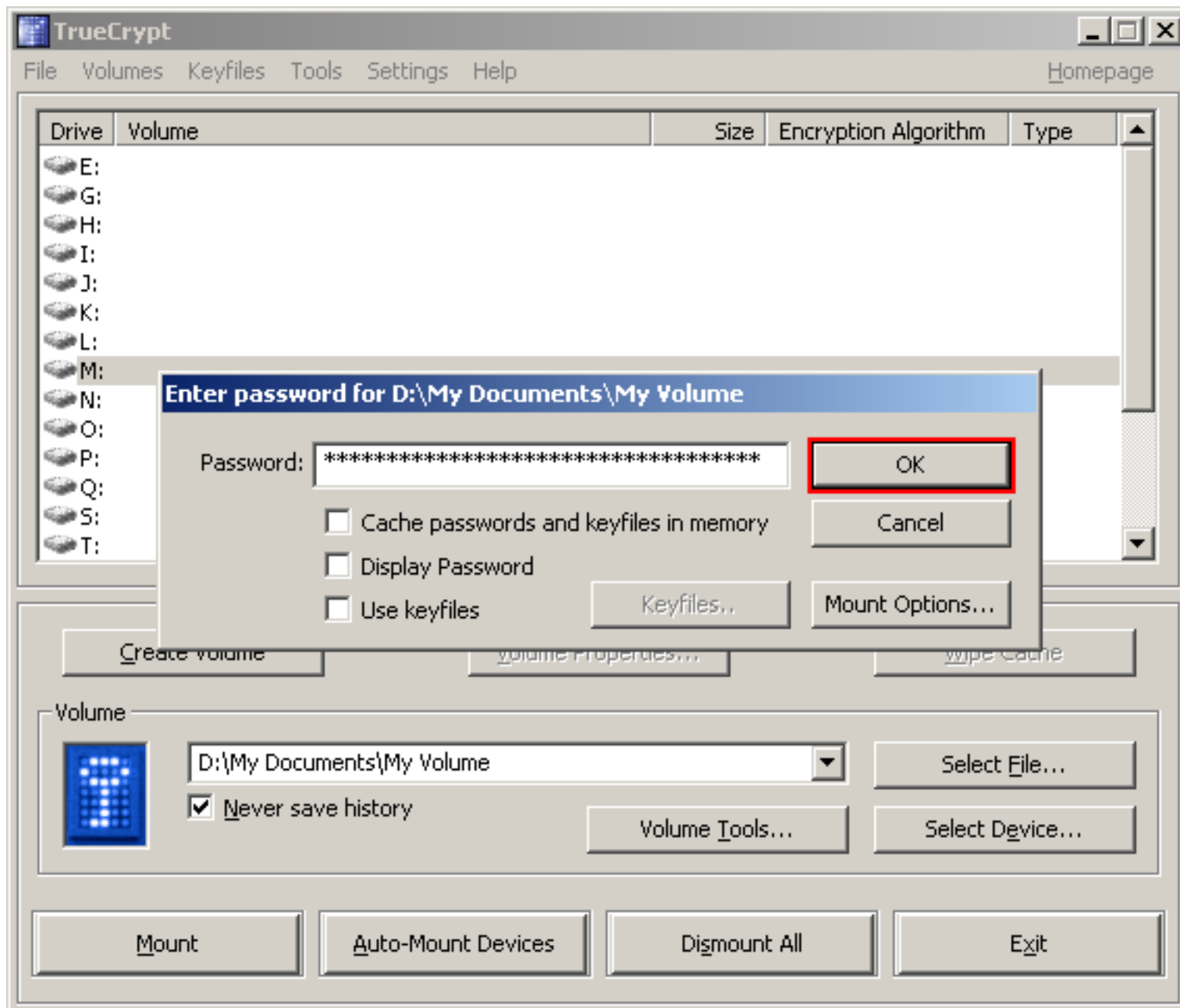


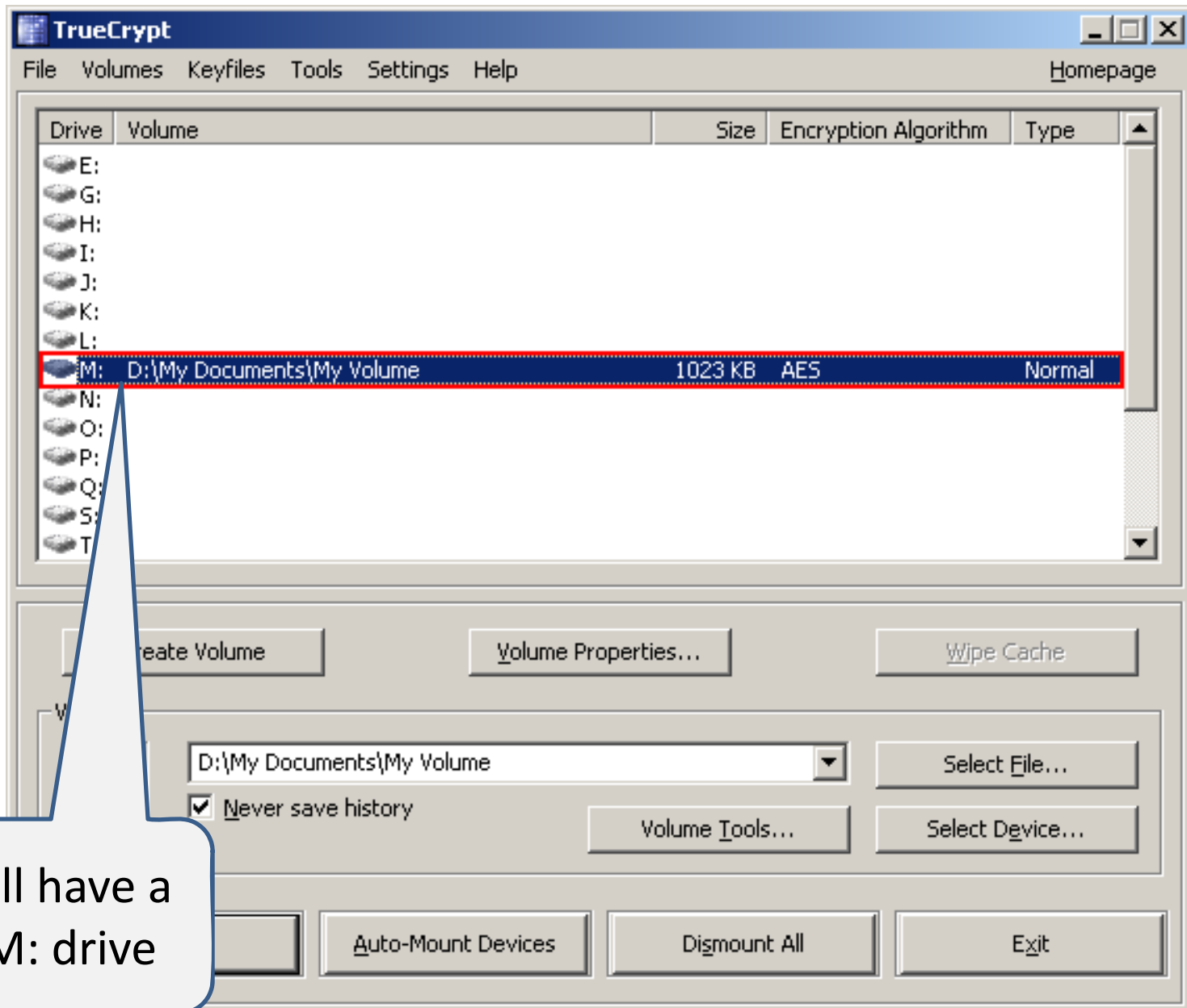


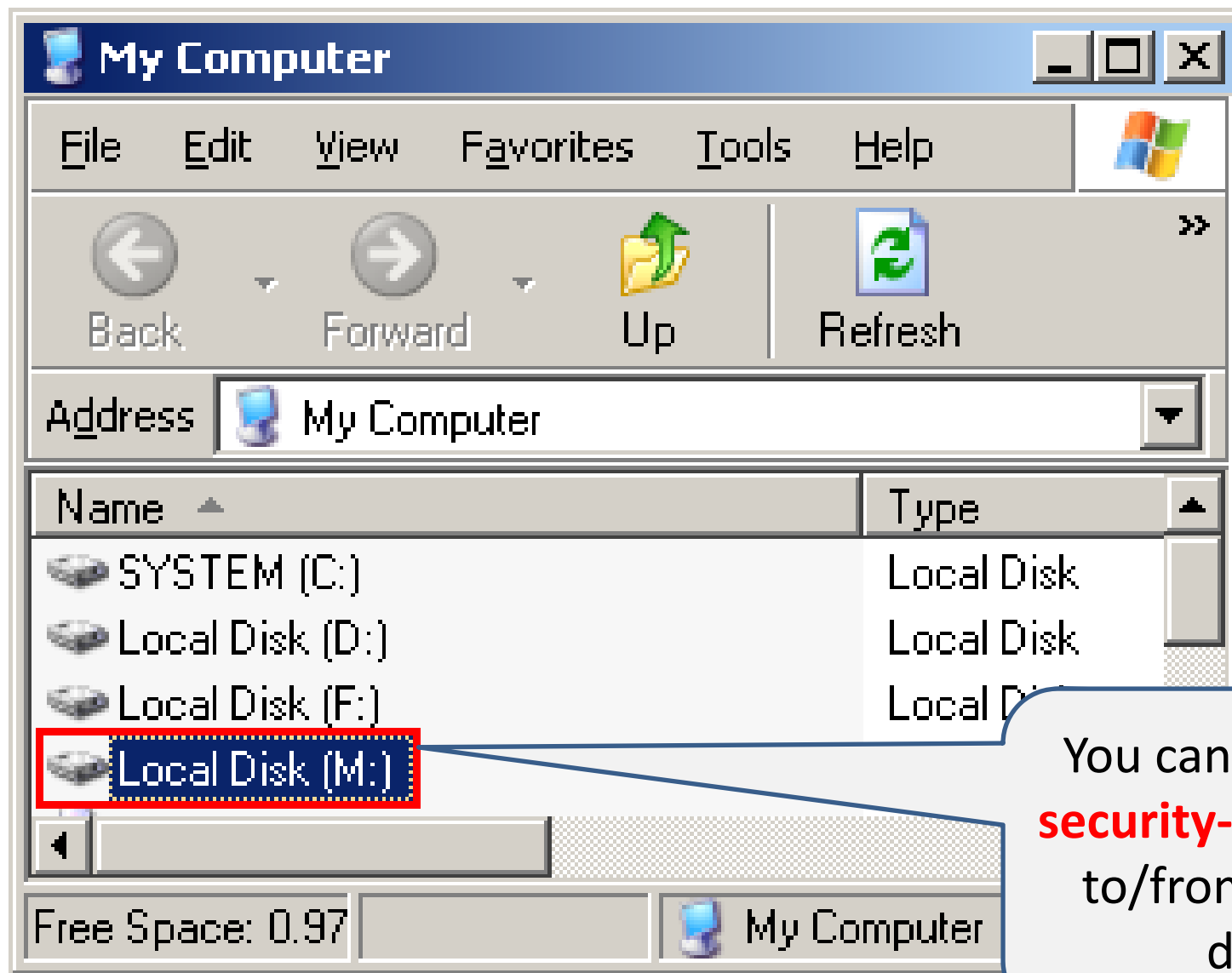




This is the  
password that  
you set earlier

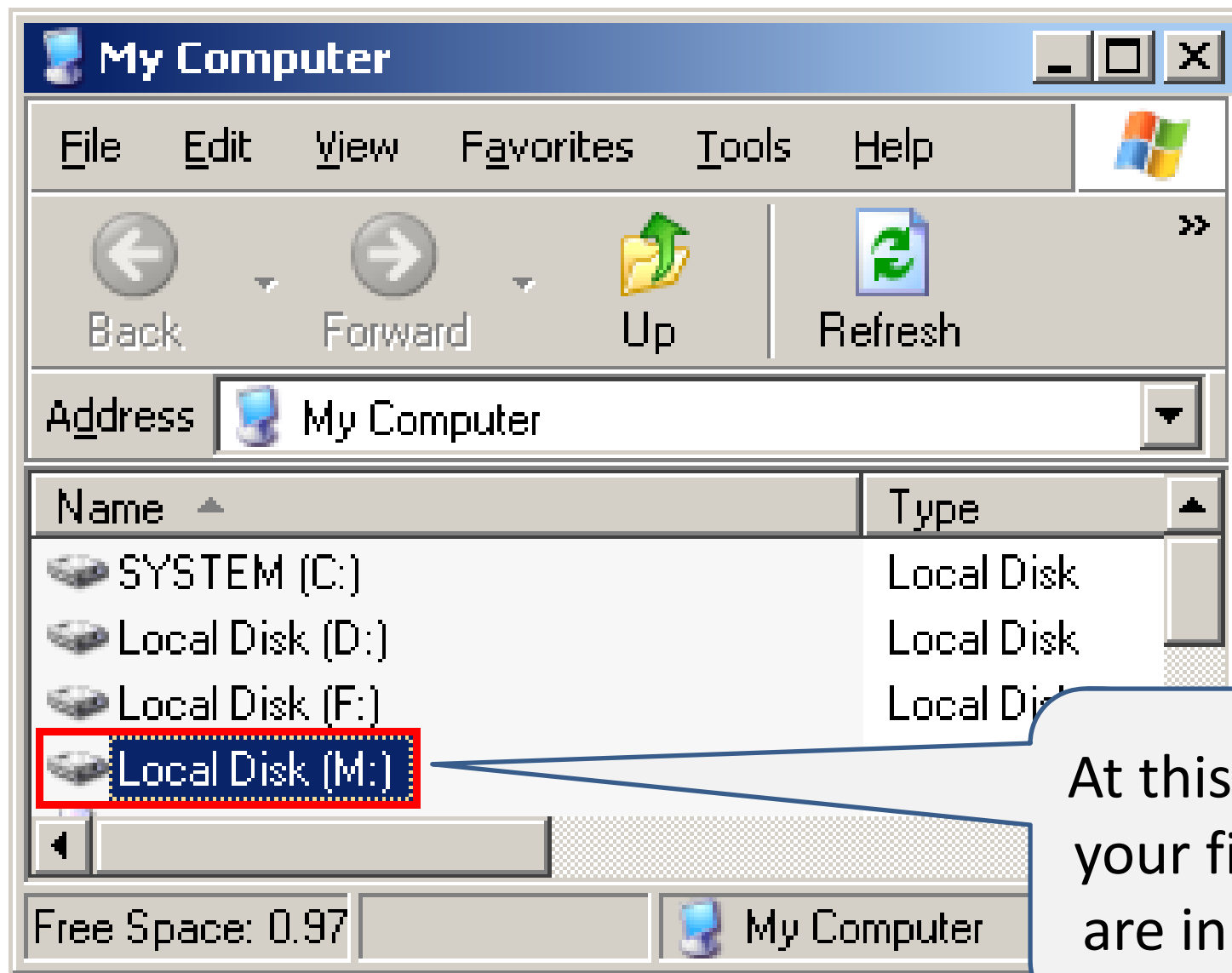


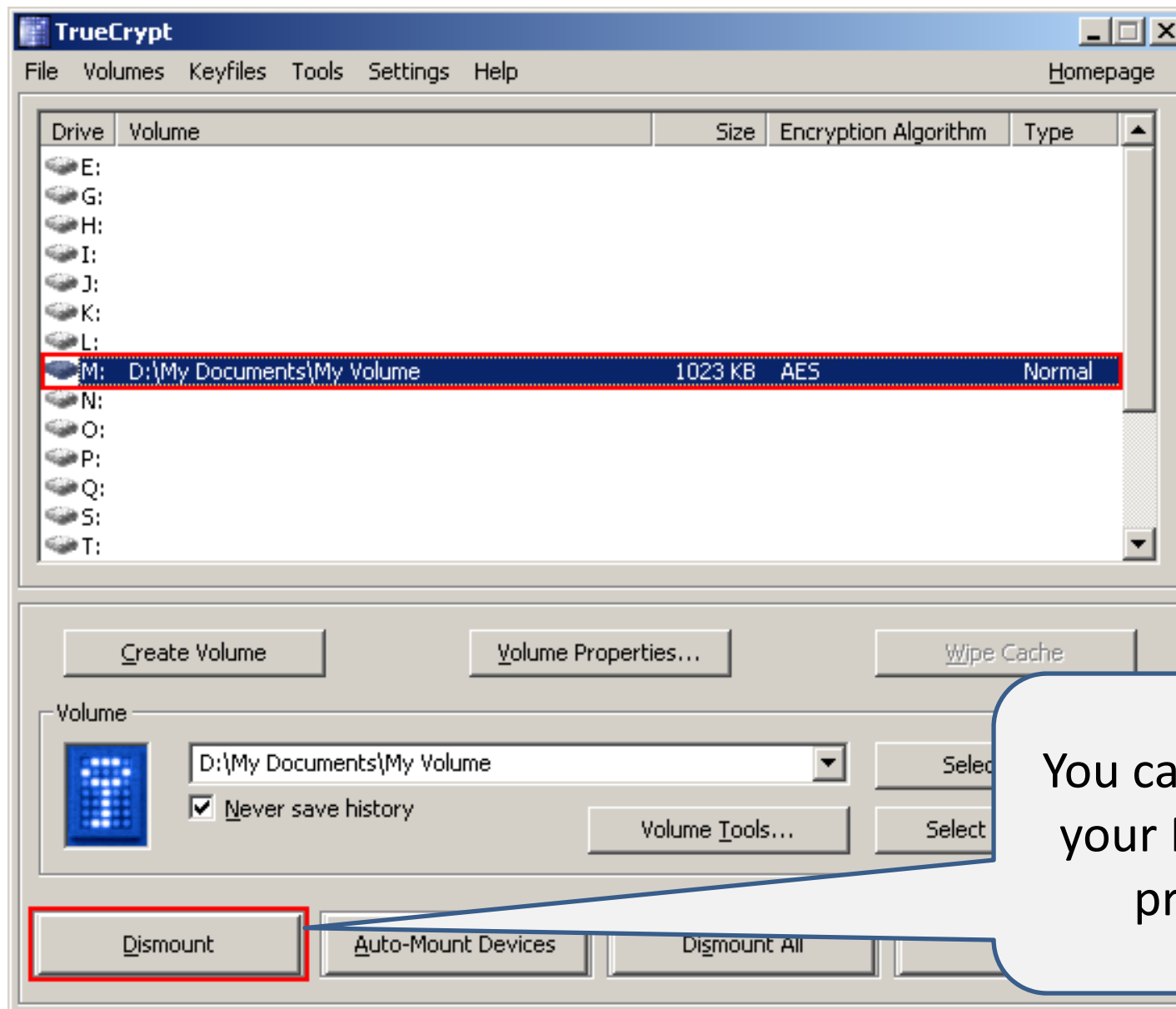




# Security-critical Files?

- Create a security-critical text file, **finance.txt**
  - Save the following information to it
    - your SSN and credit numbers in it
    - Your online banking account information
    - Your utility bill accounts information
    - Your other “important” digital stuffs
- Save it to **M:** drive





# Exercise

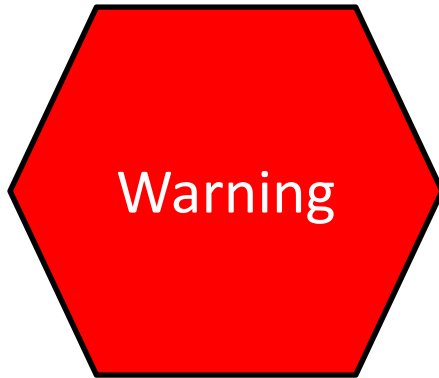
- ❶ Create a TrueCrypt virtual disk (filename: *your\_first\_name-last\_name*)
- ❷ Create a text file, **finance.txt**, and save it to your virtual disk
- ❸ Dismount your virtual disk
- ❹ Examine file *your\_first\_name-last\_name* to see whether you can find any information about **finance.txt**
- ❺ Copy *your\_first\_name-last\_name* to **c:\tmp**
- ❻ Mount c:\tmp\*your\_first\_name-last\_name* (the new copy)
- ❼ Open **finance.txt**



# Is It Really Secure?

- You can examine your virtual disk file
- If a hacker has stolen your virtual disk file, he/she will **not** be able to see your critical files

# Do You Really Know What You are Doing?



- If you pick a strong password and forget it, you will **NOT** be able to recover any data on the virtual disk
  - Probably nobody will be able to help you
- Know your risk!

# Road Map

- Practice
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  - + GPG

# Cryptography $\neq$ Encryption

- Public-key cryptography can be used for digital signature
- The **digital** counterpart of hand-written signature

# Digital Signature

- Alice uses her private key to digitally sign a message (a bit string)
  - Everybody can use Alice's public key to verify Alice's digital signature
- Algorithm buzzwords
  - RSA digital signature
  - Digital Signature Standard (DSS)
  - Elliptic-curve digital signature algorithm (ECDSA)
- (Do not confuse digital signature with email signature in MS Outlook!)

# E-mail signature vs. Digital Signature

- E-mail signature


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This is not secure!  
Anybody can change it

- Digital signature

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# What if I Want to...

- Encryption/sign a single file/email?
- GNU Privacy Guard (GPG)
- Windows version
- Gpg4win
  - <http://www.gpg4win.org/>

