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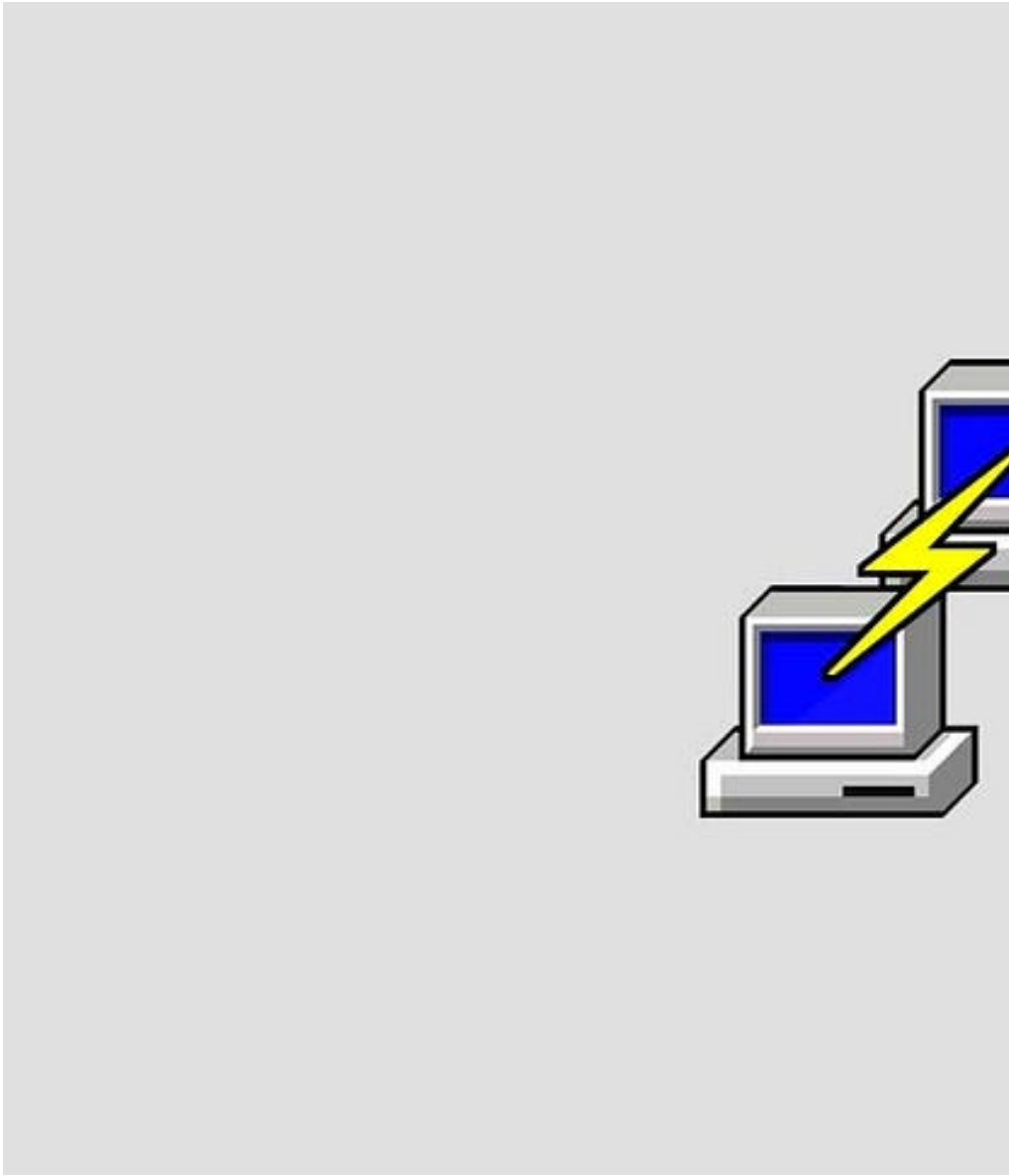
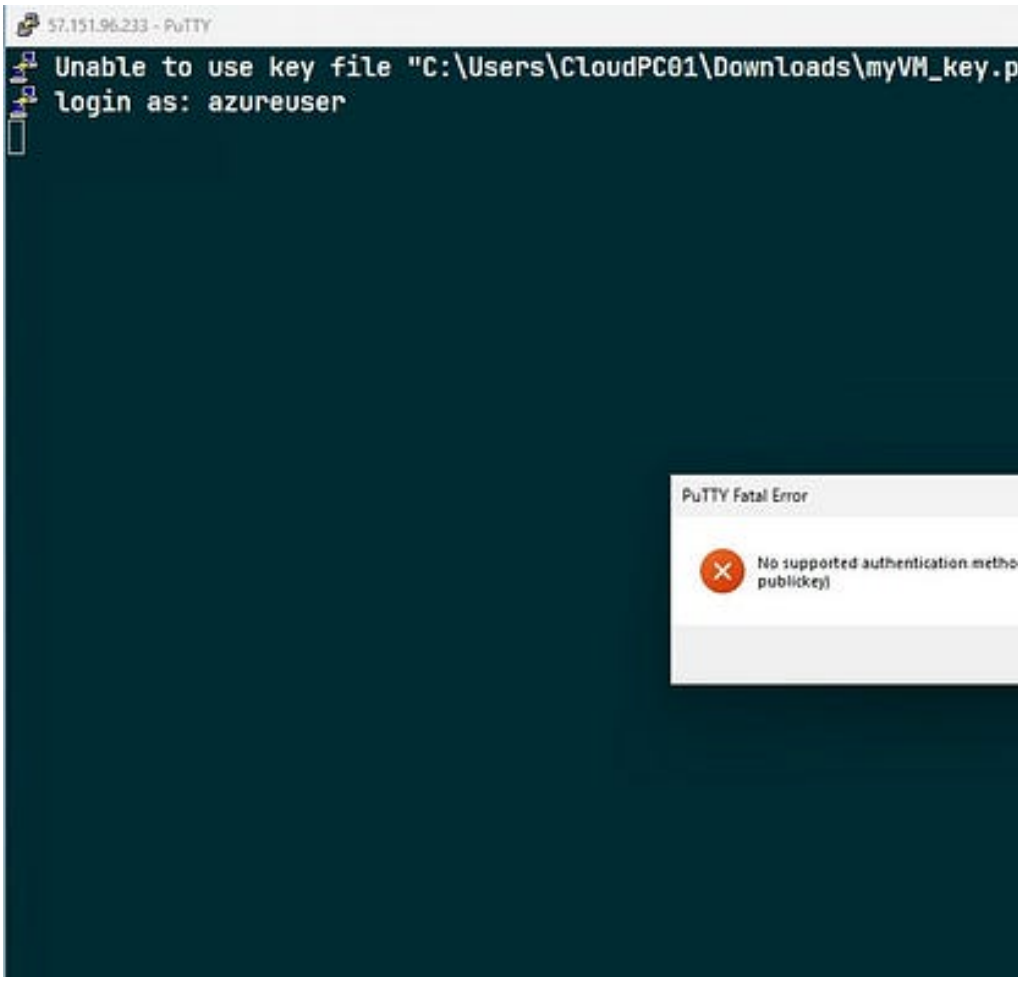


