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EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!
Your company has been
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operating
system/programming flaw to
log into your database and
perform queries upon queries
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Sometimes it is as simple as hacking ODBC on MS' IIS. Worse someone has made it into the network and has pulled back-ups of your database for free browsing!

How can you protect yourself from someone logging into your database via an ODBC "password flinger" and having free reign of the data? How can you protect yourself from the collection of viruses that would like to make use of your Windows computer to go wandering around your data?

Read on!

Alas, I have finished up a contract with the Superior Court of California and am available once again to do work. If any of you have some work that can be done in the United States or via the wire, take a gander at my resume: <http://www.amduus.com/Resumes/ScottAuge.html>. I tend towards web based applications on UNIX/Linux operating systems.

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Coding Article: Encrypting Data In Your 4GL Application and Database*By Scott Auge*

Your database is being accessed from the wilds. Usually that refers to the internet – where there are people working on connections to your machines to achieve something. Sometimes it is to place an order. Sometimes it is to pull all the credit card numbers out of your system!!!

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http://news.com.com/2100-1002-994821.html?tag=fd_top

Online intruders broke into a server containing the credit card numbers of some 57,000 patrons of a Georgia Institute of Technology arts and theater program, a university official said Monday.

<http://www.bday.co.za/bday/content/direct/1,3523,1293972-6129-0,00.html>

CONSUMER confidence in online credit card transactions may take a dip after hackers gained access to more than 8-million MasterCard and Visa account numbers last week. The hackers compromised computers run by a third party firm that processes credit card transactions on behalf of US banks. Early investigations showed that none of the cards had been used fraudulently.

That's really gotta suck to tell your customers YOU just gave their credit card numbers away.

What we are trying to prevent:

There are so many ways to break into a computer. It is just plain sad.

A lot of people are confused by the "silver bullet" of a firewall. "But we have a firewall!" they exclaim. Well – that firewall doesn't do ditty for you when someone attacks the web server software it's self (as in Code Red for MS IIS) nor does it do ditty when it goes after the database

it's self (SQL Slammer for MS SQL Server.) Blocking the ports via firewall doesn't accomplish much – after all the whole idea is for people on the internet to interact with the system!¹

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Lets say you have an ODBC connection hanging out there somewhere. Especially on a Windows computer – in order for it to interact with a database, it needs a Data Source. Guess what – crackers can list the names of Data Sources, write programs to access it, and start throwing userid's and passwords at it.

Progress uses a different mechanism, but a couple of quick looks on the desktop shortcuts will tell a trouble maker how to connect to a database.

JDBC pretty much falls in the

same category as ODBC.

I don't want to get into a lengthy description of cracks. What I do want you to know is that your very own software can be used against you. If it thinks someone accessing it is who should be accessing it – it will do as they please! Especially report programs. People internal to the company may be accessing tables with sensitive data on them. Do you want that?

Most attacks happen on the underlying software of an application – the middleware and glue that puts things together. In other words, it's not your software, it's the data source your software uses. It's not your web pages, it is the ASP weaknesses used in MS IIS that are used. Keep up on those patches!

Types of data that should be encrypted:

¹ Sure for internal systems you can specify which IPs can interact with a database hidden away on an internal network – but the fact is that database is accessed by some kind of software – and you guessed it – it is that software the crackers go after!

Some types of data to be encrypted are obvious. As a general rule – anything that can be used to identify a customer in your system should be encrypted. This includes:

- Passwords
- Names (provided they are not searchable – see below)
- Address Information (provided it is not searchable – see below)

- Purchase Authorization Codes

- Credit Card Numbers
- Credit Card Expiration Date
- Credit Card Auth Code

Next might be sensitive materials – such as:

- Paycheck amounts
- Salary amounts
- Commission amounts

Followed by perhaps confidential information – active quotes, strategy, etc.

A possible solution:

There are a couple of strategies one can use to encrypt software. They do depend on the software that you have available.

Overview of GPG/PGP:

This article will be working with gpg – an open source variant of pgp. I like both of them – though the gpg one seems to travel on more operating systems (probably that open source thing.)

Both these packages are public key crypto-systems. What that means is there are two keys. One, called the public key, pretty much gives the software the information for encrypting something, but not for decrypting it. The other, called the private key, will decrypt what ever it's corresponding public key has encrypted.

Very convenient, because no passwords are needed. Passwords have a tendency to be simple- thereby open to dictionary attacks, and worse - easily spread by gossip. With a public key, you can share it with everyone, and not worry about any one passing it along to other people. It's sole purpose is to encrypt messages/data.