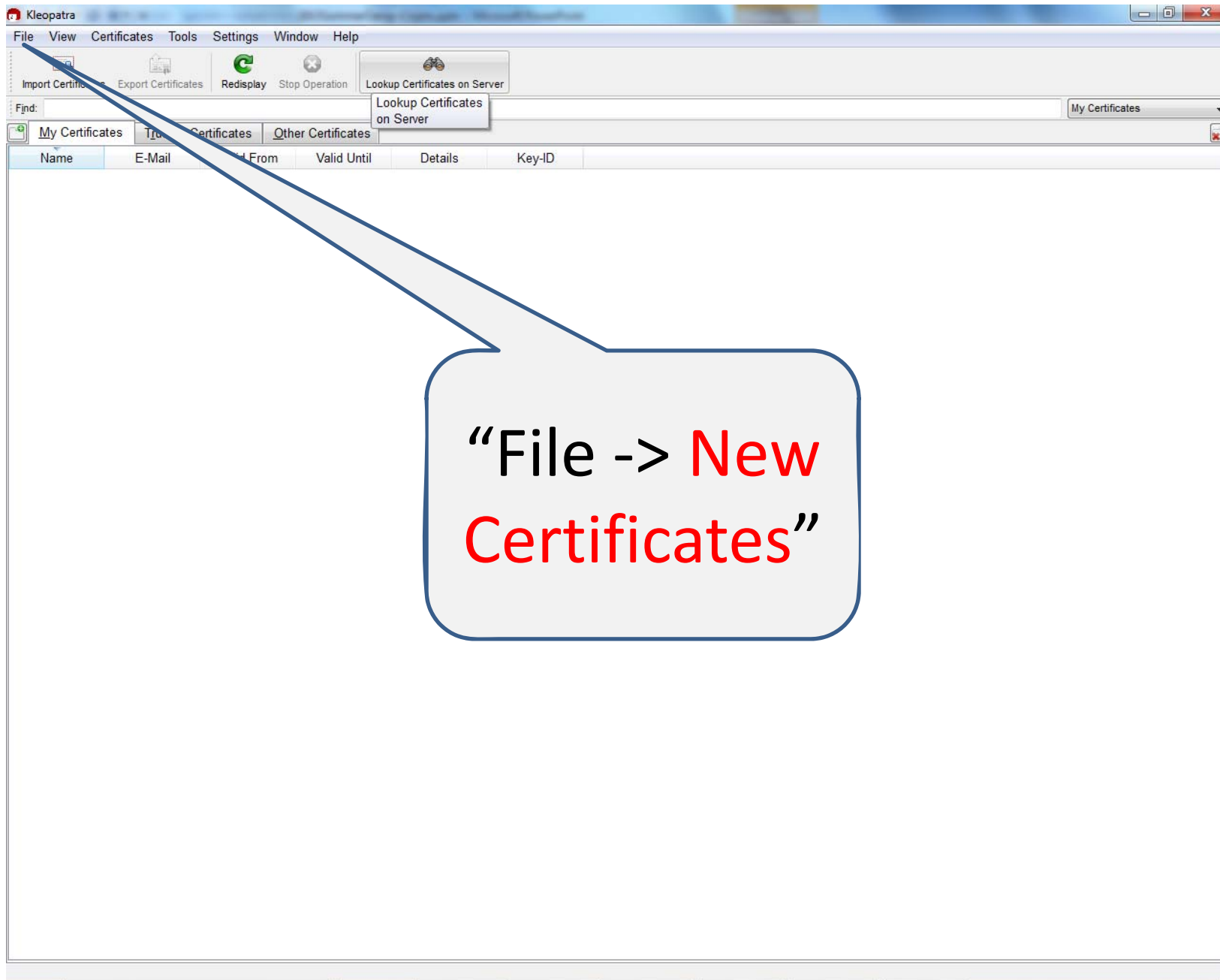
# Step 1

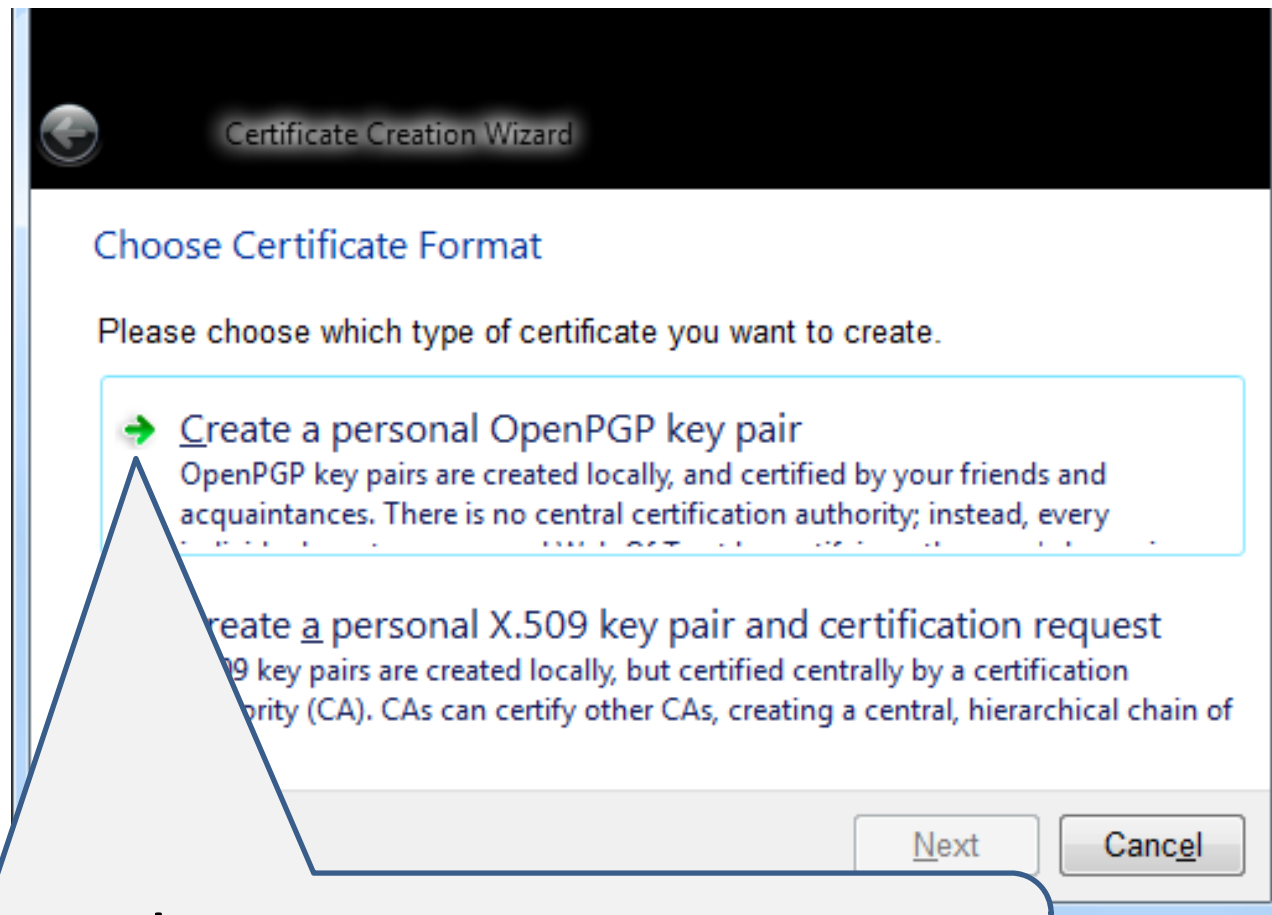
- Download Gpg4win and install it on your Windows 2003 VM
  - <http://gpg4win.org/>
- **NOTE**: Gpg4win has already been installed on your Windows 2003 VM under the “**WLAN and Crypto Security**” VM snapshot



## Step 2

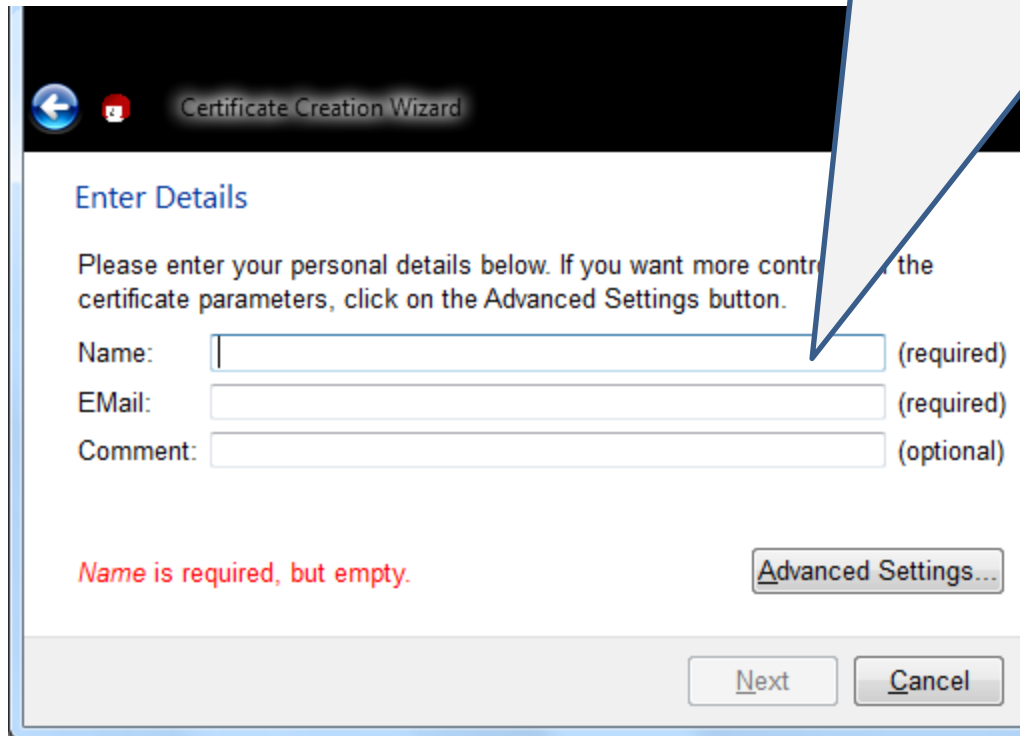
- Run “Start -> All Programs -> Gpg4win -> **Kleopatra**”
- (You can also run it directly from a shortcut on your Desktop)





Choose this one to generate your own public/private key pair

# Enter the required information



The image shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "Certificate Creation Wizard". It has a dark header bar with a back arrow icon and a red icon. The main content area is titled "Enter Details" and contains a paragraph of instructions. Below the instructions are three input fields: "Name:" (required), "EMail:" (required), and "Comment:" (optional). The "Name" field is empty, and a red error message "Name is required, but empty." is displayed below it. To the right of the input fields is an "Advanced Settings..." button. At the bottom right are "Next" and "Cancel" buttons. A large callout bubble from the top text points to the "Name" input field.

**Enter Details**

Please enter your personal details below. If you want more control over the certificate parameters, click on the Advanced Settings button.

Name:  (required)

EMail:  (required)

Comment:  (optional)

*Name is required, but empty.*

Advanced Settings...

Next Cancel

← Certificate Creation Wizard

### Enter Details

Please enter your personal details below. If you want more control over the certificate parameters, click on the Advanced Settings button.

Name:  (required)

E-Mail:  (required)

Comment:  (optional)

Xunhua Wang (My GPG keys) <wangxx@jmu.edu>

Advanced Settings

### Technical Details

Key Material

☒ RSA

☐ DSA

☐ + Elgamal

Certificate Usage

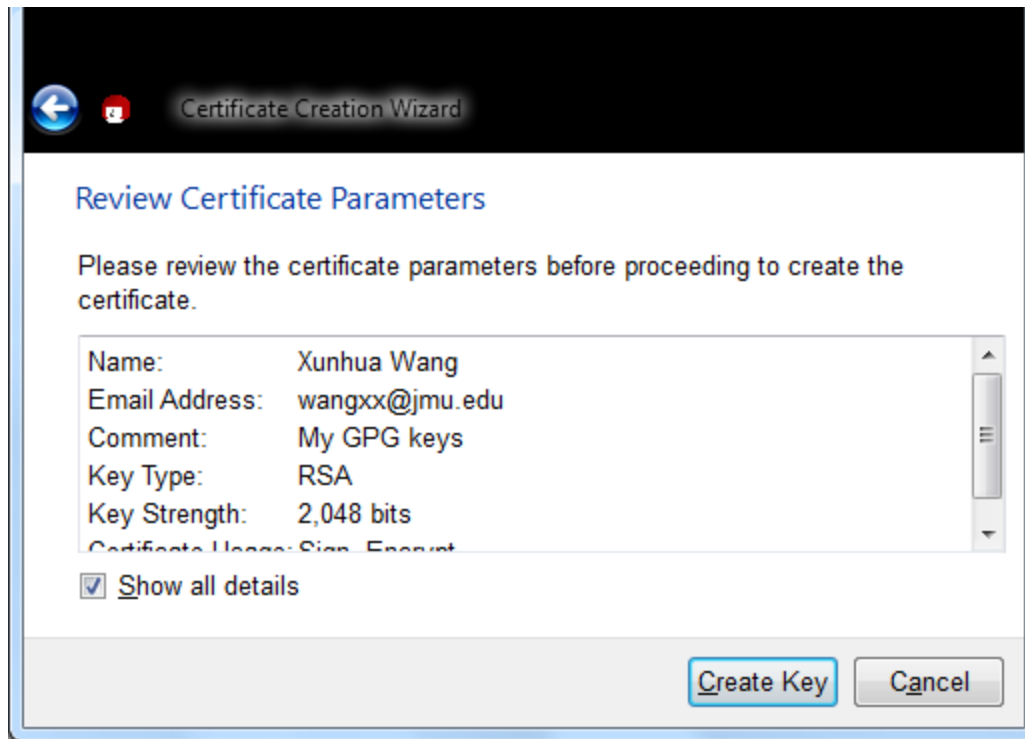
☒ Signing ☒ Certification

☒ Encryption ☐ Authentication

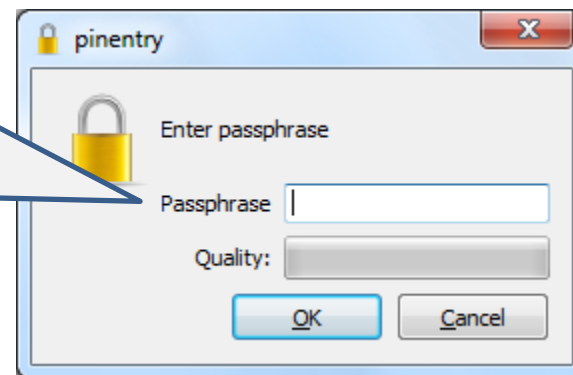
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Choose the algorithm