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Unable to Use Key File OpenSSH SSH-2 Private Key

In some cases, you get the following error when trying to connect to a Linux system using PuTTY with private key authentication.

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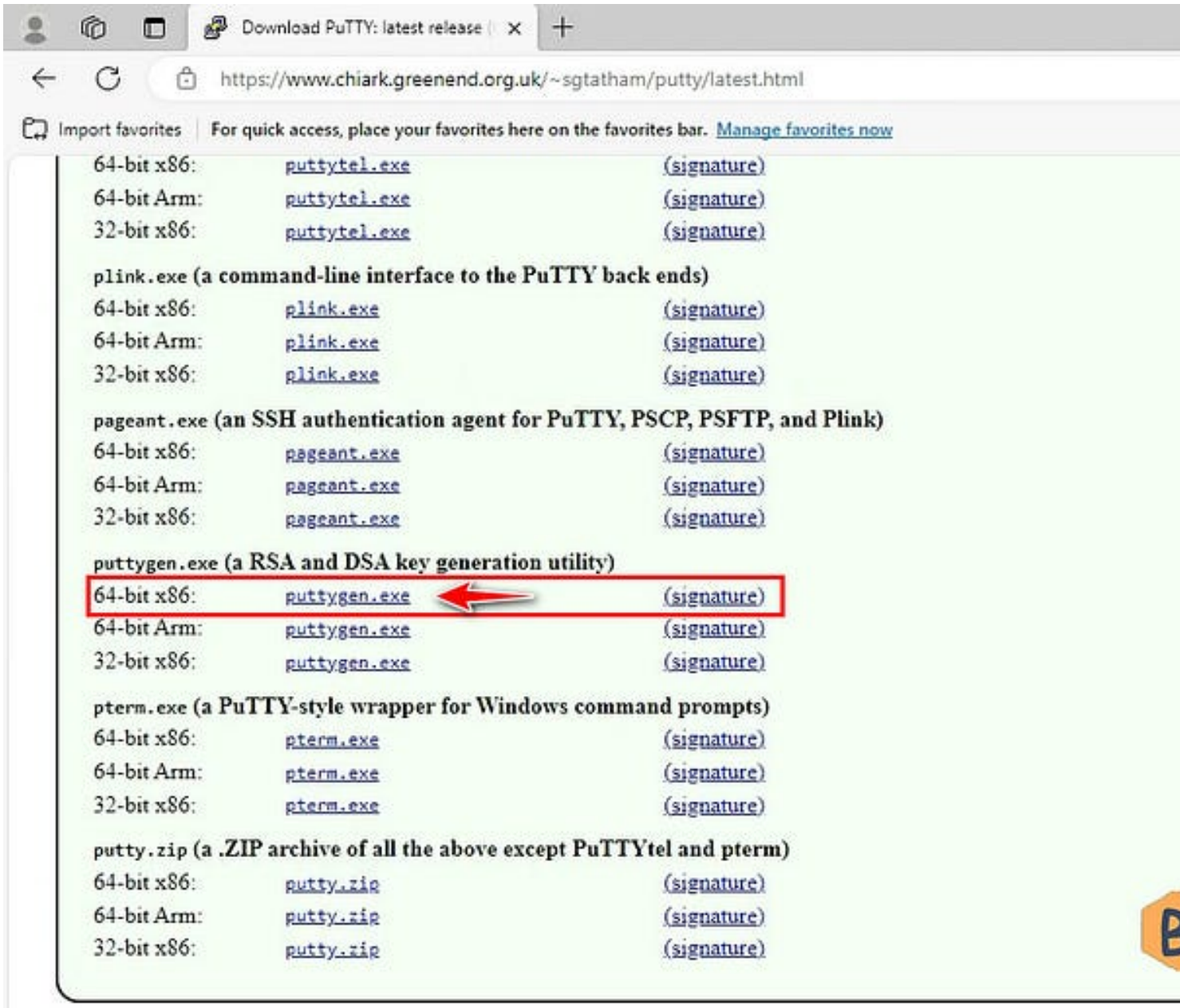


You got this because you use a private key with OpenSSH format. To fix it, you need to convert the OpenSSH private key to PuTTY format.

1. Visit the PuTTY official website then download the PuTTYGen.

Download: https://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/latest.html

