



## ***Linux Ubuntu 26.04 Manual Pages on command 'migrate-pubring-from-classic-gpg.1'***

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NAME

migrate-pubring-from-classic-gpg - Migrate a public keyring from "classic" to "modern" GnuPG

SYNOPSIS

migrate-pubring-from-classic-gpg [ GPGHOMEDIR | --default ]

DESCRIPTION

migrate-pubring-from-classic-gpg migrates the public keyring in GnuPG home directory GPGHOMEDIR from the "classic" keyring format (pubring.gpg) to the "modern" keybox format using GnuPG versions 2.1 or 2.2 (pubring.kbx).

Specifying --default selects the standard GnuPG home directory (looking at \$GNUPGHOME first, and falling back to ~/.gnupg if unset).

OPTIONS

-h, --help, --usage Output a short usage information.

DIAGNOSTICS

The program sends quite a bit of text (perhaps too much) to stderr.

During a migration, the tool backs up several pieces of data in a timestamped subdirectory of the GPGHOMEDIR.

LIMITATIONS

The keybox format rejects a number of OpenPGP certificates that the "classic" keyring format used to accept. These filters are defensive, since the certificates rejected are unsafe ? either cryptographically unsound, or dangerously non-performant. This means that some migrations may produce warning messages about the migration being incomplete. This is gener?

ally a good thing!

Known limitations:

Flooded certificates

Some OpenPGP certificates have been flooded with bogus certifications as part of an at?

tack on the SKS keyserver network (see

<https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-dkg-openpgp-abuse-resistant-keystore-03#section-2.1>).

The keybox format rejects import of any OpenPGP certificate larger than 5 MiB. As of

GnuPG 2.2.17, if gpg encounters such a flooded certificate will retry the import while

stripping all third-party certifications (see "self-sigs-only" in `gpg(1)`).

The typical error message when migrating a keyring with a flooded certificate will be

something like:

```
error writing keyring 'pubring.kbx': Provided object is too large
```

OpenPGPv3 public keys (a.k.a. PGP-2 keys)

Modern OpenPGP implementations use so-called "OpenPGP v4" public keys. Older versions

of the public key format have serious known problems. See

<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4880#section-5.5.2> for more details about and reasons for

v3 key deprecation.

The keybox format skips v3 keys entirely during migration, and GnuPG will produce a mes?

sage like:

```
skipped PGP-2 keys: 1
```

## ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

GNUPGHOME Selects the GnuPG home directory when set and --default is given.

GPG The name of the gpg executable (defaults to `gpg`).

## SEE ALSO

`gpg(1)`

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