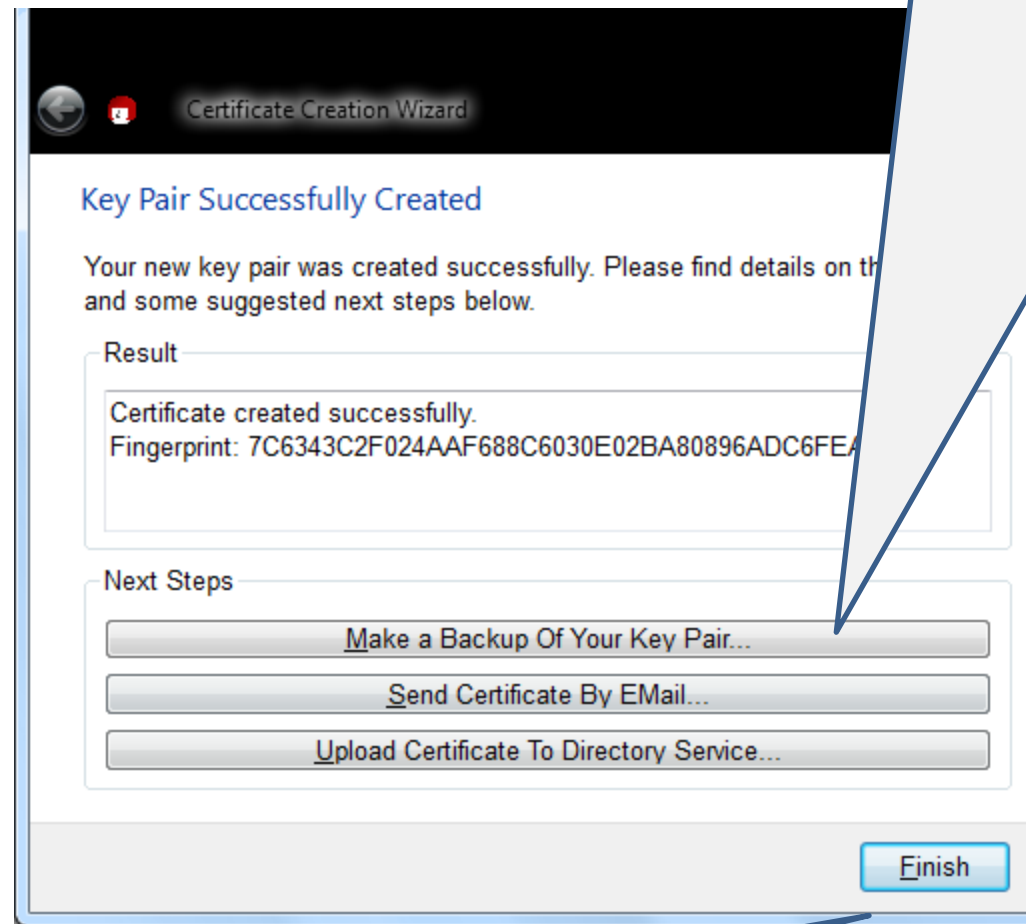
The purposes of your key pair



Choose a password to  
protect your **private**  
key

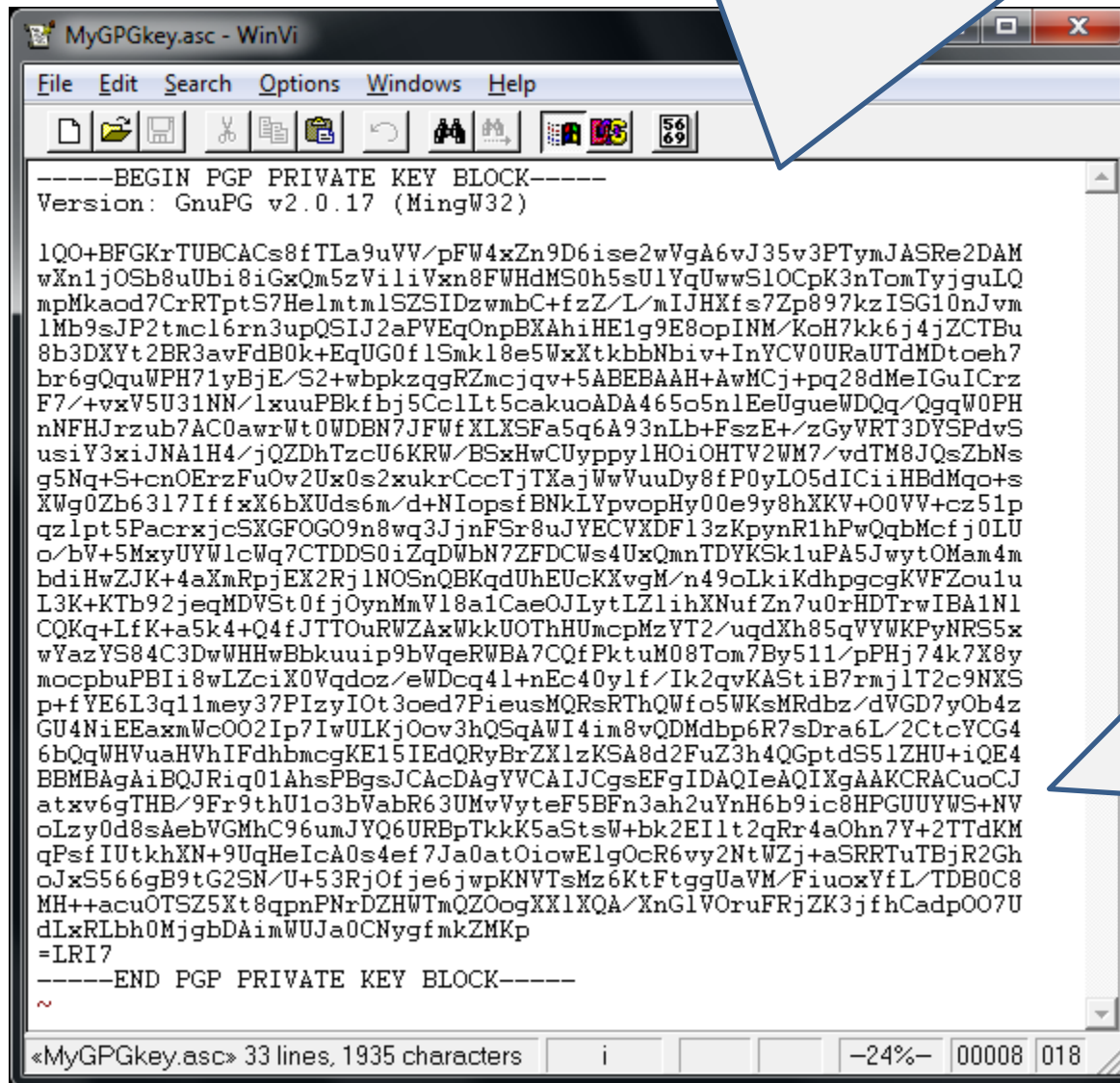


Click this to back up your private key to a file (see next slide)



Everything is cool

This is your **private** key in a file



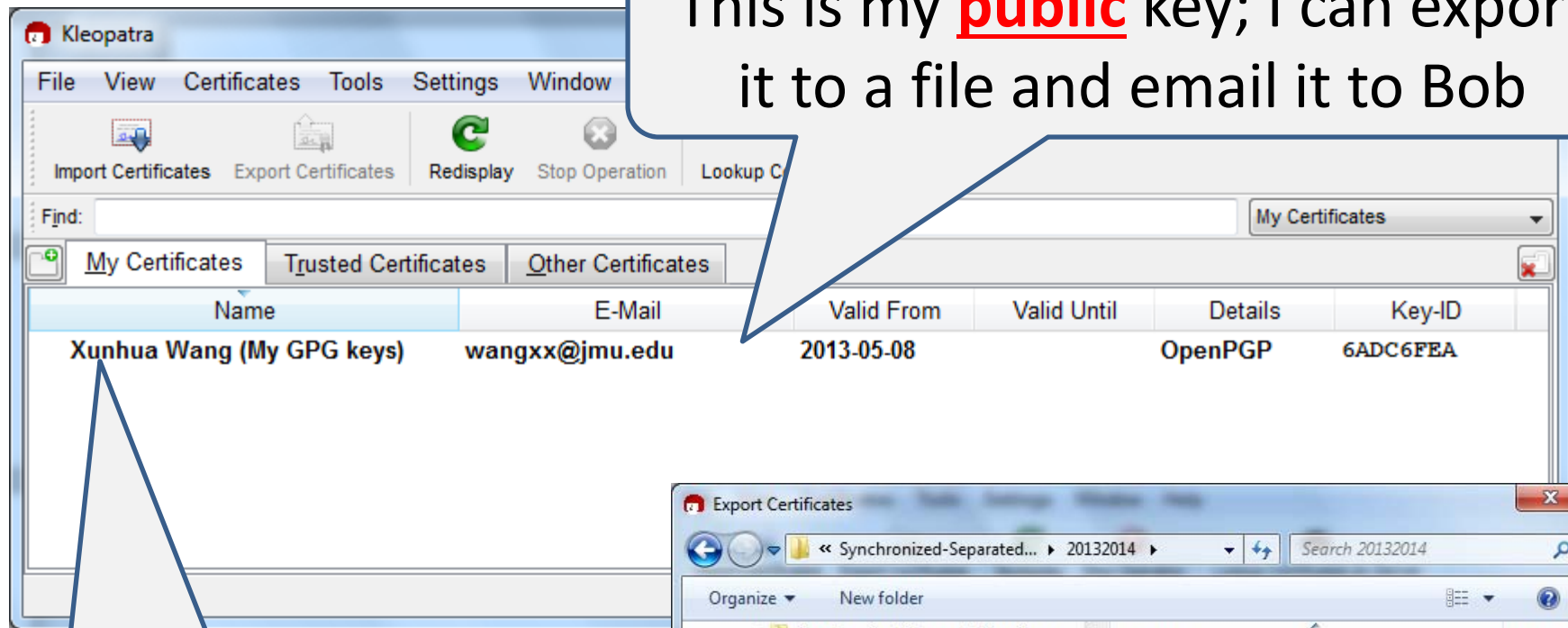
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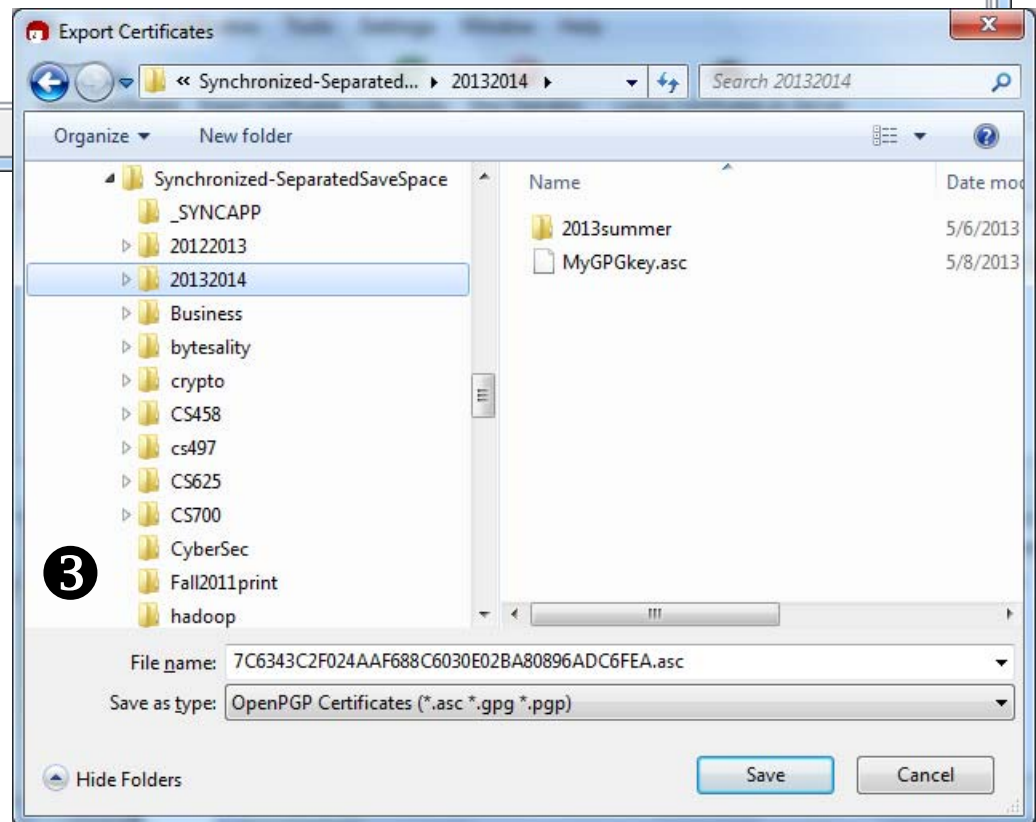
This is your **private** key, it is supposed to be secret: do **not** lose it or send it to your friend