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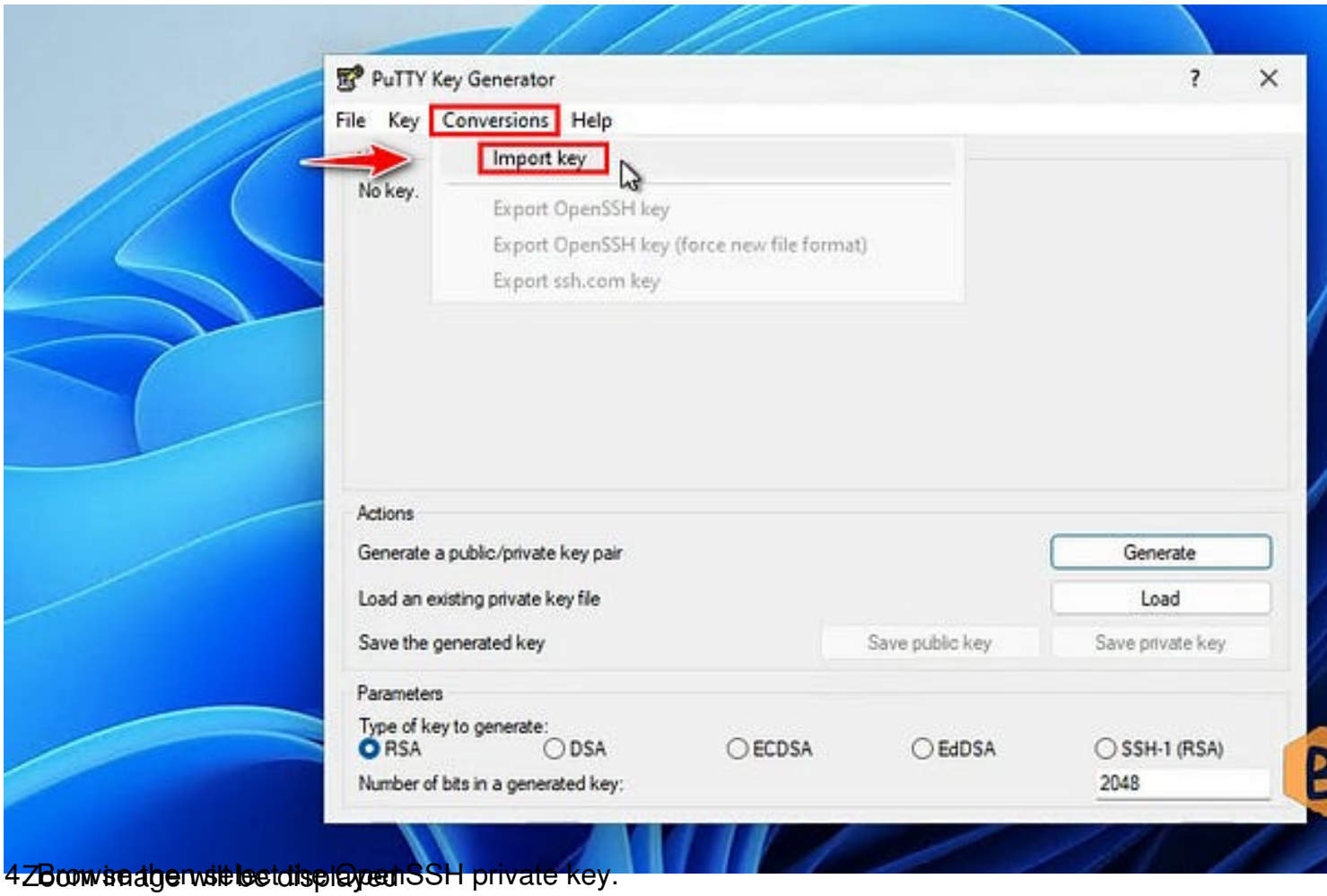
2. Open the downloaded file to run the PuTTY Key Generator.

