

# SSH

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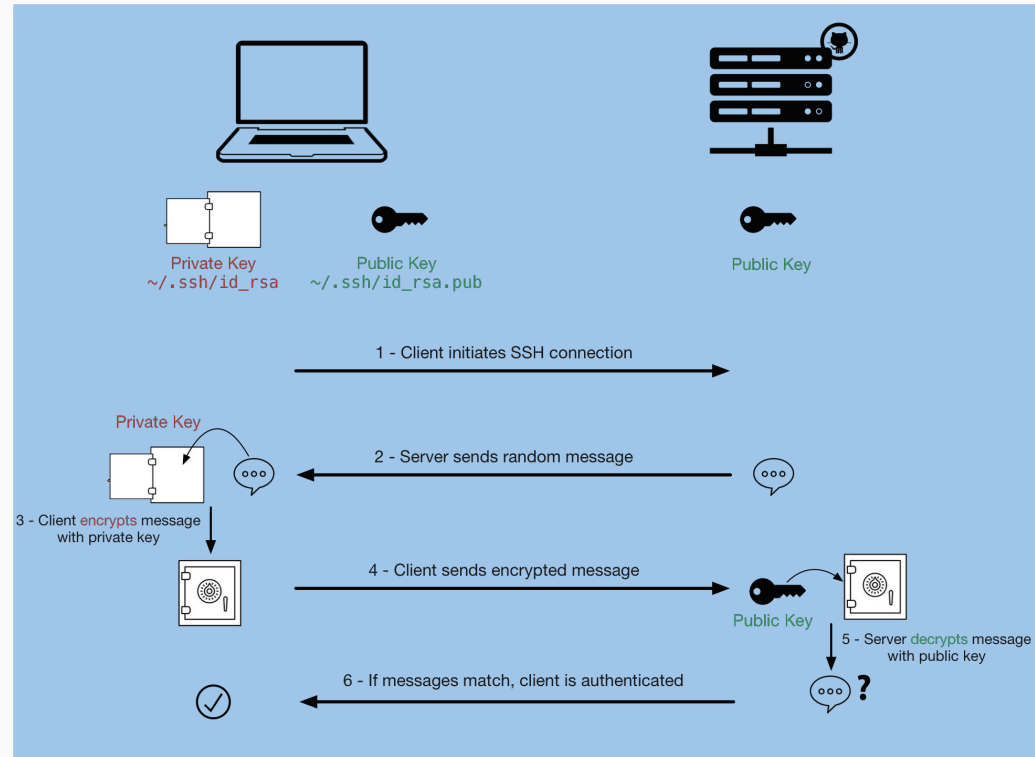
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# What is SSH?

**SSH protocol** (Secure Shell (SSH) is a cryptographic network protocol for operating network services securely over an *unsecured* network. SSH provides a secure channel over an unsecured network in a client-server architecture, connecting an SSH client application with an SSH server. [\[1\]](#)). Version 2 of SSH is now used. Default port: 22

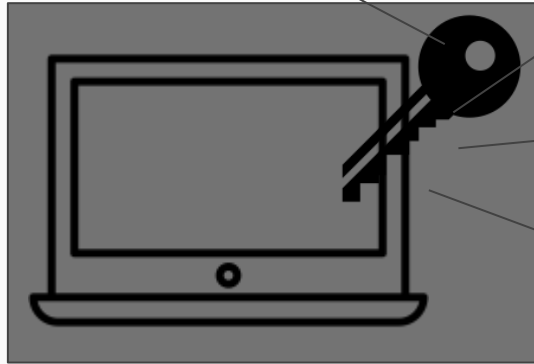
# Public key authentication

**ssh client** can be authenticated either using a password or a public key



# Public key authentication

**Private Key** can be compared to a physical key: you should never give it to somebody else



**Public Key** can be compared to a physical lock: you can set “locks” on servers that can be opened with your private key