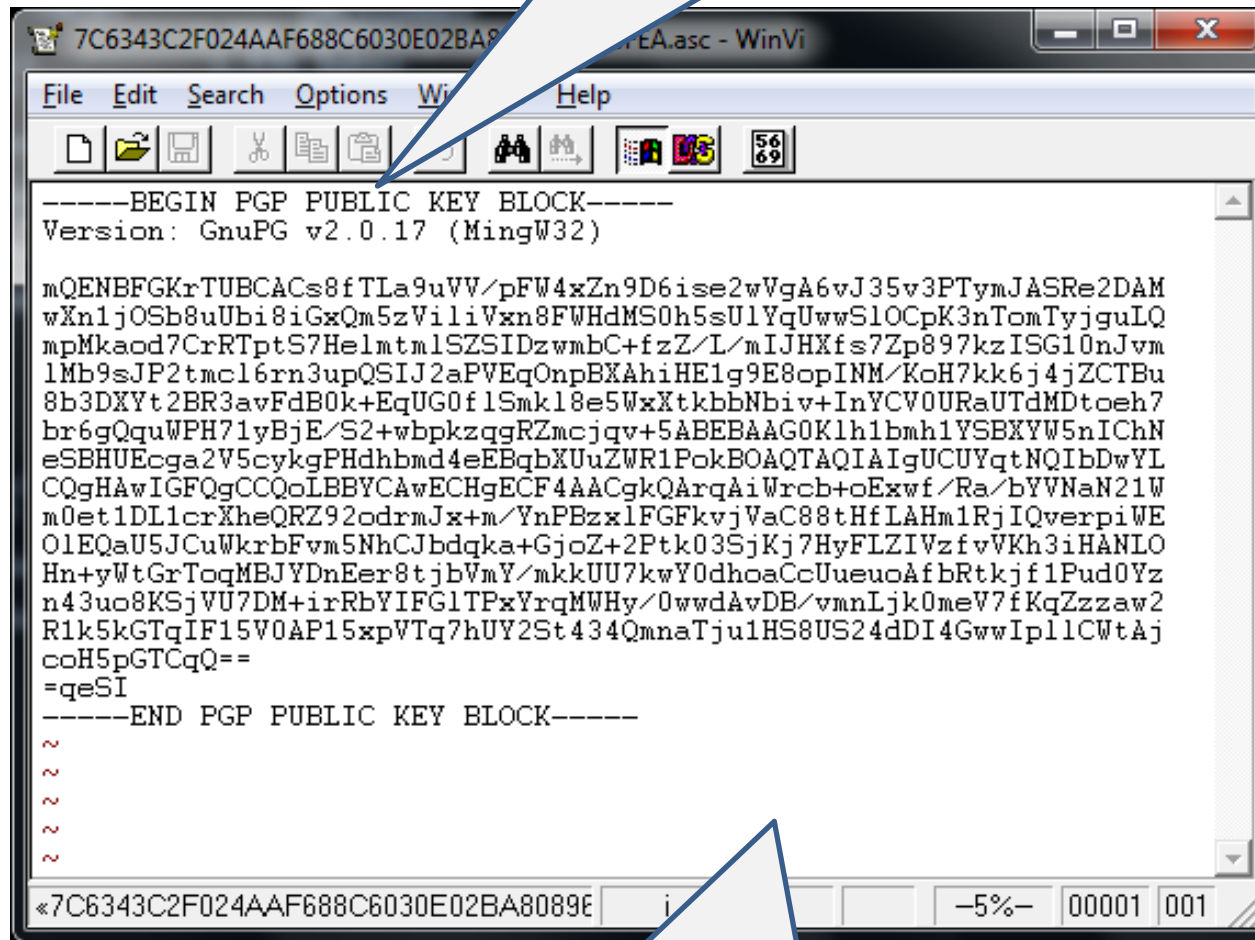
This is my public key; I can export it to a file and email it to Bob



Right click on this to export it to a file



This is my **public** key in a file



A screenshot of a Notepad window titled "7C6343C2F024AAF688C6030E02BA8089E.asc - WinVi". The window contains a PGP public key block. The text is as follows:

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-----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----  
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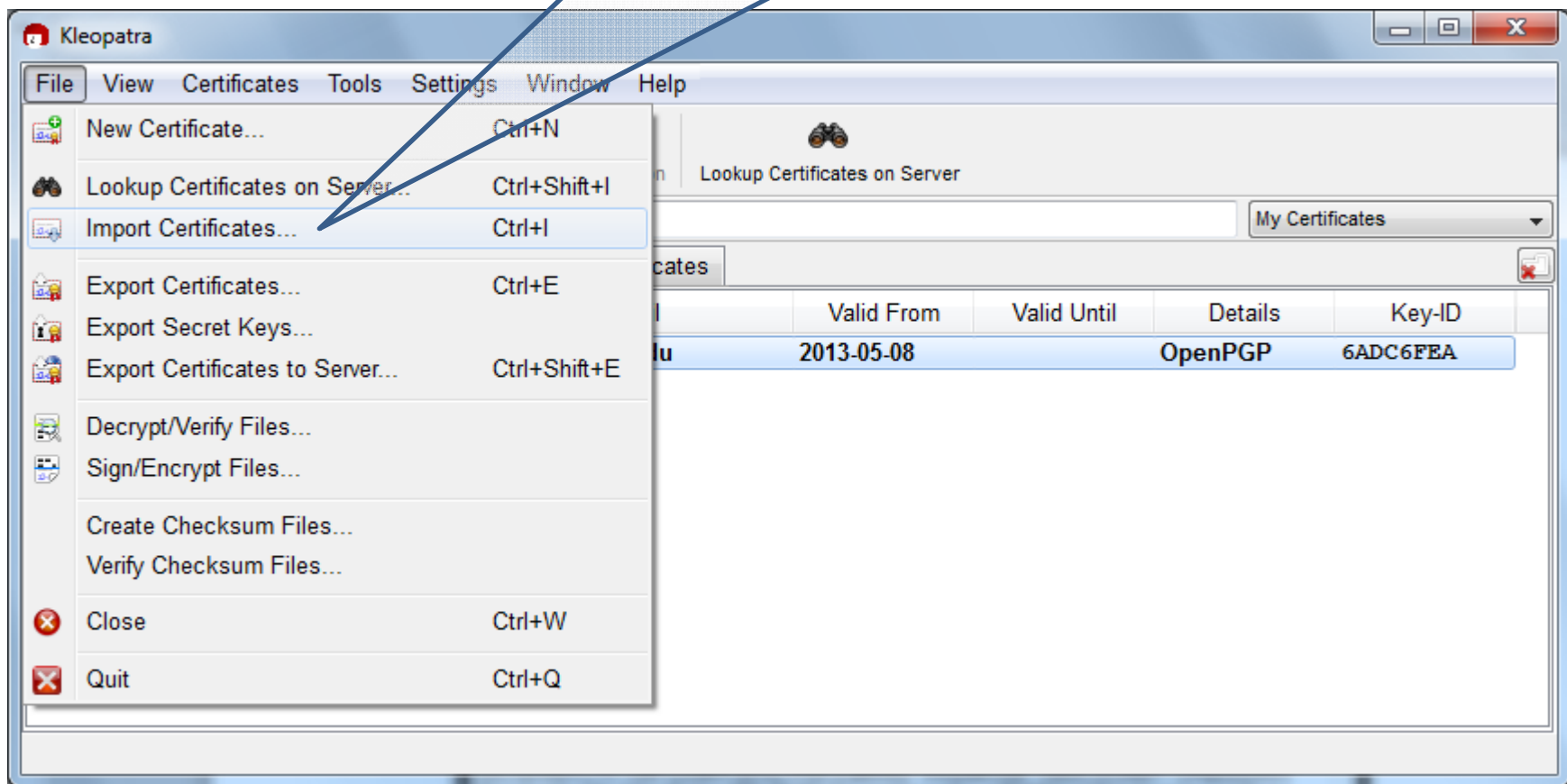
The status bar at the bottom shows the file path "7C6343C2F024AAF688C6030E02BA8089E", a cursor position "i", a zoom level of "-5%", and a page indicator "00001 001".

I can email it to my friends

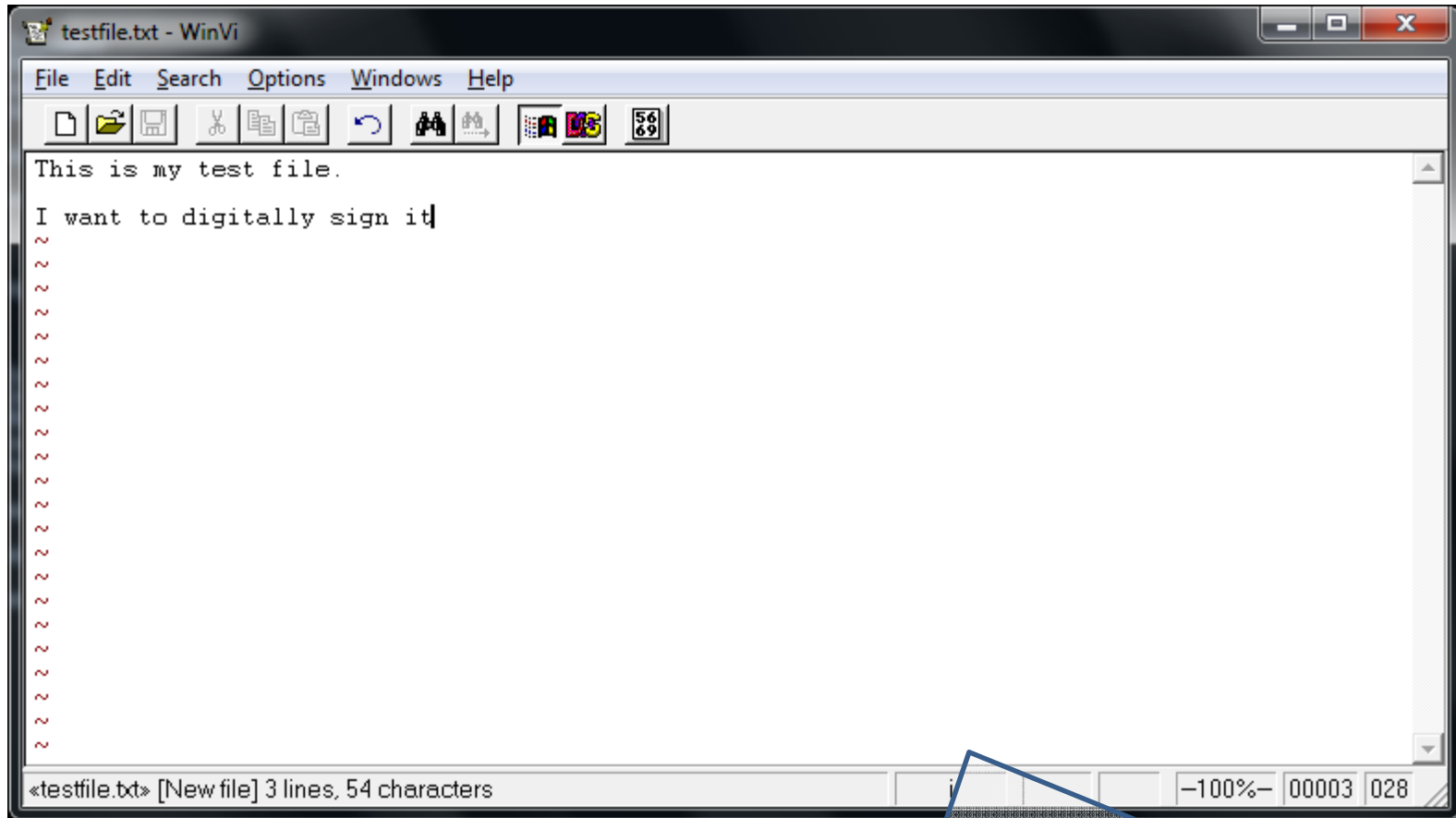
# Exercise #1

- ❶ Export your public key to a file and email it to the student next to you
- ❷ After receiving a public key from your classmate, import it to your Gpg4win (see next slide)

