Linux - Evolution

Prerequisites

- Correct setup of the email client Evolution
- Correct integration of the certification authorities into the operating system.
- **Valid digital User certificate**

Configuration

- Start Evolution
- Edit → Settings → Certificates
    - Card „Your certificates“ → Import
        - Point to the file you created under „Issue“ in the User certificates section
        - Enter the corresponding password
        - Click on the „OK“ button
    - Card „Certification authorities“ → Check the required certification authorities
        - T-Systems Enterprise Services GmbH
            - T-TeleSec GlobalRoot Class 2
        - Verein zur Foerderung eines Deutschen Forschungsnetzes (Association for the Promotion of a German Research Network)
            - DFN-Verein Certification Authority 2
            - DFN-Verein Global Issuing CA
- Edit → Settings → E-mail accounts
    - <Your e-mail account> → Edit
    - Security tab, section Secure MIME (S/MIME)
        - Signature Certificate: Select your personal digital user certificate here.
        - Signature algorithm: SHA256
        - Always sign outgoing messages from this account: activated
        - Encryption certificate: Select your personal digital user certificate here.
        - Always encrypt outgoing messages from this account: enabled.

Now you have carried out all the necessary steps to sign every e-mail. Provided you have the public key of your communication partner, you can also encrypt every e-mail.

Use

Sign

- Click on „New“ → „New e-mail message“ in Evolution and compose it.
- Before sending, check at the top of DeepL access that the message is digitally signed.
    - The button „Sign this message with your S/MIME signing certificate“ at the top of the DeepL access is activated by default.
    - The button „Encrypt this message with your S/MIME encryption certificate“ at the top of the DeepL access is enabled by default, it must be disabled.

- As soon as you click on „Send“, the e-mail is digitally signed and subsequently sent.
- The communication partner sees the loop symbol as a sign of a digitally signed e-mail.

Encrypt

To encrypt an e-mail, you must first have the communication partner's public key:

- Have your communication partner send you a digitally signed e-mail, for example. Evolution automatically adds the public key to its certificate store.

- Click on „New“ → „New e-mail message“ in Evolution and compose it.
- Before sending, check at the top of DeepL access that the message is digitally encrypted.
    - The button „Sign this message with your S/MIME signing certificate“ at the top of the DeepL access is activated by default.
    - The button „Encrypt this message with your S/MIME encryption certificate“ at the top of the DeepL access is activated by default.
- As soon as you click on „Send“, the e-mail is encrypted and then sent.
- The communication partner sees the padlock symbol as a sign of an encrypted e-mail.