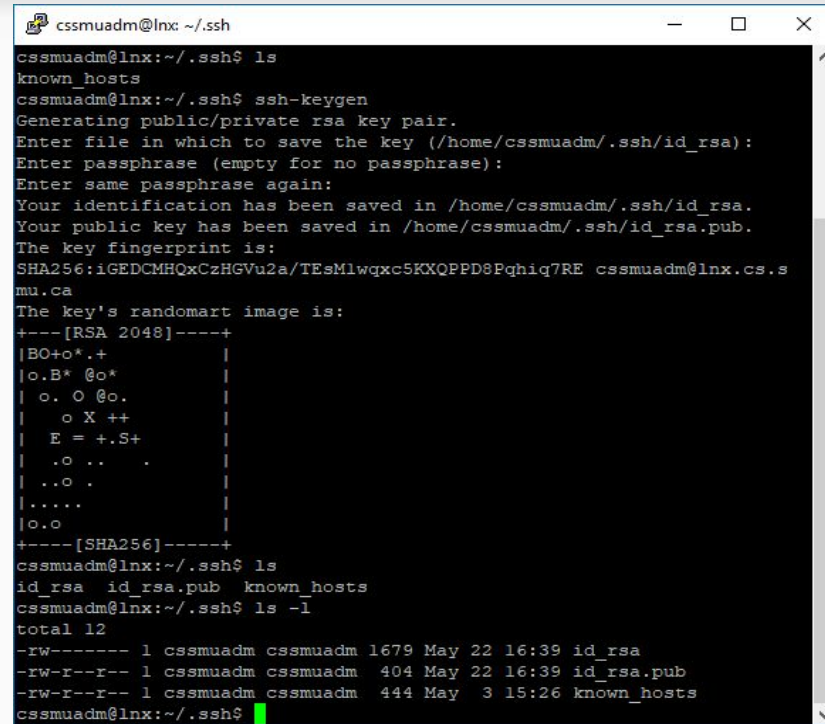
# Connect from lnx to dev: step 1

## Step 1:

**ssh client** should generate a key pair using `ssh-keygen` command (usually a passphrase is not used). Public (`id_rsa.pub`) and private (`id_rsa`) keys will be generated and stored in `~/.ssh` directory. If a key pair is generated, skip this step.

Note: public key can easily be retrieved from private key using the following command:

```
ssh-keygen -y -f ~/.ssh/id_rsa > id_rsa.pub
```



```
cssmuadm@lnx: ~/.ssh$ ls
known_hosts
cssmuadm@lnx: ~/.ssh$ ssh-keygen
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
Enter file in which to save the key (/home/cssmuadm/.ssh/id_rsa):
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
Enter same passphrase again:
Your identification has been saved in /home/cssmuadm/.ssh/id_rsa.
Your public key has been saved in /home/cssmuadm/.ssh/id_rsa.pub.
The key fingerprint is:
SHA256:iGEDCMHQxCzHGVu2a/TEsMlwqxc5KXQPPD8Pqhiq7RE cssmuadm@lnx.cs.s
mu.ca
The key's randomart image is:
+---[RSA 2048]-----+
|BO+o*.*+|
|o.B* @o*|
| o. O @o.|
|  o X ++|
| E = +.S+|
| .o .. .|
| ..o .|
| .....|
|o.o|
+----[SHA256]-----+
cssmuadm@lnx: ~/.ssh$ ls
id_rsa id_rsa.pub known_hosts
cssmuadm@lnx: ~/.ssh$ ls -l
total 12
-rw----- 1 cssmuadm cssmuadm 1679 May 22 16:39 id_rsa
-rw-r--r-- 1 cssmuadm cssmuadm 404 May 22 16:39 id_rsa.pub
-rw-r--r-- 1 cssmuadm cssmuadm 444 May 3 15:26 known_hosts
cssmuadm@lnx: ~/.ssh$
```

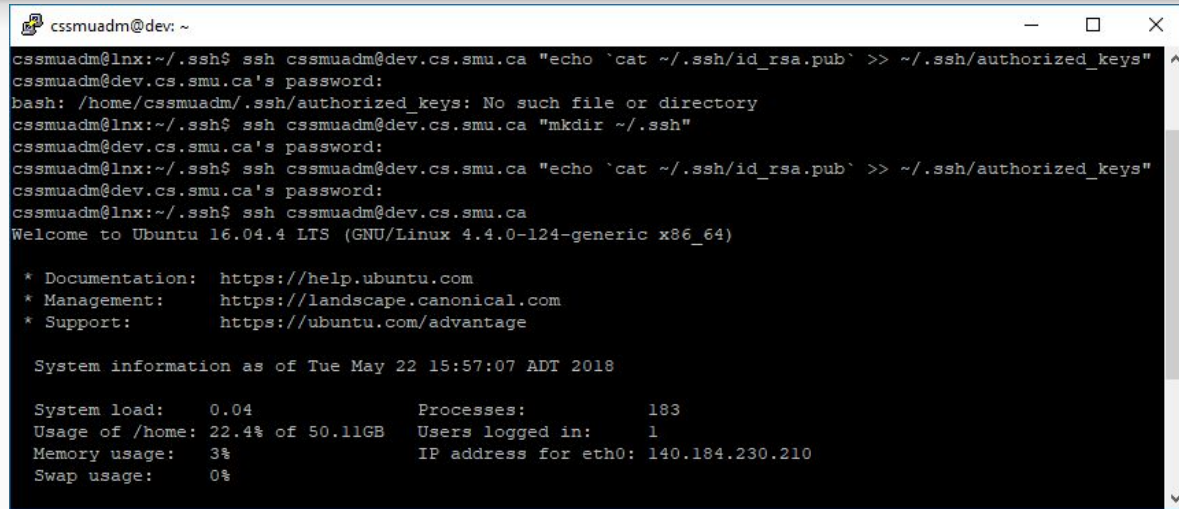
# Connect from lnx to dev: step 2

## Step 2:

You should add your public key to the remote server's

`~/.ssh/authorized_keys` file. If `.ssh` directory does not exist, create it:

- Use the one-line command as in the example
- Or copy the public key first to the remote server with `scp` then append `~/.ssh/authorized_keys` with it
- Or edit `~/.ssh/authorized_keys` manually



```
cssmuadm@dev: ~  
cssmuadm@lnx: ~/.ssh$ ssh cssmuadm@dev.cs.smu.ca "echo `cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub` >> ~/.ssh/authorized_keys"  
cssmuadm@dev.cs.smu.ca's password:  
bash: /home/cssmuadm/.ssh/authorized_keys: No such file or directory  
cssmuadm@lnx: ~/.ssh$ ssh cssmuadm@dev.cs.smu.ca "mkdir ~/.ssh"  
cssmuadm@dev.cs.smu.ca's password:  
cssmuadm@lnx: ~/.ssh$ ssh cssmuadm@dev.cs.smu.ca "echo `cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub` >> ~/.ssh/authorized_keys"  
cssmuadm@dev.cs.smu.ca's password:  
cssmuadm@lnx: ~/.ssh$ ssh cssmuadm@dev.cs.smu.ca  
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-124-generic x86_64)  
  
* Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com  
* Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com  
* Support:        https://ubuntu.com/advantage  
  
System information as of Tue May 22 15:57:07 ADT 2018  
  
System load:  0.04          Processes:            183  
Usage of /home: 22.4% of 50.11GB  Users logged in:      1  
Memory usage:   3%          IP address for eth0: 140.184.230.210  
Swap usage:     0%
```

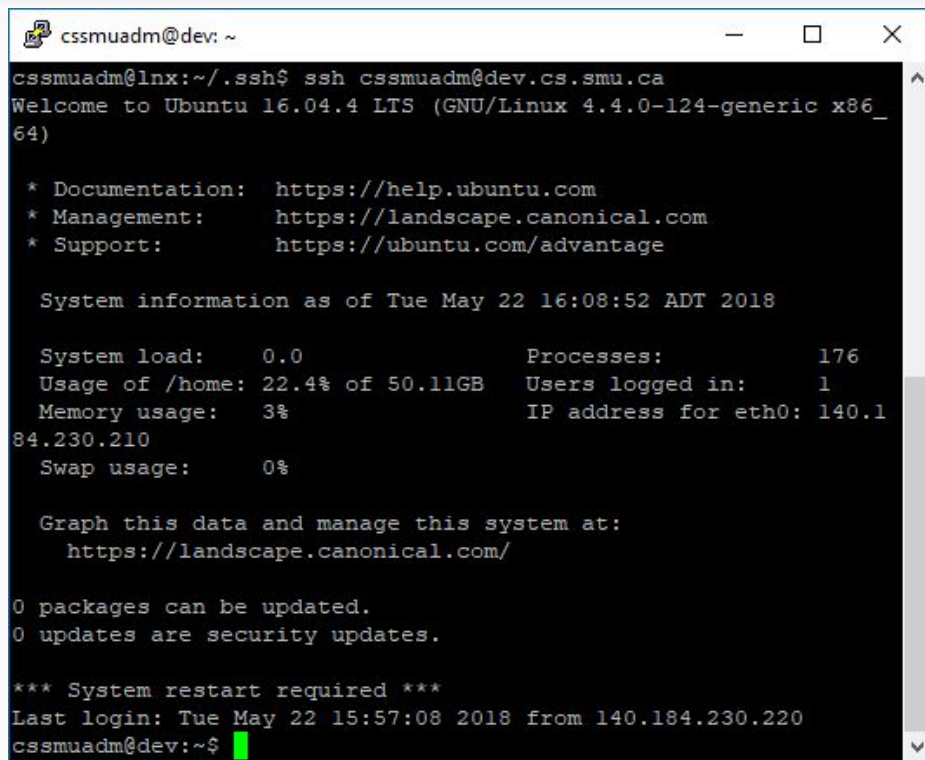
Note: the command between backticks (``cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub``) is evaluated before the main command (`echo`)

# Connect from lnx to dev: step 3

## Step 3

connect without any passwords:

***ssh your\_username@dev.cs.smu.ca***



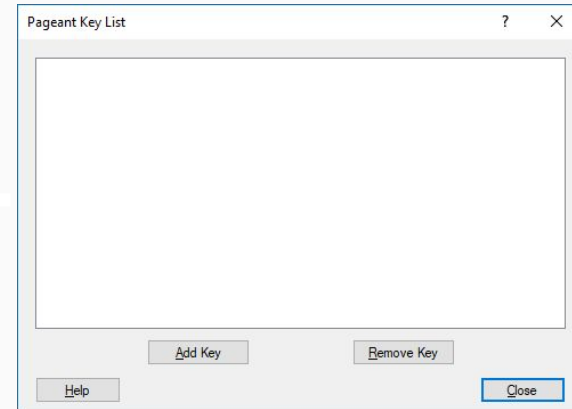
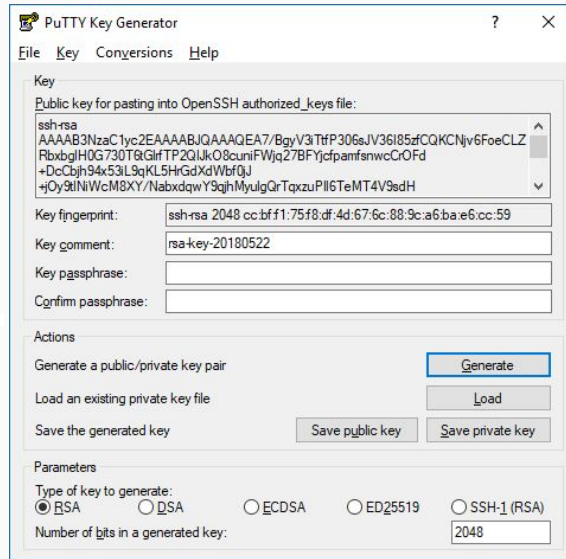
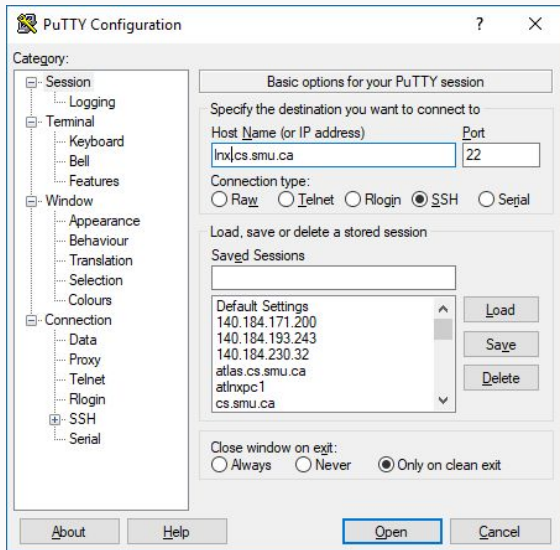
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cssmuadm@lnx: ~/.ssh$ ssh cssmuadm@dev.cs.smu.ca  
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-124-generic x86_64)  
  
* Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com  
* Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com  
* Support:       https://ubuntu.com/advantage  
  
System information as of Tue May 22 16:08:52 ADT 2018  
  
System load: 0.0          Processes: 176  
Usage of /home: 22.4% of 50.11GB  Users logged in: 1  
Memory usage: 3%          IP address for eth0: 140.184.230.210  
Swap usage: 0%  
  
Graph this data and manage this system at:  
https://landscape.canonical.com/  
  
0 packages can be updated.  
0 updates are security updates.  
  