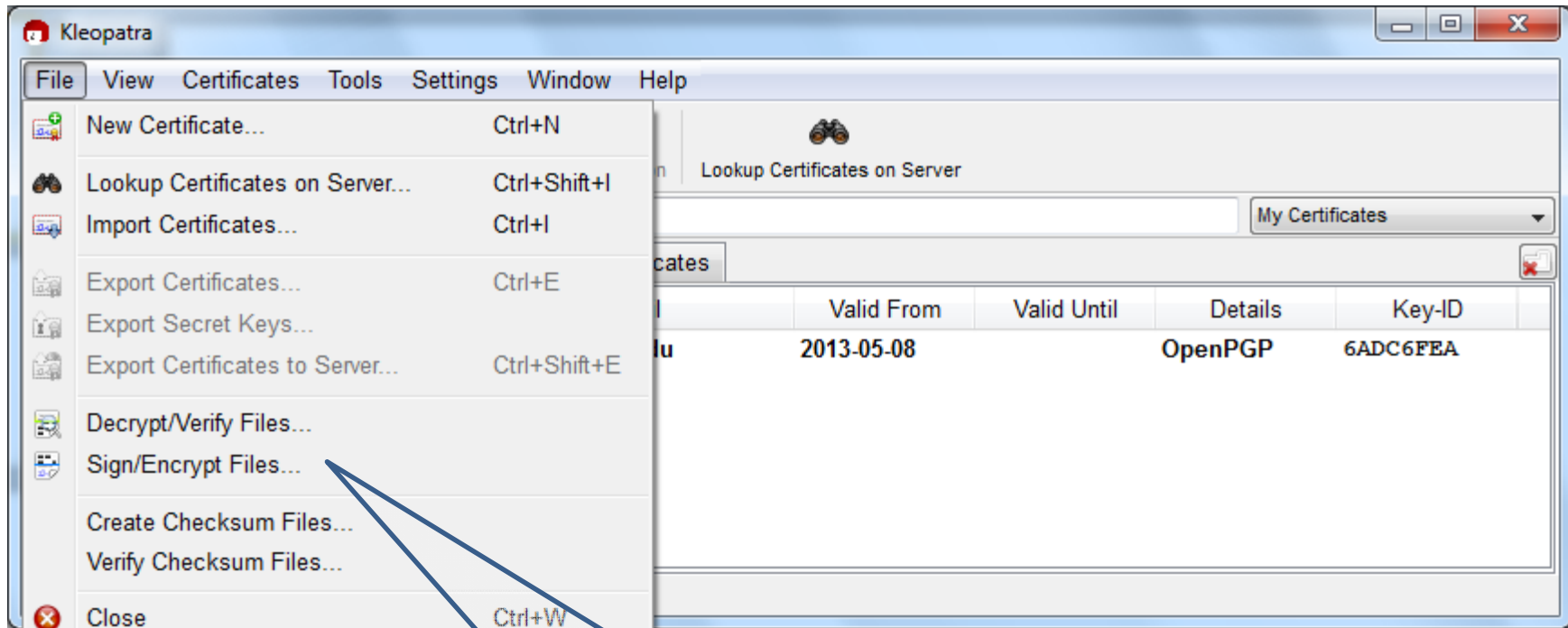
Click “File -> Import Certificates ...” to import the public key received from your classmate



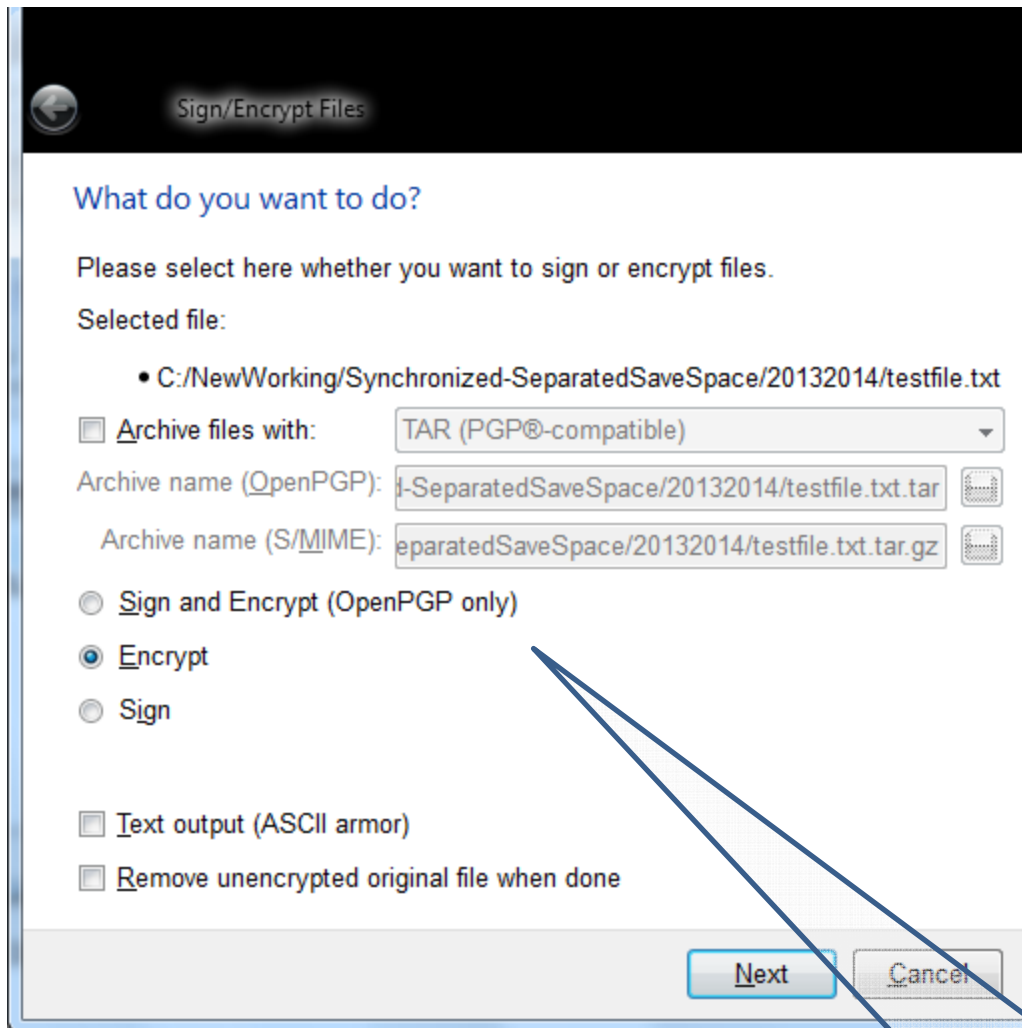
# Now, I Want to digitally Sign a file and Send it to My Friend



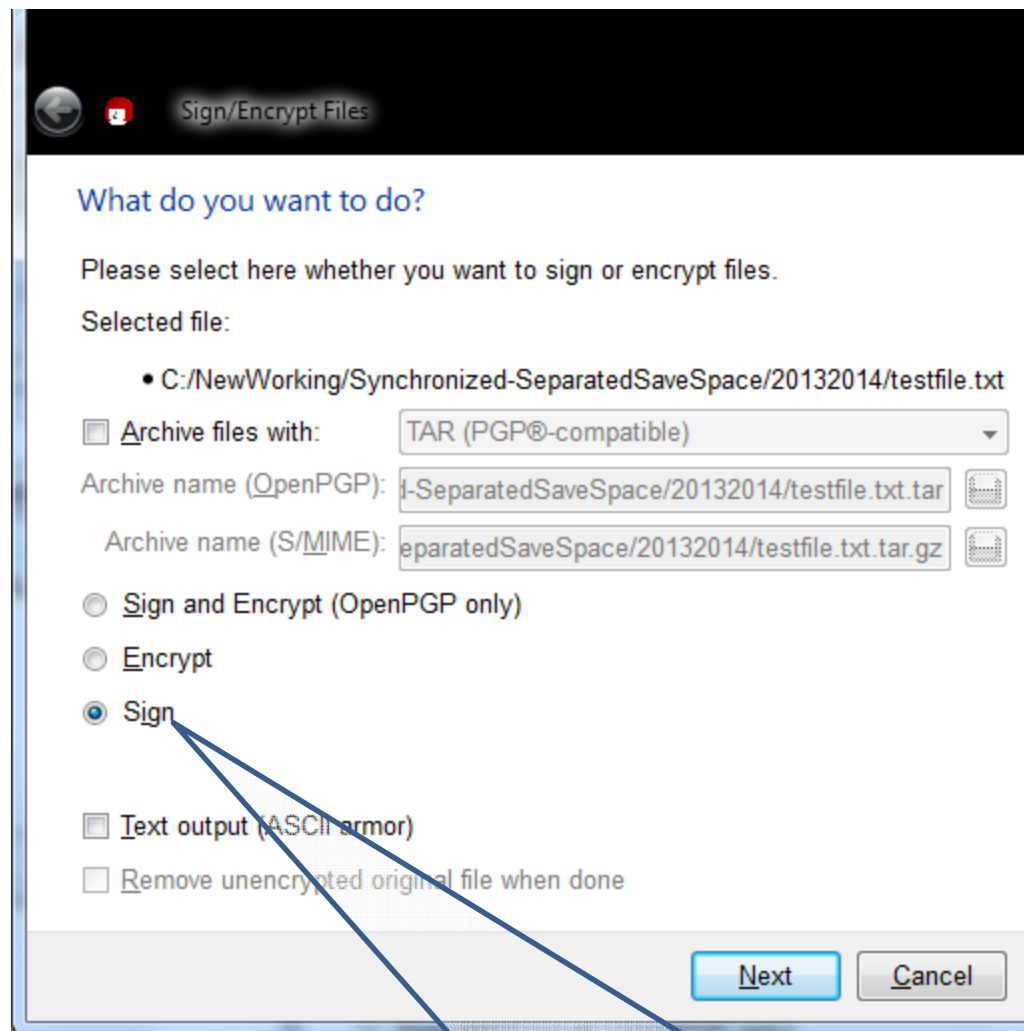
This is the file to be digitally signed (**testfile.txt**)



Click “File -> Sign/Encrypt Files  
...”

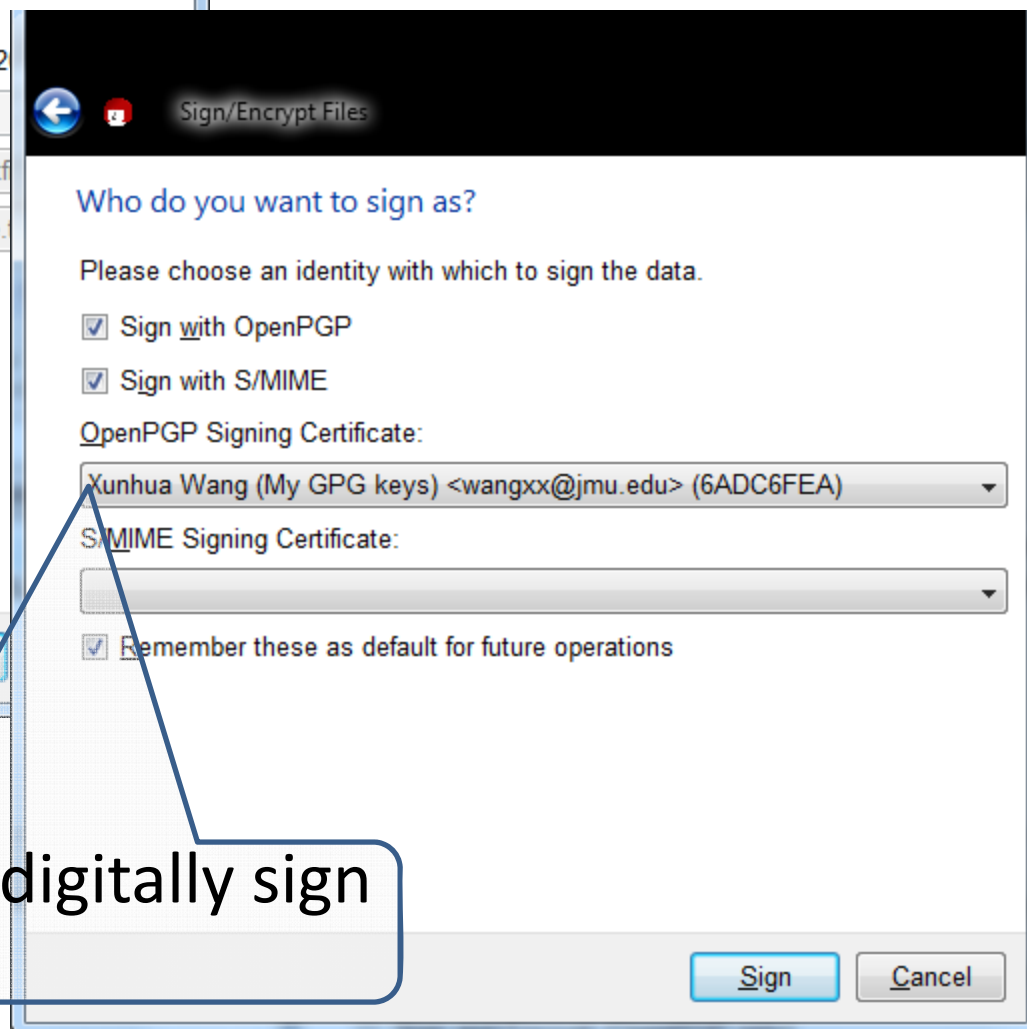
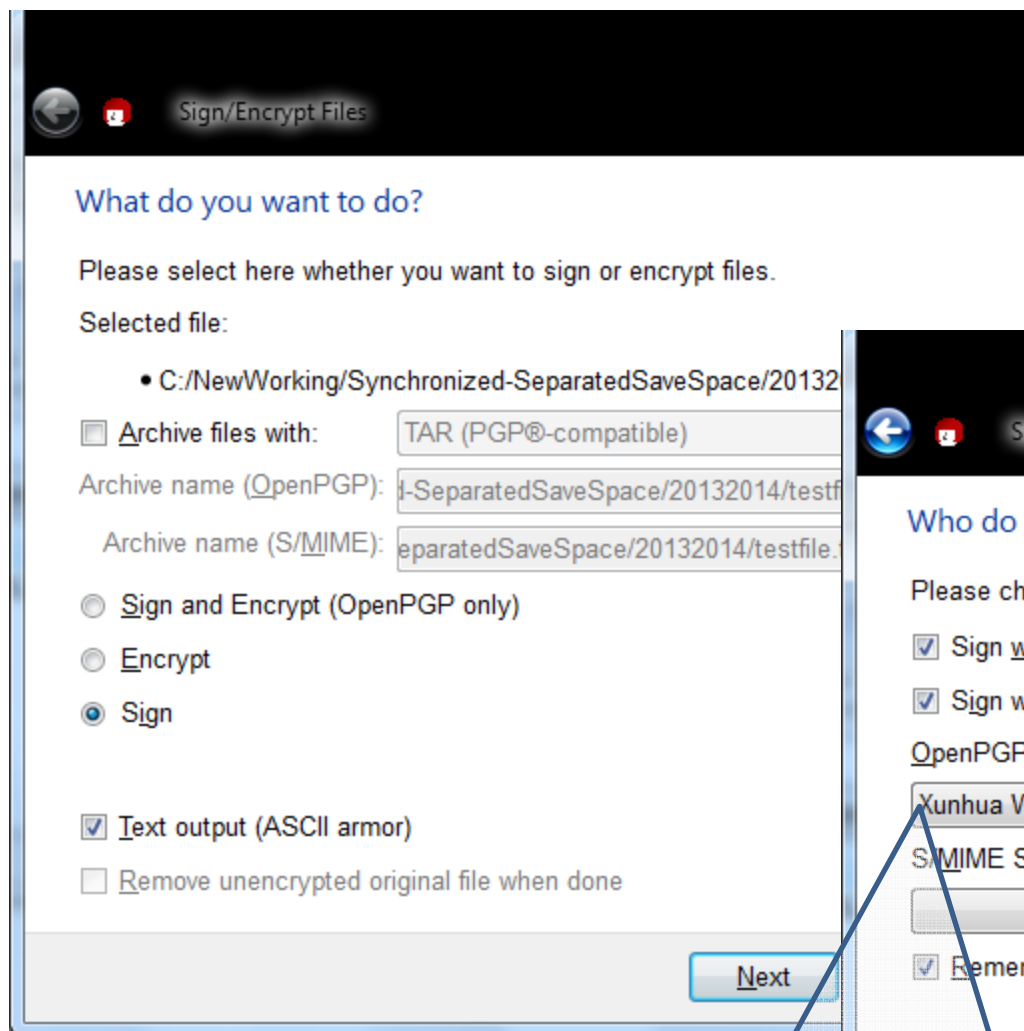