Here is how we created a key set:

```
[~]$ gpg --gen-key
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Please select what kind of key you want:
  (1) DSA and ElGamal (default)
  (2) DSA (sign only)
  (4) ElGamal (sign and encrypt)
Your selection? 1
DSA keypair will have 1024 bits.
About to generate a new ELG-E keypair.
      minimum keysize is 768 bits
      default keysize is 1024 bits
      highest suggested keysize is 2048 bits
What keysize do you want? (1024)
Requested keysize is 1024 bits
Please specify how long the key should be valid.
  0 = key does not expire
  <n> = key expires in n days
  <n>w = key expires in n weeks
  <n>m = key expires in n months
  <n>y = key expires in n years
Key is valid for? (0) 5y
Key expires at Sat Jul 26 20:38:26 2008 PDT
Is this correct (y/n)? y

You need a User-ID to identify your key; the software constructs the user id
from Real Name, Comment and Email Address in this form:
  "Heinrich Heine (Der Dichter) <heinrichh@duesseldorf.de>"

Real name: Scott Auge
Email address: sauge@amduus.com
Comment: Test Key
You selected this USER-ID:
  "Scott Auge (Test Key) <sauge@amduus.com>"

Change (N)ame, (C)omment, (E)mail or (O)kay/(Q)uit? O
You need a Passphrase to protect your secret key.

We need to generate a lot of random bytes. It is a good idea to perform
some other action (type on the keyboard, move the mouse, utilize the
disks) during the prime generation; this gives the random number
generator a better chance to gain enough entropy.
.+++++
+++++.....>+++++
...+++++
public and secret key created and signed.
```

Here is an example of a public key:

```
[~]$ gpg --armor --export sauge@amduus.com

-----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
Version: GnuPG v1.0.1 (GNU/Linux)
Comment: For info see http://www.gnupg.org
```

```

mQGIBDxGjX0RBADUsG65LNF3gSqSzNZRHL52J2UAKQfZuwHzvcA8BzqOg/qQilRd
Z63qzjKBgnlLYbXIgFWIZmEH6HRq9VAPXr6ftwJdne7btKi94hMFMh2/GWXsDObm
YKZgpPfoqD4jSlPnGOfMBuEl+xK/vnyBN+Gk+qbNVZPCOsAOfx0jP3fnQCg/wR1
6AuohTh48ipEIz33vp43visEAMMQt8sKCZ8zT9NuJea6PngATaVkJz6KssMpcghN
QIrT6gmpEUHF1O7o0PzyB6mkpEmH2GHdaqzJj3LNDdj/J9oUCSUGnLa//S8aKgJ1
3XZNoJqWg4xAeo5JUmv4UB7GLE7X7xraRcpJhx0oKG5xfrOxSKFKjn7v21MqEni
V/XBA/41yIKUvKUnDIUABQ8s5emoULQ5ZjTa9uTxGJQdSuwmjDD7J9uifMJHSsBb
ZMLiRLQPmb2EmdhmF73GiqkGKoZAU9Y9krf5rptdlsBfS3U6hiFtyHjW+1RSV46R
Mcr3nOtN5ed7LC7cuar3MTvZdKT3LIeBkKWOUKayQRRGS8PhLQdU2NvdHQgQXVn
ZSA8c2F1Z2VAYW1kdXVzLmNvbT6ITgQQEQIADgUCPEanfQQLAwIBAhkBAaOJEC9r
f8xZo6kzQmMAoL7WPEtdyG41RvFsOaoGqvtethTtAKC3sJ2OCw6Q8hn1xKwOdWzQ
O4NHx7kCDQQ8Ro19EAgA9kJXtwh/CBdyorrWqULzBej5UxE5T7bxbr1LOCDaAadW
oxTpj0BV89AHxstDqZSt90xkhkn4DIO9ZekX1KHTUPj1WV/cdlJPPT2N286Z4VeS
Wc39uK50T8X8dryDxUcwYc58yWb/Ffm7/ZFexwGq01uejaClcjrUGvC/RgBYK+X0
iPlYtKnbszSC0neSRBzZrM2w4DUUdD3yIsxx8Wy209vPJI8BD8KVbGI2Ou1WMuF04
0zT9fBdXQ6MdGGzeMyEstSr/POGxKUAYEY18hKcKctaGxAMZyAcpesqVDNmWn6vQ
C1CbAkbtCD1mpF1Bn5x8vY1LlHkmuquiXsNV6TILowACAggA5sIEM+Sd7G9odYOc
ZLE7yYCWsIT1NUbWBSU2oANebsOApkIdIr95d83iURAUc6dOetLhyoA8qo1dz1H
KMbfcUh/MNjcp0CmiLTtKfi/hD/G75CIL3KeTP/AlymRLg1XE0zoDTWj3M4dDQln
nAs4lzTl6FFdbFjxNjrLShepDTJzIxuMs5YP00yQx0n1kUKiqQ1Z/9OpxJKelbXQ
o0RPDFA8zzPnxhtz5qhBojOUZhFHk2Rc7A6cPzc5VHnlzfarfu/6wHZAmZ3liYrj
8pX1i032Qg0e3lH/r09EKX2qGXlObHrQiSA7UQd/r7ao9QKJO33N83xzuW7zV4Jb
/z55K4hGBBgRagAGBQI8Ro19AAoJEC9rf8xZo6kz8OsAn2JG0pwLyz+tibiKvWfJ
XTCnXF1JAJ9PrZq44BQez04h0VANpMb94LY26A==
=bd32
-----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

```

Your probably thinking “Wow – that is a lot of numbers and letters to remember.” So – how do we keep track of all these keys and stuff. The good news is that public key crypto-systems have “keyring” software included in them. By using commands, you can add, delete, export, and import files containing all the gobble gook found above.