*** System restart required ***  
Last login: Tue May 22 15:57:08 2018 from 140.184.230.220  
cssmuadm@dev: ~$
```

# Exercise

*Set up a public key authentication from  
**lnx.cs.smu.ca** to **dev.cs.smu.ca***



# Connect from Windows to remote Linux

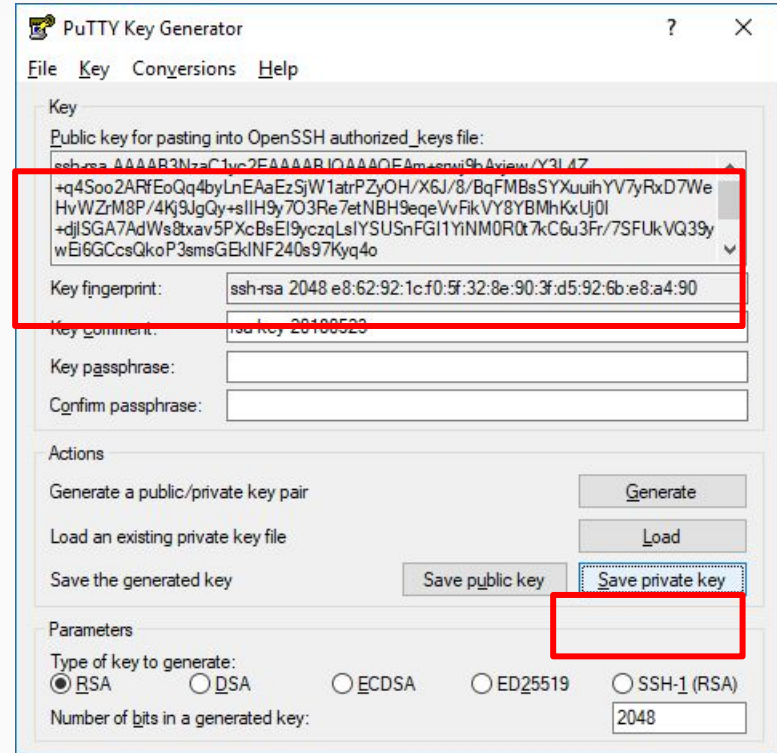


# Connect from Windows to remote Linux: step 1

## Step 1:

Open **PuTTYGen**

- Generate RSA key
- Save a private key in some directory that nobody else have access to
- Copy a “public key for pasting into OpenSSH authorized\_keys file”

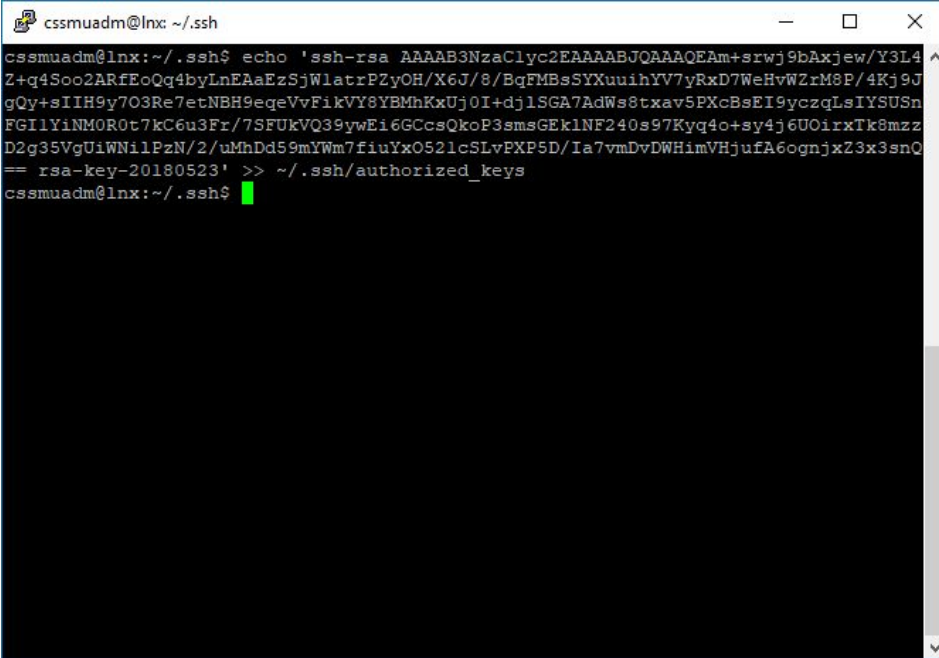


# Connect from Windows to remote Linux: step 2

## Step 2:

Open **PuTTY**

- Connect to the remote server
- Paste your public key from Step 1 to **authorized\_keys** file

A terminal window titled 'cssmuadm@lnx: ~/.ssh' with standard window controls. The prompt is 'cssmuadm@lnx:~/.ssh\$'. The command 'echo 'ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABJQAAAQEAm+srwj9bAxjew/Y3L4Z+q4Soo2ARfEoQq4byLnEAaEzSjWlatrPZyOH/X6J/8/BqFMBsSYXuuihYV7yRx7D7WeHvWZrM8P/4Kj9JgQy+sIIH9y7O3Re7etNBH9eqeVvFikVY8YBMhKxUj0I+djlSGA7AdWs8txav5PXcBsEI9yczqLsIYSUSnFGI1YiNM0R0t7kC6u3Fr/7SFUkVQ39ywEi6GCcsQkoP3smsGEk1NF240s97Kyq4o+sy4j6U0irxTk8mzzD2g35VgUiWNi1PzN/2/uMhDd59mYWm7fiuYxO52lcSLvPXP5D/Ia7vmDvDWHimVHjufA6ognjxZ3x3snQ==' rsa-key-20180523'' is