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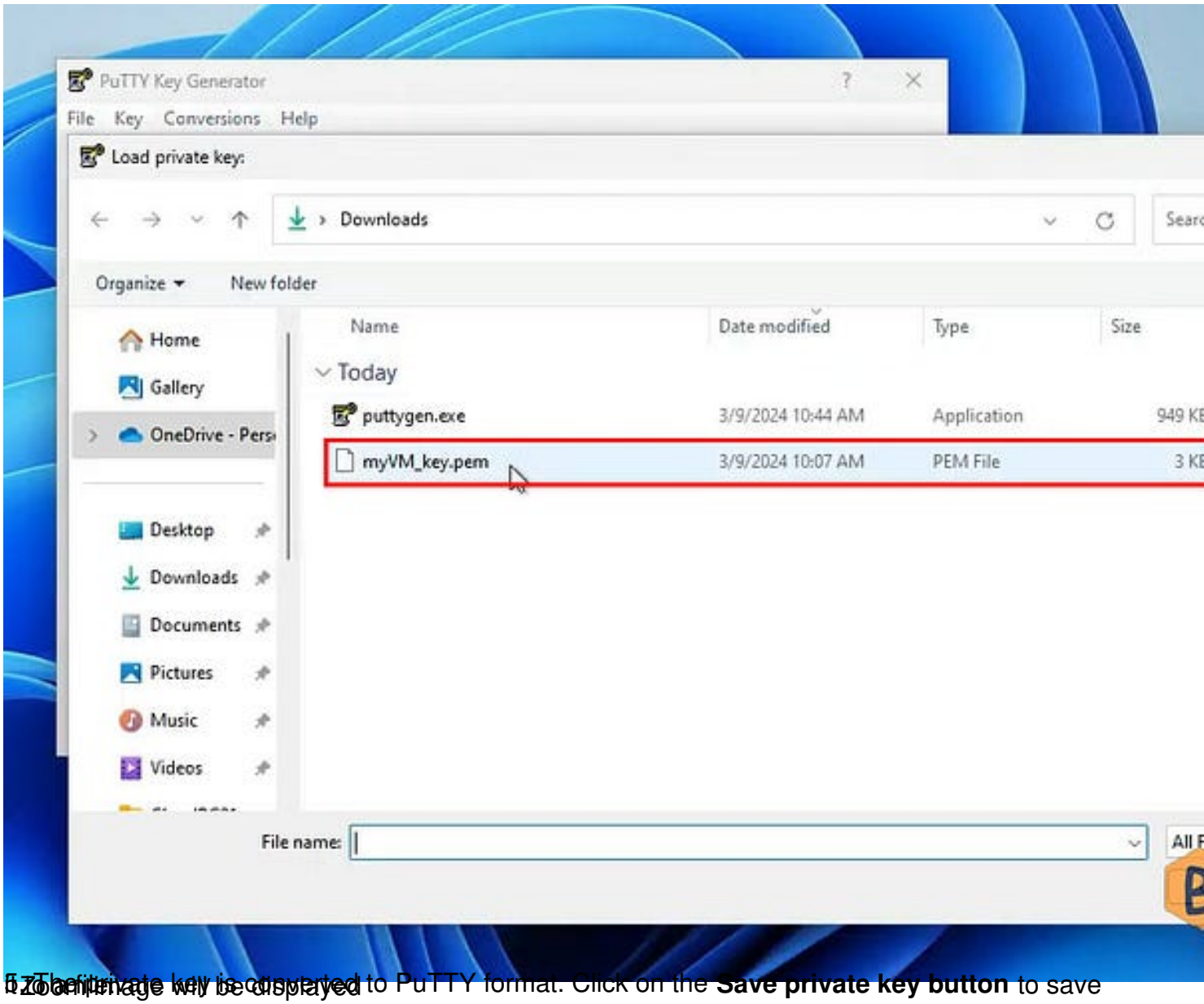
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3. Go to **Conversions** | **Import key**.

