

# OpenVPN Keys Generation

Install easy-rsa package on your Debian system with the following command:

```
# apt install easy-rsa
```

Generate Certificates and Keys OpenVPN relies on certificates and keys for client and server authentication. To generate these files, use the included easy-rsa script:

```
# make-cadir /tmp/certs  
# cd /tmp/certs
```

Edit the vars file to configure Certificate Authority (CA) variables:

```
#nano ./vars  
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Uncomment:  
  
set_var EASYRSA_KEY_SIZE          2048  
set_var EASYRSA_REQ_COUNTRY      "NL"  
set_var EASYRSA_REQ_PROVINCE     "Zuid-Holland"  
set_var EASYRSA_REQ_CITY         "Rijnsburg"  
set_var EASYRSA_REQ_ORG          "Oscar.de.Groot"  
set_var EASYRSA_REQ_EMAIL        "oscar@oscardegroot.nl"  
set_var EASYRSA_REQ_OU           "MySites"
```

Generate the required certificates and keys:

```
$ ./easysrsa init-pki  
$ ./easysrsa build-ca  
$ ./easysrsa gen-req server nopass  
$ ./easysrsa sign-req server server  
$ ./easysrsa gen-dh  
$ openvpn --genkey --secret pki/ta.key
```

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