Lets see how we go about encrypting something.

Lets say we want to encrypt – something that looks like a credit card number:

```
5555-987-7654
```

How do we do this on the command line?

First we place that data into a file called testdata. Then we issue the following command:

```
[~/code/progress/ezine35]$ gpg -a -r sauge@amduus.com --yes -e testdata
```

This creates a file called testdata.asc which reads as:

```

-----BEGIN PGP MESSAGE-----
Version: GnuPG v1.0.1 (GNU/Linux)
Comment: For info see http://www.gnupg.org

hQEOA2IWBurjayzyEAQAhEocpk8qFQRQrnnYf+fx4oDjtAOy/BARtV6GgZlksZaf
yIOypJJS5ajQPdtJHcVSZeH8XUOkbcxkXLYbRIEUOXHTdljj5fhjU3b1Vnnvj1R6

```

```
qSn6cMhEbdWgAhA2t4W0sTerlDvrWZE6a3rdvdyfRp6ckPkZuR4CqtI0a3jdcfIE
ALQ7WXUbsPp2Z3PYmSN1EH79BL37iSWAus8bEd3UCahSMG9wmXJIFAIN2j6pHdr
lDK5WvY4/+H6y/wSr1Su4jhDqmjuZCCsTR7fIp6BemEzCrJXmFfOJv9HJS+zeb5u
bwBqmRcg2cRuJyOBSjHzuKxSrK978Q0nwjIane3PsrWKyTBfHmJqHt1vfjlLG2S+
I7tj6jTf0UYK6ZiIJd2Xj9eiI089hHyNTIA3lHnub3QBEpw=
=v4Ir
-----END PGP MESSAGE-----
```

As you can tell – encrypting your data is going to create a substantially larger piece of data to store.

How do we decrypt such a thing?

```
[~/code/progress/ezine35]$ gpg -a -r sauge@amduus.com -o testdata.plain --yes
-d testdata.asc
```

```
You need a passphrase to unlock the secret key for
user: "Scott Auge (Test Key) <sauge@amduus.com>"
1024-bit ELG-E key, ID E36B2CF2, created 2003-07-29 (main key ID 4D596895)
```

Enter passphrase:

```
[~/code/progress/ezine35]$
```

This creates a file called testdata.plain which contains:

```
[~/code/progress/ezine35]$ cat testdata.plain
5555-987-7654
```

Our original data we encrypted.

See Appendix B of the article for how to call gpg with stdin/stdout commands.

Be sure to read the conclusion of the article for things that should be done for implementation.

Use one key pair:

As you can see above – one can make a single key pair, perhaps name it GobblyGook, and use it to encrypt and decrypt data. Then just store the encrypted goods into the database.

It is very simple and pretty effective.

There is a need of a pass phrase to decrypt data. One can make it a parameter, or allow certain users to enter it to access that level of data. If they don't have the right pass phrase, all they will get on their screens is encrypted alphabet soup.

You can “compartmentalize” data by encrypting it with different pass phrases. Certain fields regarding credit card numbers will be encrypted with one key pair that only Bob and Cathy know the pass phrase to. Other fields involving salary information is encrypted with a different key pair that only John and Isis know the pass phrase to.

Should one of these people move on – the pass phrase can be changed in the key ring – and the new one redistributed to the people who should know it.

Use multiple key pairs:

It is possible to have multiple public keys be used to encrypt text. That way, the owners of the pass phrase to the private key can decrypt the message. This gets a little more complicated with key management, but I am writing this to let you know that it is possible.

Encrypt.p

Below is a program used to encrypt the contents of a progress variable or database field.

It takes four arguments:

Input The data to be encrypted

Input The key name

Output The encrypted data

```
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*
*/

DEF VAR RCSVersion AS CHARACTER INIT "$Header:
/home/sauge/code/progress/ezine35/RCS/Encrypt.p,v 1.2 2003/07/29 21:13:17 sauge Exp sauge
$" NO-UNDO.

/* Call out to gpg to do a decrypt of data */
/* WARNING:  Some of the variables are backwards because this is a simple */
/* copy of Decrypt re-worked to encrypt.                                     */

DEF INPUT  PARAMETER cEncryptData AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.
DEF INPUT  PARAMETER cKeyName      AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.
DEF OUTPUT PARAMETER cPlainData   AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.

DEF VAR cEncryptFileName AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.
DEF VAR cPlainFileName  AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.

/* Our defaults - might want to make them else wehere */

ASSIGN cEncryptFileName = "/tmp/testdata.asc".
ASSIGN cPlainFileName  = "/tmp/plain.txt".

/* Take variable containing encrypted text and place it into a file. */
/* I hate doing this, but it is mostly demo code - all this should */
/* happen via stdin and stdout.                                     */

OUTPUT TO VALUE(cEncryptFileName).
PUT UNFORMATTED cEncryptData.
OUTPUT CLOSE.

/* Convert that file into a plaintext file */
/* Note we do some funky stuff to get the passphrase into the string via the --
passphrase-fd */
/* We don't want the pass phrase on the command line which can be seen with ps -aux */

OS-COMMAND gpg -a --batch --no-tty -r VALUE(cKeyName) -o VALUE(cPlainFileName) --yes -e
VALUE(cEncryptFileName) .

/* Load the output variable with the file's contents */
```

```
RUN ReadTextFile.p (INPUT cPlainFileName, OUTPUT cPlainData).

/* Clean house */

OS-DELETE VALUE(cPlainFileName).
OS-DELETE VALUE(cEncryptFileName).
```

The testing program:

```
DEF VAR cEncryptData AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.
DEF VAR cPlainData AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.

RUN ReadTextFile.p (INPUT "testdata", OUTPUT cEncryptData).

RUN Encrypt.p (
INPUT cEncryptData ,
INPUT "sauge@amduus.com",
OUTPUT cPlainData
).

OUTPUT TO /tmp/a.
PUT UNFORMATTED cPlainData.
OUTPUT CLOSE.
```

One can certainly set a variable to a value to be encrypted and then pass that into the Encrypt.p program.

Decrypt.p

This program uses the same arguments as Encrypt, only the plain text and the encrypted text are reversed.

```
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*
*/

DEF VAR RCSVersion AS CHARACTER INIT "$Header:
/home/sauge/code/progress/ezone35/RCS/Decrypt.p,v 1.1 2003/07/29 06:46:48 sauge Exp sauge
$" NO-UNDO.

/* Call out to gpg to do a decrypt of data */

DEF INPUT  PARAMETER cEncryptData AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.
DEF INPUT  PARAMETER cKeyName      AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.
DEF INPUT  PARAMETER cPassPhrase  AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.
DEF OUTPUT PARAMETER cPlainData   AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.

DEF VAR cEncryptFileName AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.
DEF VAR cPlainFileName AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.

/* Our defaults - might want to make them else where */

ASSIGN cEncryptFileName = "/tmp/testdata.asc".
ASSIGN cPlainFileName = "/tmp/plain.txt".

/* Take variable containing encrypted text and place it into a file. */

OUTPUT TO VALUE(cEncryptFileName).
PUT UNFORMATTED cEncryptData.
OUTPUT CLOSE.

/* Convert that file into a plaintext file */
```

```

/* Note we do some funky stuff to get the passphrase into the string via the --
passphrase-fd */

input-output thru  gpg -a --batch --no-tty --passphrase-fd 0 -r VALUE(cKeyName) -o
VALUE(cPlainFileName) --yes -d VALUE(cEncryptFileName) .
put UNFORMATTED cPassPhrase.
input-output close.

/* Load the output variable with the file's contents */

RUN ReadTextFile.p (INPUT cPlainFileName, OUTPUT cPlainData).

/* Clean house */

OS-DELETE VALUE(cPlainFileName).
OS-DELETE VALUE(cEncryptFileName).

```

And the program to test it with:

```

DEF VAR cEncryptData AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.
DEF VAR cPlainData  AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.

RUN ReadTextFile.p (INPUT "/tmp/a", OUTPUT cEncryptData).

RUN Decrypt.p (
INPUT  cEncryptData ,
INPUT  "saug@amduus.com",
INPUT  "progressrocks",
OUTPUT cPlainData
).

disp cPlainData format "x(50)".

```

ReadTextFile.p

The above programs need this helping code.



```
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 * SUCH DAMAGE.
 */

DEF VAR RCSVersion AS CHARACTER INIT "$Header:
/home/sauge/code/progress/ezone35/RCS/ReadTextFile.p,v 1.1 2003/07/29 07:13:07 sauge Exp
sauge $" NO-UNDO.

DEF INPUT PARAMETER cFileName          AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.
DEF OUTPUT PARAMETER cFileContents     AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.

DEF VAR vFileLine                      AS CHARACTER NO-UNDO.

INPUT FROM VALUE(cFileName).

REPEAT:

    IMPORT UNFORMATTED vFileLine.

    ASSIGN cFileContents = cFileContents
                        + vFileLine
                        + "~n".
```

```
END.
```

```
INPUT CLOSE.
```

Using the routines:

As you can imagine, your going to need to call Encrypt.p and Decrypt.p quite often to access data stored in the database. These are computationally heavy routines. It will slow down your program, and so encryption should be used for only the most important information.