entered. The output is '== rsa-key-20180523' followed by a green cursor. The next line shows the command '>> ~/.ssh/authorized\_keys' being entered, and the prompt returns to 'cssmuadm@lnx:~/.ssh\$'.

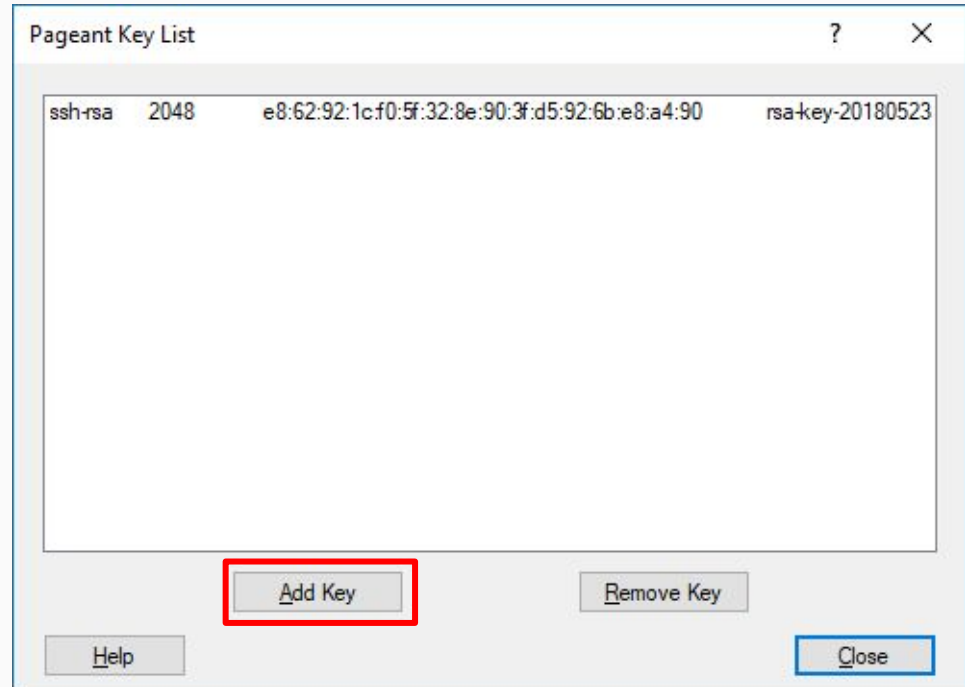
```
cssmuadm@lnx:~/.ssh$ echo 'ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABJQAAAQEAm+srwj9bAxjew/Y3L4Z+q4Soo2ARfEoQq4byLnEAaEzSjWlatrPZyOH/X6J/8/BqFMBsSYXuuihYV7yRx7D7WeHvWZrM8P/4Kj9JgQy+sIIH9y7O3Re7etNBH9eqeVvFikVY8YBMhKxUj0I+djlSGA7AdWs8txav5PXcBsEI9yczqLsIYSUSnFGI1YiNM0R0t7kC6u3Fr/7SFUkVQ39ywEi6GCcsQkoP3smsGEk1NF240s97Kyq4o+sy4j6U0irxTk8mzzD2g35VgUiWNi1PzN/2/uMhDd59mYWm7fiuYxO52lcSLvPXP5D/Ia7vmDvDWHimVHjufA6ognjxZ3x3snQ==' rsa-key-20180523' >> ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
cssmuadm@lnx:~/.ssh$
```

# Connect from Windows to remote Linux: step 3

## Step 3:

Open **Pageant**

- Press “Add Key” and add the private key from Step 1
- Close the window. Pageant will be running in background

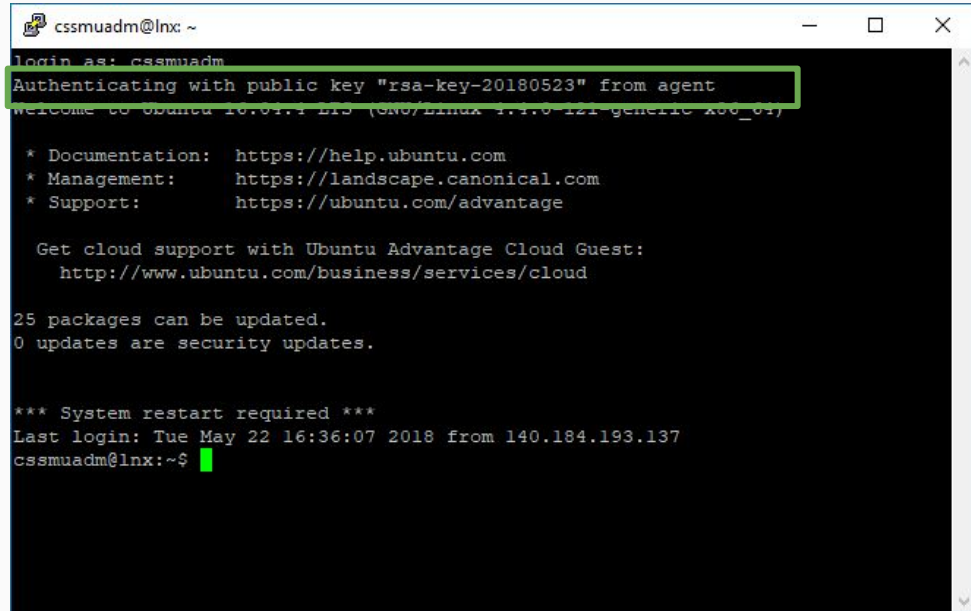


# Connect from Windows to remote Linux: step 4

## Step 4:

Open **PuTTY** again

- Enter your username
- You are authenticated with public key from agent (Pageant) now

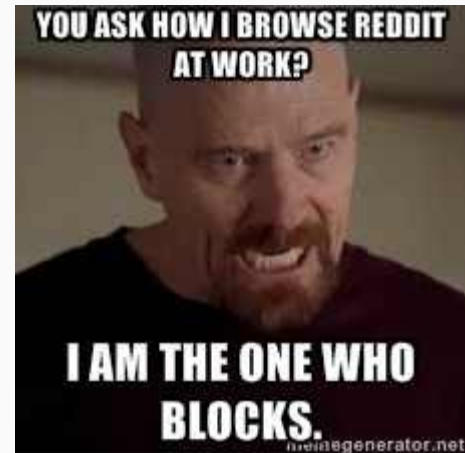