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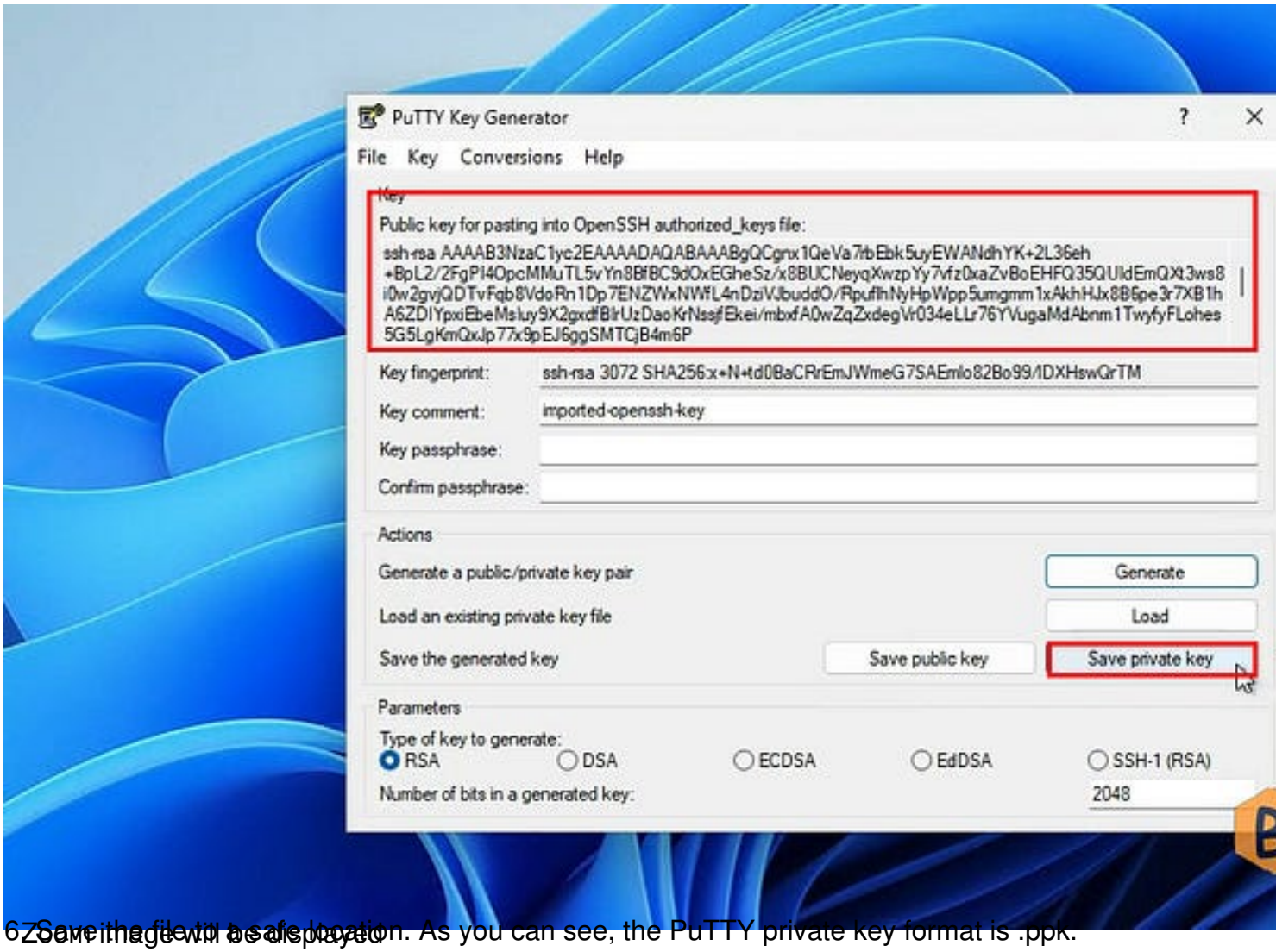