Note that you cannot assume that the same data will yield the same cipher text. In other words, 555-657-0987 encrypted might yield one set of text, while 555-657-0987 encrypted later on will yield another set of text. This is because “salt” is added into the message so that it is practically different every time the Encrypt.p message is run. The cryptosystem will recognize there is salt in there, and decrypt the data to the same message.

You should not use encrypted data as keys to your relations. Your begging for trouble if you do. It is better to use foreign keys to relate the tables. For one thing, as mentioned above – the same plain text data does not guarantee the same cipher text data. One can find the creation of orphaned records mighty quickly. Also your index space will go bonkers, because as you know – encrypted data is much larger than the normal data.

To further re-enforce – a lot of times people will use ENCODE() to hash a password into gobbly gook and compare it to the previous gobbly gook. You can’t do that with most public key encryption – because your not guaranteed to get the same cipher text. To use encryption for passwords, you will need to compare the entered password to the Decrypt.p version of the password stored and compare. People who do use a hash to hide passwords should read: <http://news.com.com/2100-1009-5053063.html> It shows how using large look-up tables (up to 1.6 GB) can be used to work hash’s backwards, or at least to an equivalent starting point.

Searching on encrypted fields. This is going to be painful. There are two main methods to accomplish this. One is you will need to do full table scans on the field – basically read the data, decrypt, decide if it is the set you want... go from there.

Another way to aid might be “clue markers.” These are a bits of data to aid in selecting rows from the table. For example, one of the searchable fields is FirstName – which is encrypted. Another field might be made called ClueFirstName. Just as a card catalog for a name might have the first two letters to the field, the Clue field will too. That is:

First Name (unencrypted)	ClueFirstName
--------------------------	---------------

Scott	Sc
Craig	Cr
Brent	Br

Under Progress, you might be able to search with better bracketing by elongating the clue fields. But of course, if you elongate the clue fields, you more or less put that information out into the open.

Implementation Notes:

As you can guess, obviously the crypto-system software and more importantly – the keys – are on the system implementing the Encrypt and Decrypt routines.

On GUI based applications, that is a lot of places for the keys to be picked up at and fiddled with if the code is run on the user's machine. You can control this by using MetaFrame or the like to send all the users to a single or set of machines to run the code from.

On CHUI you might be able to control the keys a little better by controlling the accounts via UNIX permissions. At least they may be on one server everyone telnets into/X windows out of.

The keys are a little more controlled with web applications – users need to gain access to the machine the transaction server is on to mess with the keys. This can be more difficult if the code is running on a machine not part of the web server hardware collection².

The best way to implement such a set of routines is via an AppServer or an Encryption Server. Like the Webspeed transaction server, an AppServer for GUI and CHUI apps may be running on a more secure system on another piece of hardware that is out of the user's reach³.

To use an encryption server, one may want to make a SSL⁴ connection to a port waiting for encryption and decryption services. (This is a good use for Web Services.) It would receive a set of data much like the parameters to Encrypt.p and Decrypt.p – and return the results of those routines to the calling program.

² Webspeed allows the web server to have a messenger which contacts a transaction server on another machine.

³ It is not known how safe packets of data between an application and an AppServer are.

⁴ You want to use SSL or TLS to make the connection between the program and the encryption server encrypted it's self. This way people can't sniff the network looking for your packets with the de-crypted data floating in them.

Appendix A: So you have a warning about using insecure memory

If your using GPG on a multi-user system, it will use insecure memory⁵. The way to get past this is to set the SUID to root on the executable.

First find the binary you are executing and be sure it is the one you think you are executing:

```
[~/code/progress/ezine35]$ which gpg
/usr/bin/gpg
```

List the permissions and ownership. You will probably see something like this:

```
[~/code/progress/ezine35]$ ls -l /usr/bin/gpg
-rwxr-xr-x  1 root  root  502400 Aug 22  2000 /usr/bin/gpg
```

If the executable is not owned by root, chown the executable to be owned by root.

Next chmod the executable to use SUID of root when executed.

```
[~/code/progress/ezine35]$ su
Password:
[/home/sauge/code/progress/ezine35]# chmod 4555 /usr/bin/gpg
[/home/sauge/code/progress/ezine35]# ls -l /usr/bin/gpg
-r-sr-xr-x  1 root  root  502400 Aug 22  2000 /usr/bin/gpg
```

Appendix B: Example calling gpg via stdin/stdout.

```
[~/code/progress/ezine35]$ echo "5555-987-7654" | gpg --armour -e --yes -r sauge@amduus.com
```