```
cssmuadm@lnx: ~  
login as: cssmuadm  
Authenticating with public key "rsa-key-20180523" from agent  
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-121-generic x86_64)  
  
* Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com  
* Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com  
* Support:        https://ubuntu.com/advantage  
  
Get cloud support with Ubuntu Advantage Cloud Guest:  
http://www.ubuntu.com/business/services/cloud  
  
25 packages can be updated.  
0 updates are security updates.  
  
*** System restart required ***  
Last login: Tue May 22 16:36:07 2018 from 140.184.193.137  
cssmuadm@lnx:~$
```

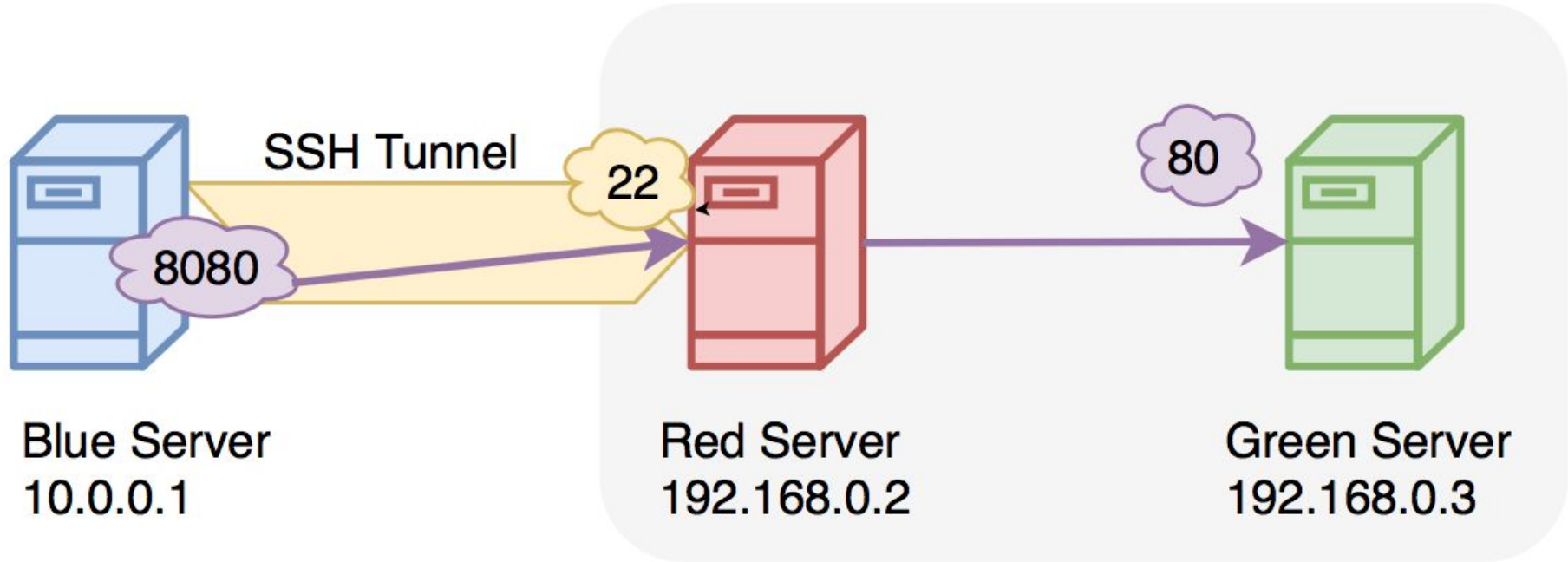
# SSH Tunnels

Why do we need them? Use cases:

- Access services from the remote server that listen on localhost (e.g., MySQL at **dev.cs.smu.ca**)
- Access blocked websites from your local machine if you have access to a server that can access that websites
- Secure traffic from your apps



# SSH Tunnels (cont-d)



# SSH Tunnels: scenario 1

## Scenario:

- MySQL on [dev.cs.smu.ca](http://dev.cs.smu.ca) listens on **localhost** only (can be accessed only from the server itself)
- We need to connect to MySQL on dev.cs.smu.ca from
  - Either lnx.cs.smu.ca
  - Or Windows machine (using some MySQL client like HeidiSQL or JDBC)