You have three choices

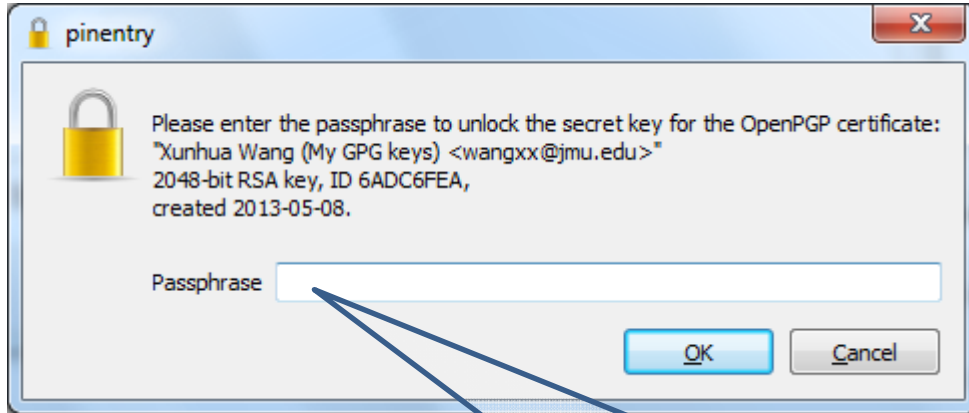


I want to digitally sign the file  
this time

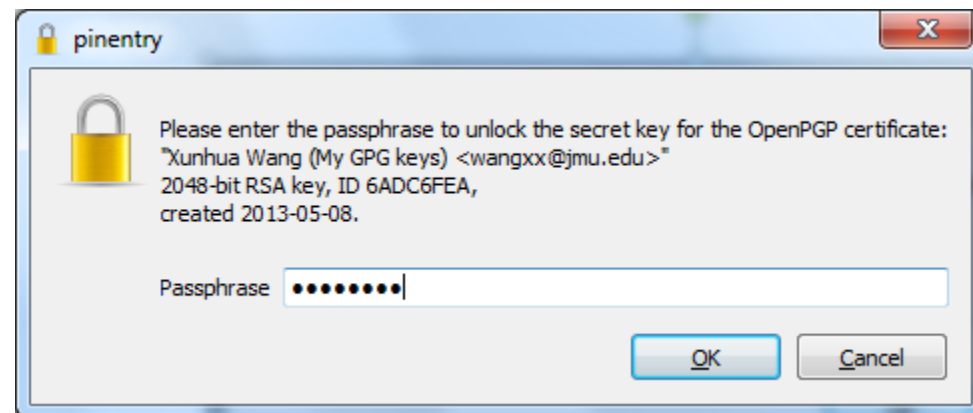


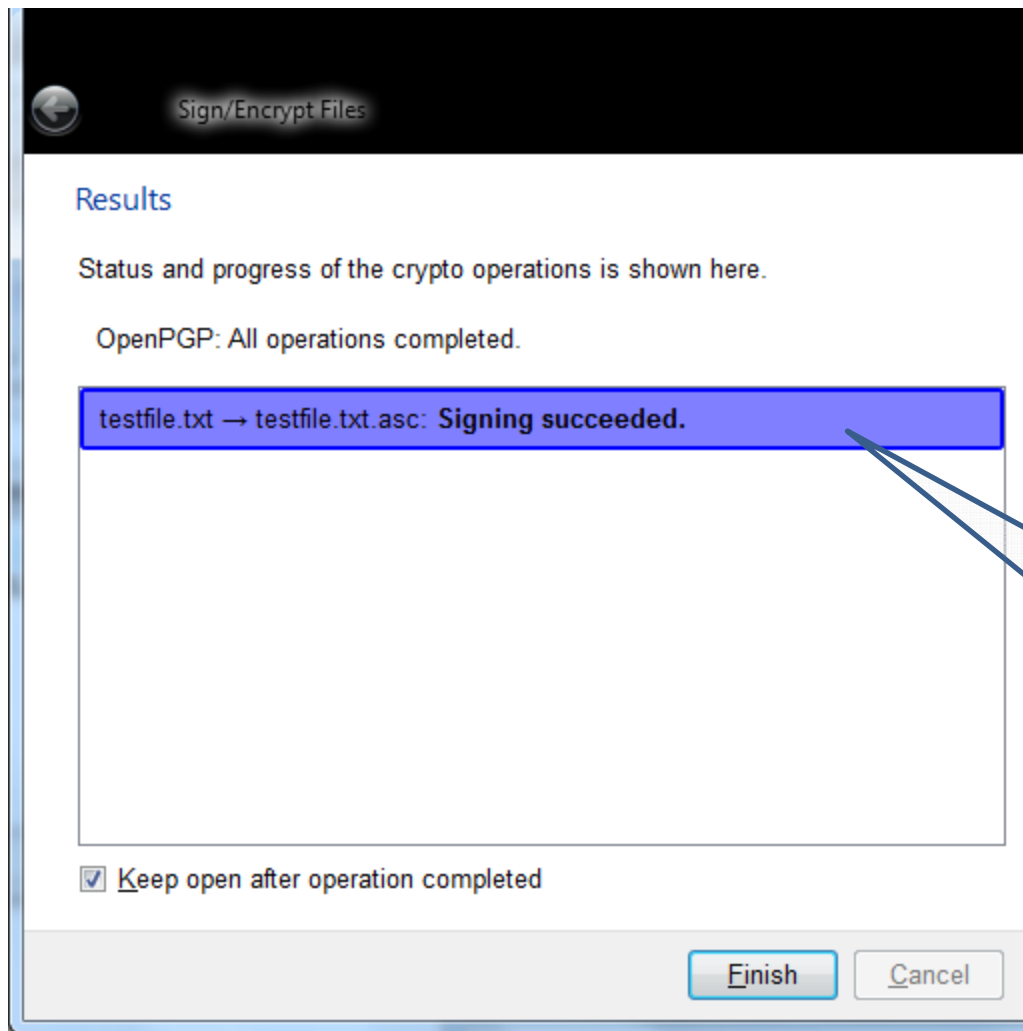


Choose the private key to digitally sign  
the file



My private key is protected by a password





Everything is cool

So, where is the digital signature  
for my file?

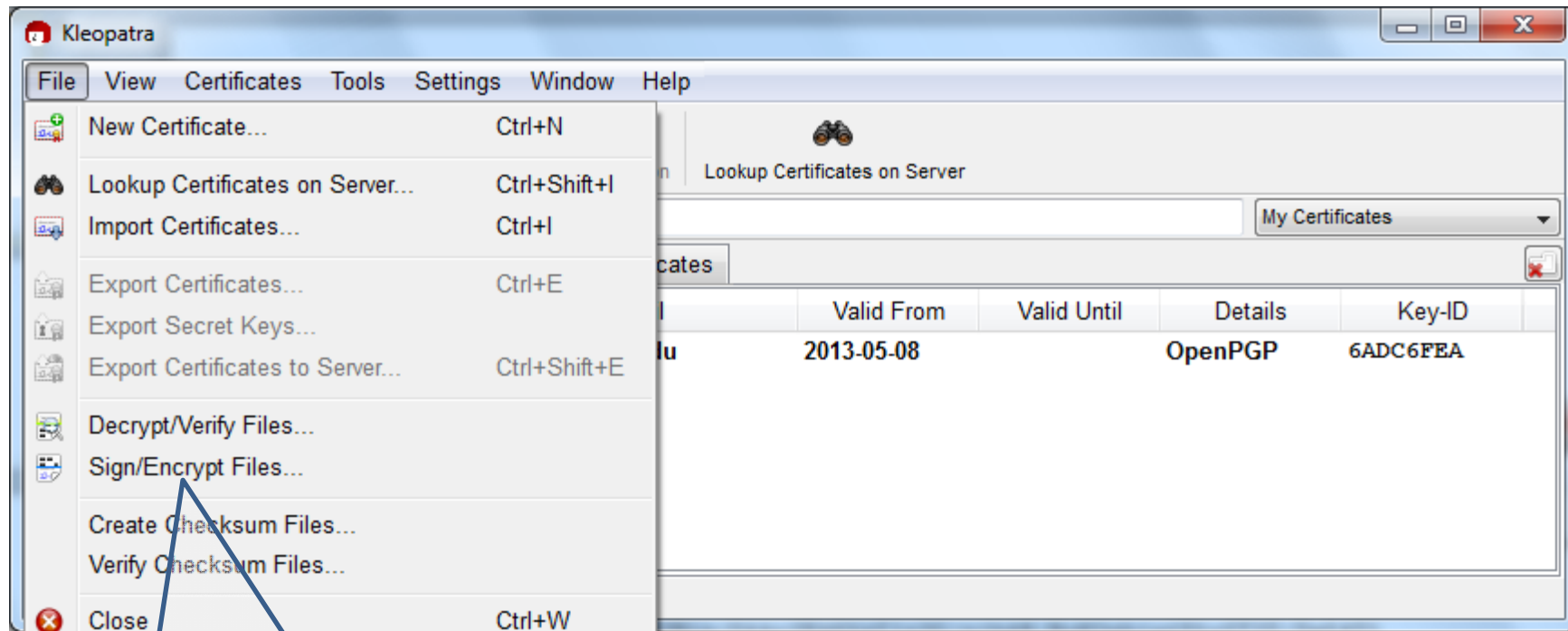
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-----BEGIN PGP SIGNATURE-----
Version: GnuPG v2.0.17 (MingW32)