Will output on stdout:

```
-----BEGIN PGP MESSAGE-----
Version: GnuPG v1.0.1 (GNU/Linux)
Comment: For info see http://www.gnupg.org

hQIOA/aOys0zndXaEAgApa+Qk3P3SyKLjC+i3SxeJSZADQF2oO8OC+mHbbOmmgwc
UICDe9NJNdykntbFKqDOuGP4QkLf6aaTgStlAOqrqpGPAgm02PuTFO+qeiwvO/rO
dUjv4j8grqGsFwidpLLdpUQ4NG4begZRCUgj/dqNAo4DpmVD7GPlnKhnxvXvT6y2
/G9koskUpVCWA7a4qu6ZfuvdLTvS2x8/yPGekSScFlcCdwFu9YP8B9fIksD+ckTd
YYAWFEECaxaJ90fzvYq9KJfAsbj1xbaOcWaqgSMwtsNBgppqEIXZUGW0vSY210h2T
e8RYPhFlo36fUOsQ/GxjkColkm1R0hv+6qECUM8rRQf/Tacl4eewOZSS/fFogqeE
1SODFwVzp6I5975Y010jLEKbDN111PuSZRTiH67aFgX/NliABftUMTtcbW5K+gFe
7nB4opr/r7a3IplFqofYvg1kDLoxiMeuUw05OH8LwrLFwxP3ZqOsreFz/fxgDT50
VMY/8tKUGzGqEiV6BJLJzEEZbnkuhuGmdHQz6Phie+jbto4aGJcRDoKqko5ONhKM
```

⁵ Insecure memory means the program's binary and data areas can be swapped out to disk. If the OS supports user's "locking" memory into RAM – this won't be a problem. Otherwise the program will need to be run with the permissions of a user that can lock memory to RAM – usually root.

```
sYoEuj85oiAA50zKiXuc+oGlxWBDIzBT2KvqtSw5Xp2wPbKCs14phwul1Vxk7vwb
wmjx23TpIMTCk3MkZ5VXwXIzTLrA32QibkK8Dlc6LbCTRercjwP8L6CiKVJBgGjW
9skjFgUXBoyhOhL0uo9gvAKxbY/6mVS9PCel2KJxn0N40g2sh6I=
=ZjLJ
```

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

Appendix C: Signing a key

When you encrypt something to someone using a key, sometimes it will say it cannot find the trust calculation for that key and prompt you to answer yes or no to actually use it.

This is how you get around it. When you create a new key with a secret key, you can assign the trust to the key by signing it. Use `-u` with the same name as the `-edit-key` value.

```
[~/code/progress/ezine35]$ gpg -u sauge@amduus.com --edit-key sauge@amduus.com
gpg (GnuPG) 1.0.1; Copyright (C) 1999 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
This program comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
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```

```
Secret key is available.
```

```
pub 1024D/59A3A933  created: 2002-01-17 expires: never      trust: f/q
sub 2048g/339DD5DA  created: 2002-01-17 expires: never
(1) Scott Auge <sauge@amduus.com>
```

```
Command> trust
pub 1024D/59A3A933  created: 2002-01-17 expires: never      trust: f/q
sub 2048g/339DD5DA  created: 2002-01-17 expires: never
(1) Scott Auge <sauge@amduus.com>
```

```
Please decide how far you trust this user to correctly
verify other users' keys (by looking at passports,
checking fingerprints from different sources...)?
```

```
1 = Don't know
2 = I do NOT trust
3 = I trust marginally
4 = I trust fully
s = please show me more information
m = back to the main menu
```

```
Your decision? 4
```

```
pub 1024D/59A3A933  created: 2002-01-17 expires: never      trust: f/q
sub 2048g/339DD5DA  created: 2002-01-17 expires: never
(1) Scott Auge <sauge@amduus.com>
```

```
Command> sign
```

```
pub 1024D/59A3A933  created: 2002-01-17 expires: never      trust: f/q
Fingerprint: 1323 5DAA BE20 9BD8 039A 0637 2F6B 7FCC 59A3 A933
```

```
Scott Auge <sauge@amduus.com>
```

```
Are you really sure that you want to sign this key
```

```
with your key: "Scott Auge (Test Key) <sauge@amduus.com>"
```

```
Really sign? yes
```

```
You need a passphrase to unlock the secret key for  
user: "Scott Auge (Test Key) <sauge@amduus.com>"  
1024-bit DSA key, ID 4D596895, created 2003-07-29
```