4. Browse the file to load your OpenSSH private key.
   Now the image will be displayed.



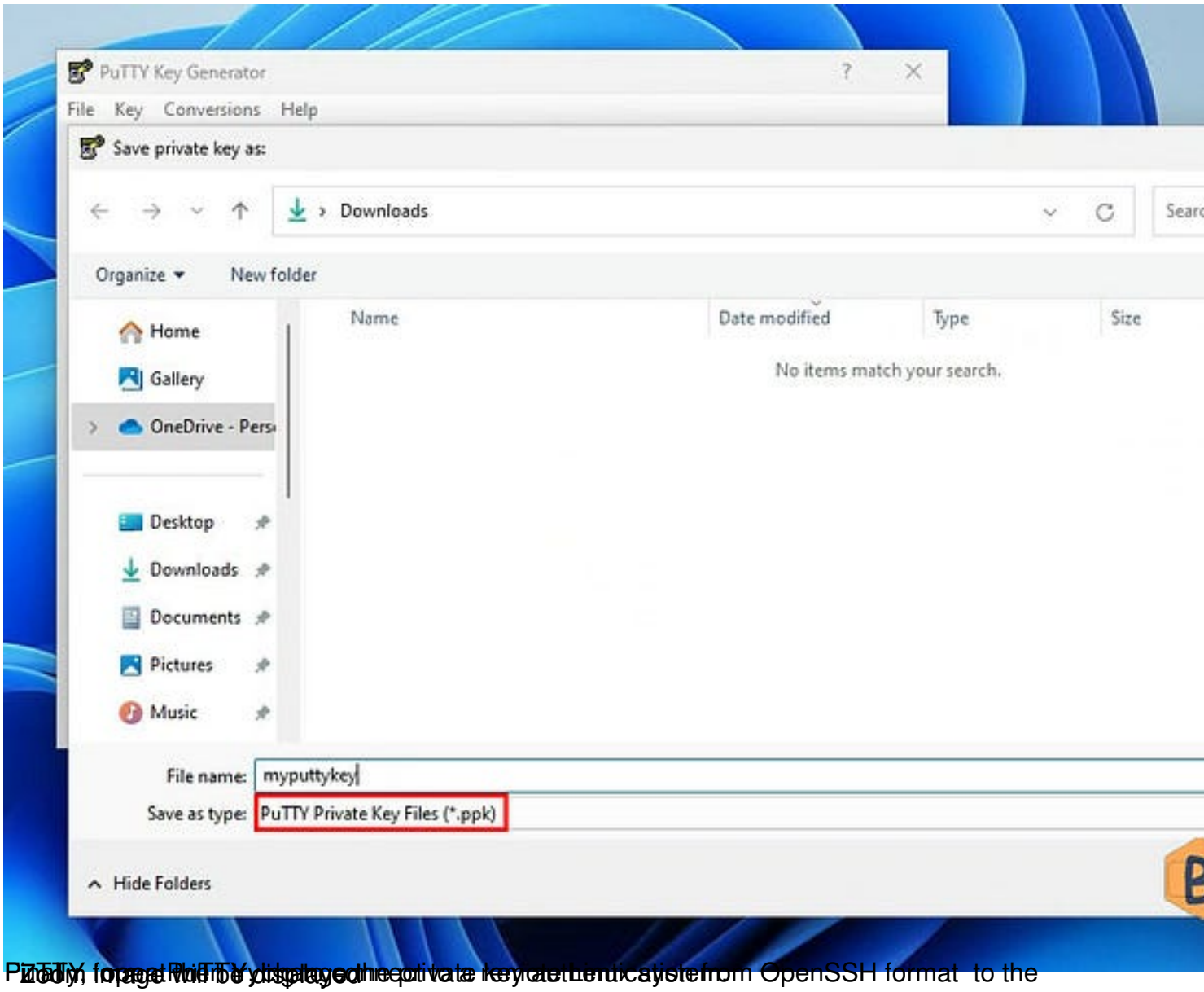
4. Load the key file and the following message will be displayed