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-----END PGP SIGNATURE-----
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«testfile.txt.asc» 11 lines, 499 characters
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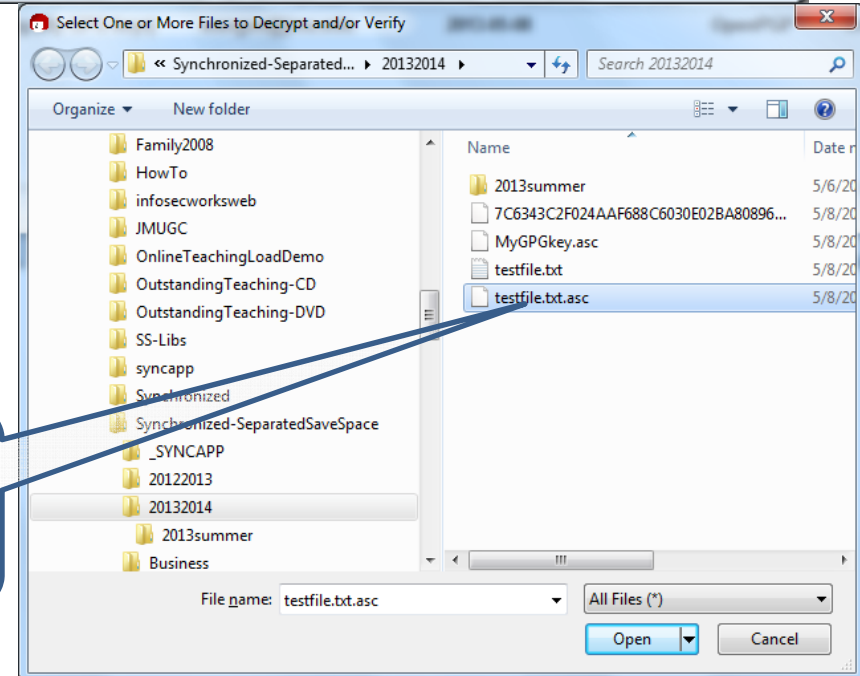
My file is **testfile.txt** and the signature file is called **testfile.txt.asc**

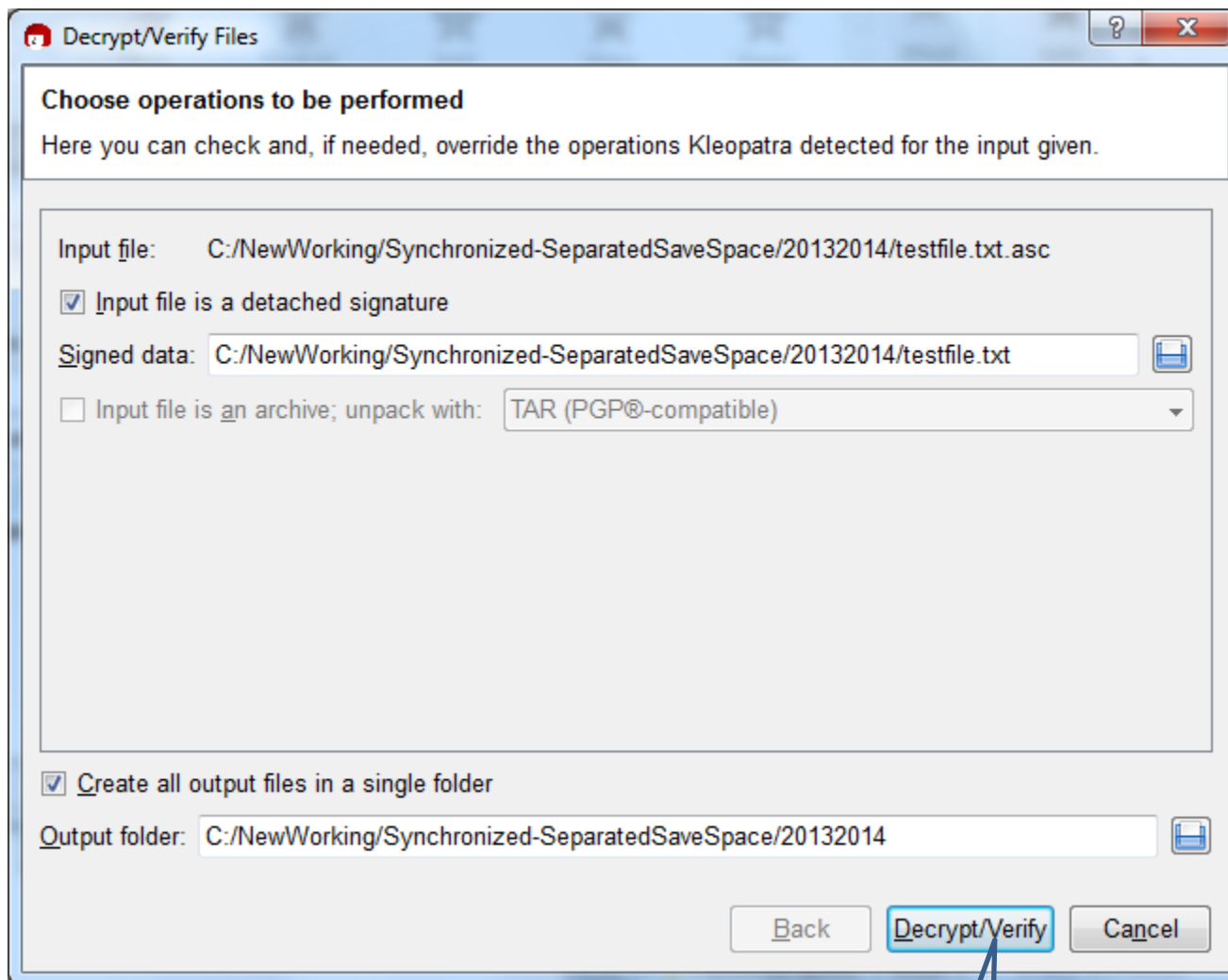




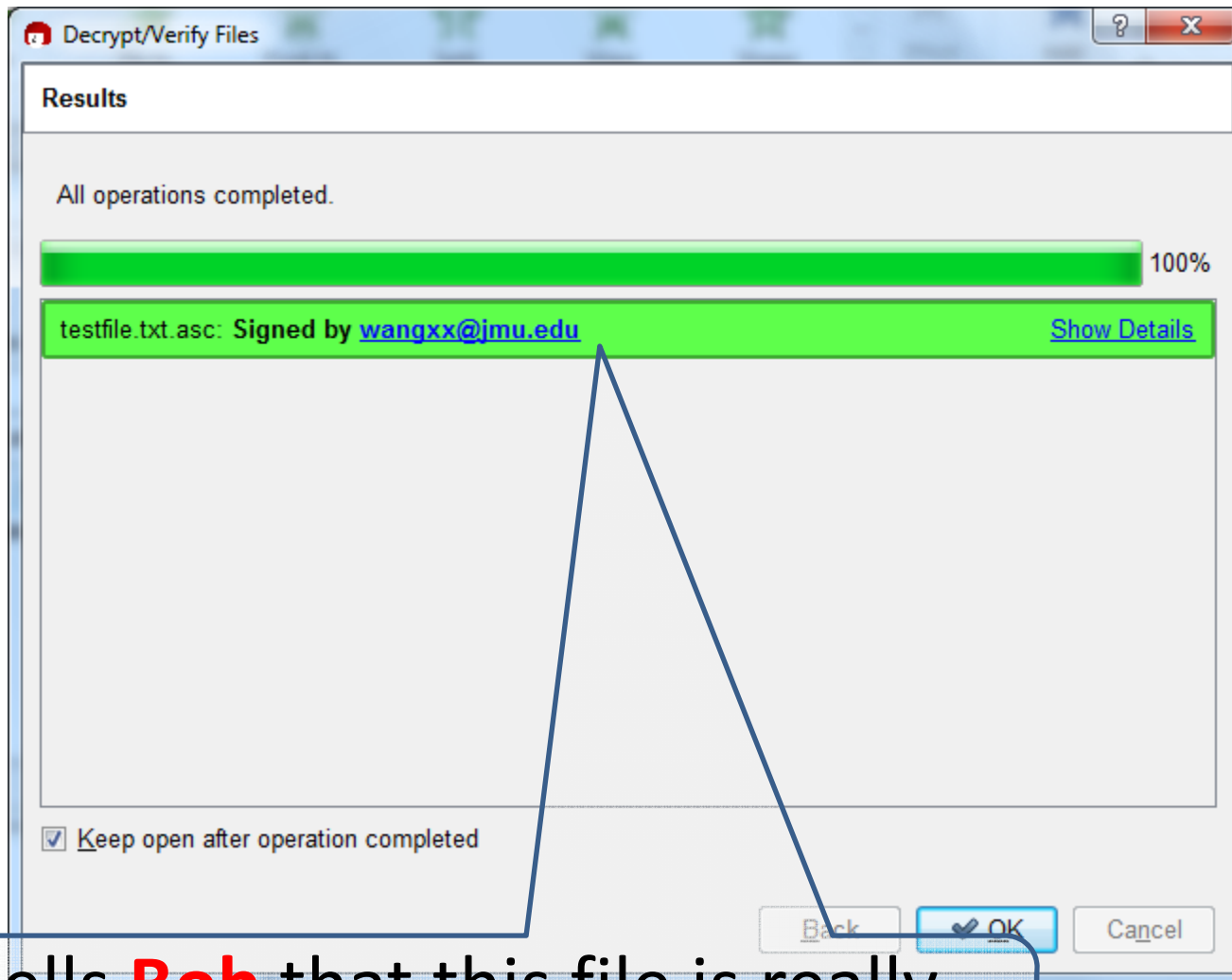
**Bob:** Click “File -> Decrypt/Verify Files ...”

**Bob** selects the signature file received from me





**Bob:**



It tells **Bob** that this file is really from me, not from an attacker



## Exercise #2

- ③ Create a text file *your\_first\_name-last\_name-gpg4win.txt* and digitally sign it
- ④ Email *your\_first\_name-last\_name-gpg4win.txt* **and** the digital signature file to your classmate
- ⑤ After receiving the files from your classmate, try to digitally verify them

# What if I want to digitally sign

- An email?
  - Not a file
- GnuPG for Outlook (GpgOL)
  - Use with Microsoft Outlook mail client

# Summary

- Practice
  - Truecrypt
  - GPG

# One More Note

- You can encrypt
  - a MS Word file with a password
    - MS Word allows you to do this
  - a MS Excel file with a password
    - MS Excel allows you to do this
  - a PDF file with a password
    - Adobe Acrobat allows you to do this

# GPG on Unix/Linux (1/5)

- `gpg --gen-key`
  - User ID: real name, email address, comment
  - Passphrase for your private key
  - `/home/user/.gnupg/trustdb.gpg`
- Revocation certificate
  - `gpg -a --output wangxx@jmu.edu.asc.revoke --gen-revoke wangxx@jmu.edu`
    - Reason: 0
- Publicizing your key
  - `gpg ---output pubkey.wangxx@jmu.edu.gpg --export wangxx`
  - `gpg ---output pubkey.wangxx@jmu.edu.gpg.asc --armor --export wangxx`
  - `gpg --keyserver subkeys.gpg.net --send-keys wangxx@jmu.edu`

# On Linux

- GPG is also available on Linux

# GPG on Unix/Linux (2/5)

- keyserver x-hkp://subkeys.pgp.net
- Add keys to your keyring (public vs. private)
  - gpg --recv-keys E68C49BC
  - gpg --list-keys
  - gpg --list-secret-keys
  - gpg --list-keys [wangxx@jmu.edu](mailto:wangxx@jmu.edu)
  - gpg --import wang.asc

# GPG on Unix/Linux (3/5)

- Signing a key
  - `gpg --fingerprint wangxx@jmu.edu`
  - `gpg --sign-key E2F41133`
- Viewing key signatures
  - `gpg --list-sigs E2F41133`
- Export
  - `gpg --output wangxx.asc --armor --export E2F41133`
- Pushing signatures to keyserver
  - `gpg --send-keys E2F41133`
- Updating keys
  - `gpg --refresh-keys`



# GPG on Unix/Linux (4/5)

- Deleting keys
  - `gpg --delete-keys E2F41133`
- `gpg --update-trustdb`

# GPG on Unix/Linux (5/5)

- To digitally sign a file
  - `gpg -s filename`
- To verify a digital signature
  - `gpg --verify filenameOfSignature`
- Encrypt data
  - `gpg -e filename`
- Decrypt data
  - `gpg --decrypt msg.asc`