```
Command> save  
[~/code/progress/ezine35]$
```

Where to find the source code:

<http://www.amduus.com/OpenSrc/FreePublications/EZineArchive/ezine35.2003.210.14.42.zip>

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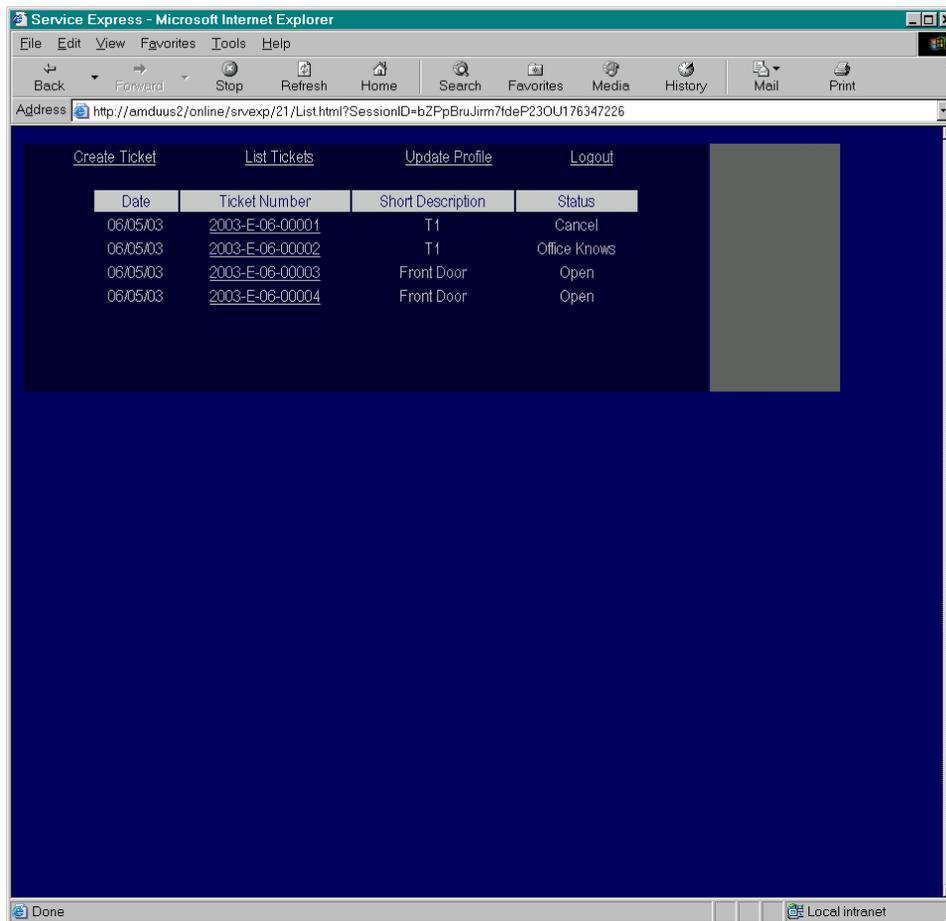
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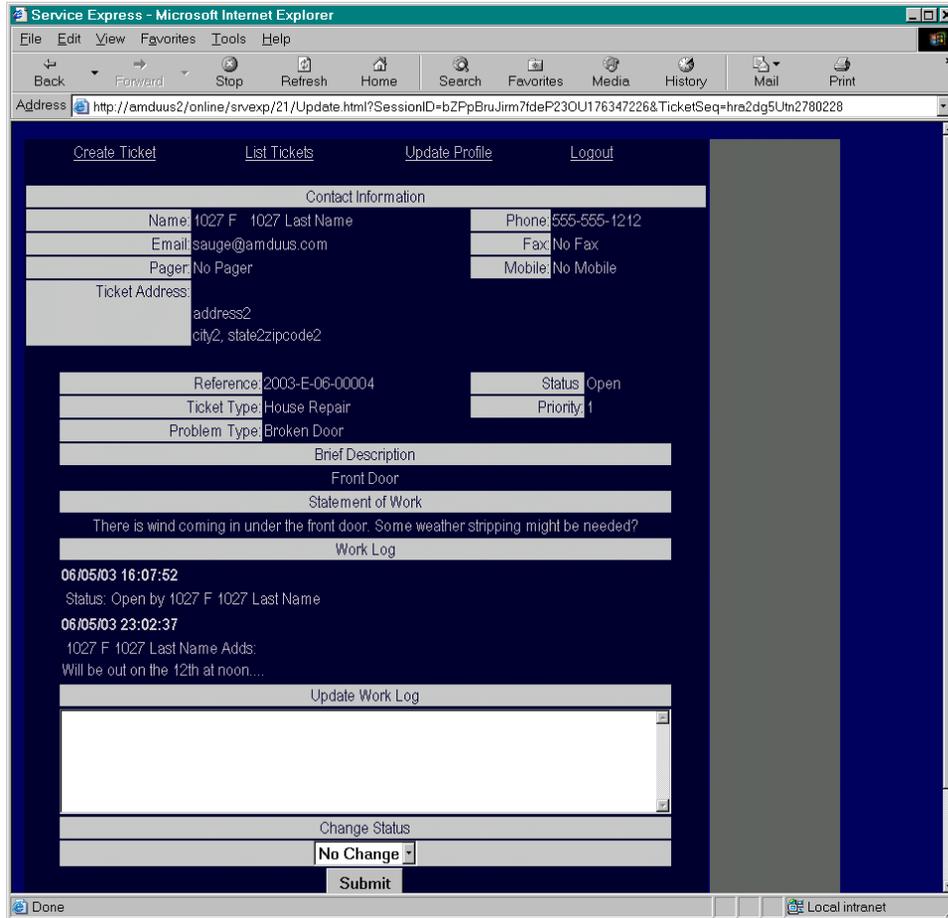
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06/05/03	2003-E-06-00001	T1	Cancel
06/05/03	2003-E-06-00002	T1	Office Knows
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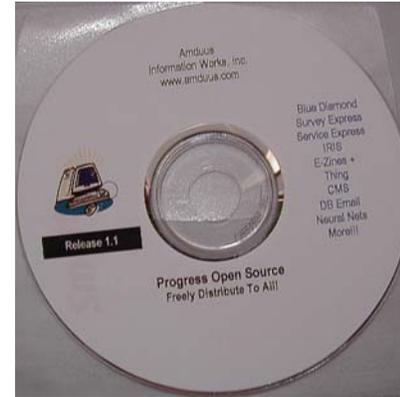
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<p>Webspeed Transaction Server 5 Agent</p> <p>Circle Your OS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tru64 UNIX 4.0F (4.0G, 5.0, 5.0A, 5.1, 5.1A, 5.1B) • HP-UX 32 Bit PA-RISC (Patches XSWGR1100+ PHSS_22543, 22868, 22478, HPUX 11i) • HP-UX 64 Bit PA_RISC (Patches XSWGR1100+ PHSS_22543, 22868, 22478, HPUX 11i) • IBM AIX (4.3.3 MUP Level 2) • Red Hat Linux Intel (6.2, 7.0, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 8.0, Advanced Server 2.1, Red Hat Enterprise Linux ES) • Sun Solaris SPARC 32Bit (Solaris SPARC 2.6 Solaris 7, 8, 9) • Sun Solaris SPARC 64 Bit (Solaris SPARC 2.8, Solaris 8, 9) 	<p>\$7,560.00</p>		
<p>Webspeed Transaction Server 25 Agent</p> <p>Circle Your OS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tru64 UNIX 4.0F (4.0G, 5.0, 5.0A, 5.1, 5.1A, 5.1B) • HP-UX 32 Bit PA-RISC (Patches XSWGR1100+ PHSS_22543, 22868, 22478, HPUX 11i) • HP-UX 64 Bit PA_RISC (Patches XSWGR1100+ PHSS_22543, 22868, 22478, HPUX 11i) • IBM AIX (4.3.3 MUP Level 2) 	<p>\$14,000.00</p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Hat Linux Intel (6.2, 7.0, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 8.0, Advanced Server 2.1, Red Hat Enterprise Linux ES) • Sun Solaris SPARC 32Bit (Solaris SPARC 2.6 Solaris 7, 8, 9) • Sun Solaris SPARC 64 Bit (Solaris SPARC 2.8, Solaris 8, 9) 			