5. The private key is converted to PuTTY format. Click on the **Save private key button** to save

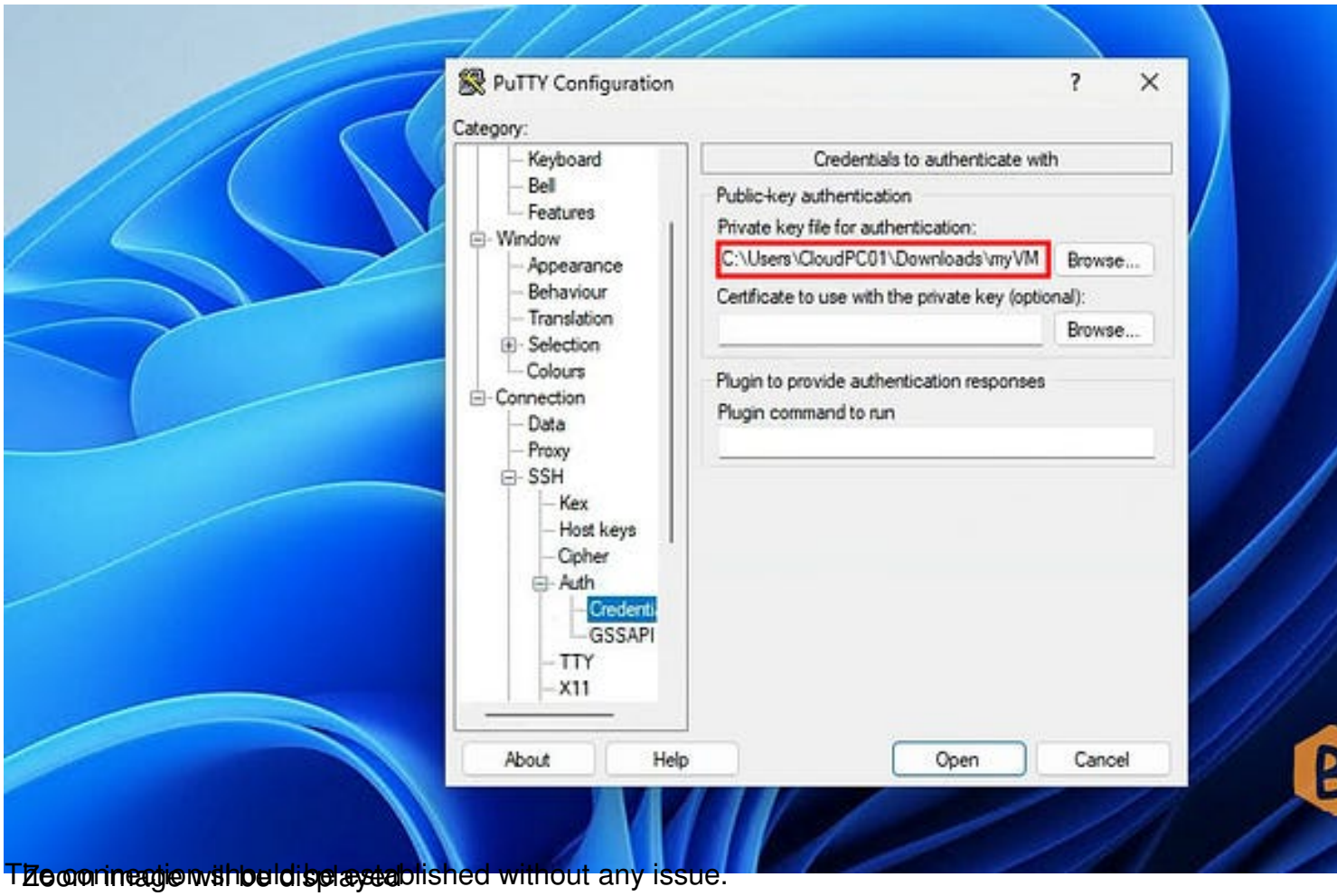


6. Save the file to a safe location. As you can see, the PuTTY private key format is .ppk.

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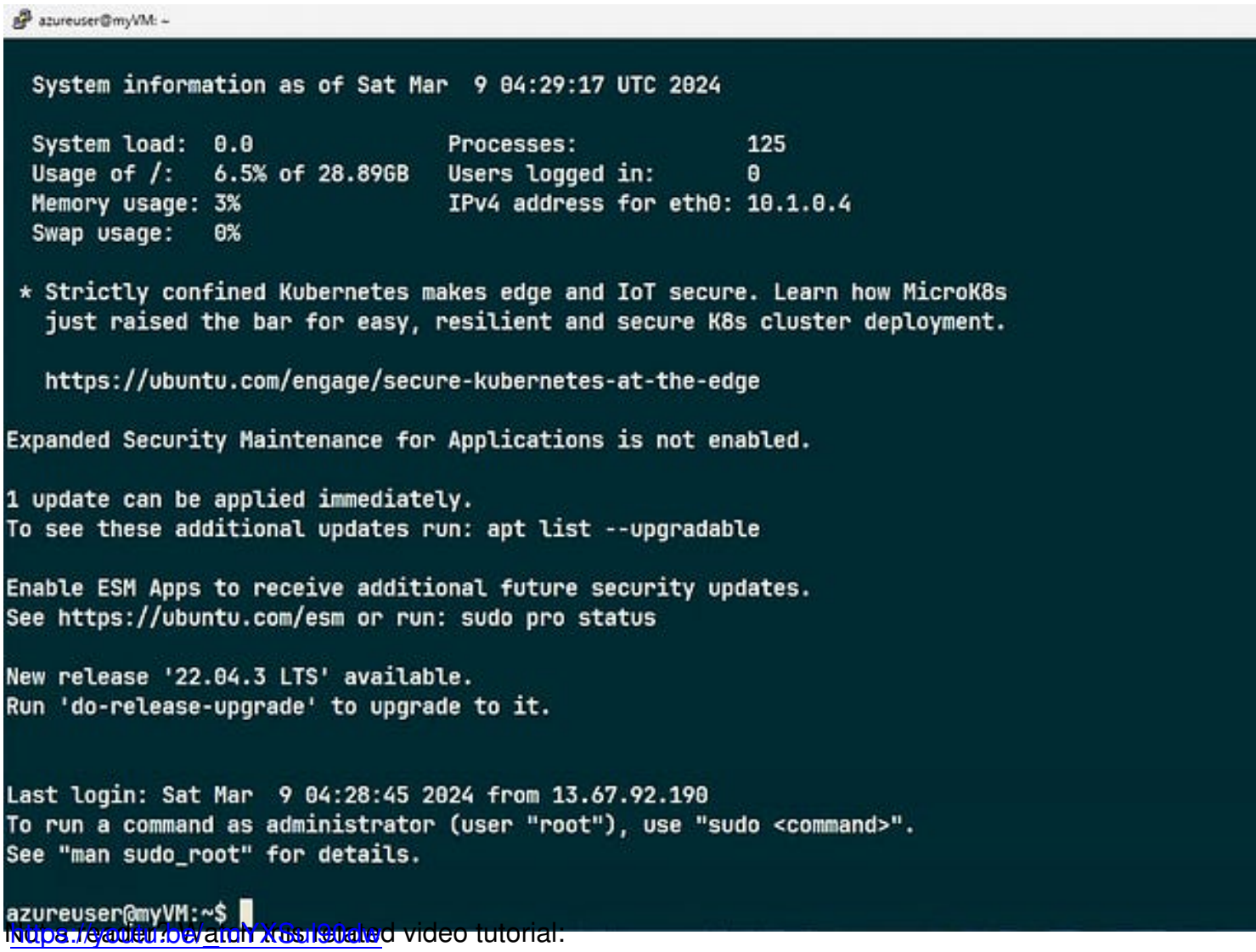


PuTTY format. PuTTY displayed the private key information in OpenSSH format to the



The connection should be established without any issue.

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Here's a video tutorial: https://youtu.be/atchYX6s1Sw