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SSH Agent for Visual Studio Code on Windows 10

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Using ssh-agent with Visual Studio Code on Windows 10

Enable the ssh-agent service

To enable SSH Agent automatically on Windows, start PowerShell as an Administrator and run the following commands:

```
# Make sure you're running as an Administrator
Set-Service ssh-agent -StartupType Automatic
Start-Service ssh-agent
Get-Service ssh-agent
```

Adding ssh keys

Run these commands in a terminal window within Visual Studio Code.

Show keys managed by the ssh-agent

```
ssh-add -l
```

Add a ssh key

```
ssh-add
```

Source article

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For git, add a system environment variable or use a temporary setting in a PowerShell terminal of VSCode.

```
$env:GIT_SSH="C:\Windows\System32\OpenSSH\ssh.exe"
```

Zawadidone commented on Sep 23, 2020

If you add the line `$env:GIT_SSH="C:\Windows\System32\OpenSSH\ssh.exe"` to your Powershell profile the environment variable will always be used.

```
notepad $profile
```