<p>Webspeed Transaction Server 50 Agent Circle Your OS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tru64 UNIX 4.0F (4.0G, 5.0, 5.0A, 5.1, 5.1A, 5.1B) • HP-UX 32 Bit PA-RISC (Patches XSWGR1100+ PHSS_22543, 22868, 22478, HPUX 11i) • HP-UX 64 Bit PA_RISC (Patches XSWGR1100+ PHSS_22543, 22868, 22478, HPUX 11i) • IBM AIX (4.3.3 MUP Level 2) • Red Hat Linux Intel (6.2, 7.0, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 8.0, Advanced Server 2.1, Red Hat Enterprise Linux ES) • Sun Solaris SPARC 32Bit (Solaris SPARC 2.6 Solaris 7, 8, 9) • Sun Solaris SPARC 64 Bit (Solaris SPARC 2.8, Solaris 8, 9) 	\$25,200.00		
<p>Progress Webspeed Workshop (For the Programmer/Analyst) Per User</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS Windows 	\$1,330.00		
<p>4GL Development System (For the Programmer/Analyst) Per User Circle Your OS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tru64 UNIX 4.0F (4.0G, 5.0, 5.0A, 5.1, 5.1A, 5.1B) • HP-UX 32 Bit PA-RISC (Patches XSWGR1100+ PHSS_22543, 22868, 22478, HPUX 11i) • HP-UX 64 Bit PA_RISC (Patches XSWGR1100+ PHSS_22543, 22868, 22478, HPUX 11i) • IBM AIX (4.3.3 MUP Level 2) • Red Hat Linux Intel (6.2, 7.0, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 8.0, Advanced Server 2.1, Red Hat Enterprise Linux ES) 	\$3,920.00		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun Solaris SPARC 32Bit (Solaris SPARC 2.6 Solaris 7, 8, 9) • Sun Solaris SPARC 64 Bit (Solaris SPARC 2.8, Solaris 8, 9) 			
Progress Provision Plus (For the Programmer/Analyst) Per User Circle Your OS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS Windows 	\$6,300.00		
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