# SSH Tunnel between 2 \*nix machines

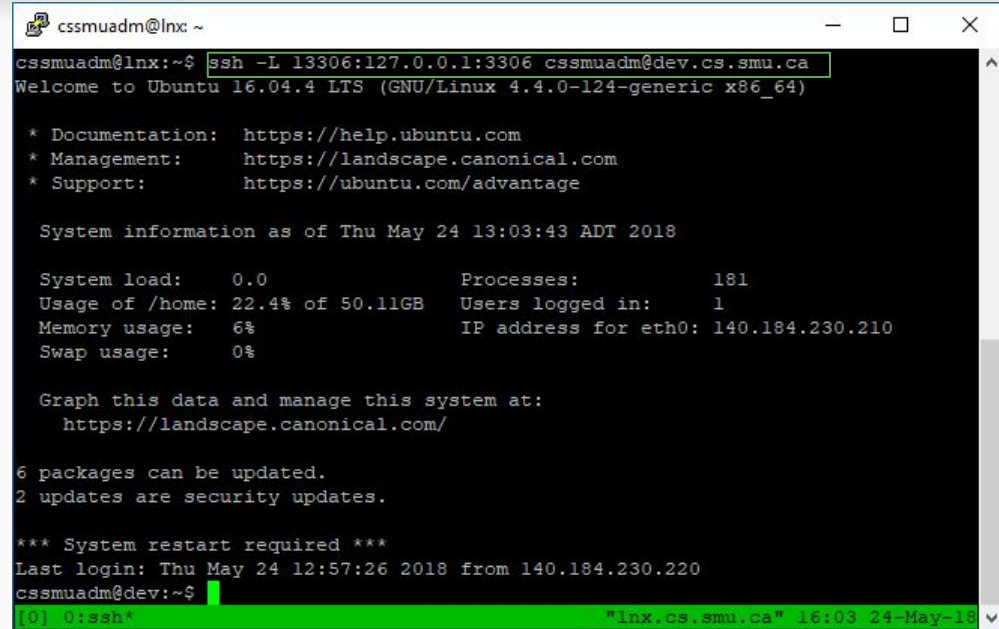
## Step 1:

- Run `tmux`
- Type

`ssh -L 13306:127.0.0.1:3306 user@dev.cs.smu.ca`

- Detach from the session with **Ctrl+B d**
- Type `mysql -uusername -p --port=13306 --host=127.0.0.1`

NOTES: you can use any local available port instead of 13306. If somebody already uses port 13306 (or other), you cannot use the same port!



```
cssmuadm@lnx: ~  
cssmuadm@lnx:~$ ssh -L 13306:127.0.0.1:3306 cssmuadm@dev.cs.smu.ca  
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-124-generic x86_64)  
  
 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com  
 * Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com  
 * Support:       https://ubuntu.com/advantage  
  
System information as of Thu May 24 13:03:43 ADT 2018  
  
System load:  0.0                Processes:    181  
Usage of /home: 22.4% of 50.11GB  Users logged in:  1  
Memory usage:  6%                IP address for eth0: 140.184.230.210  
Swap usage:    0%  
  
Graph this data and manage this system at:  
https://landscape.canonical.com/  
  
6 packages can be updated.  
2 updates are security updates.  
  
*** System restart required ***  
Last login: Thu May 24 12:57:26 2018 from 140.184.230.220  
cssmuadm@dev:~$  
[0] 0:ssh* "lnx.cs.smu.ca" 16:03 24-May-18
```

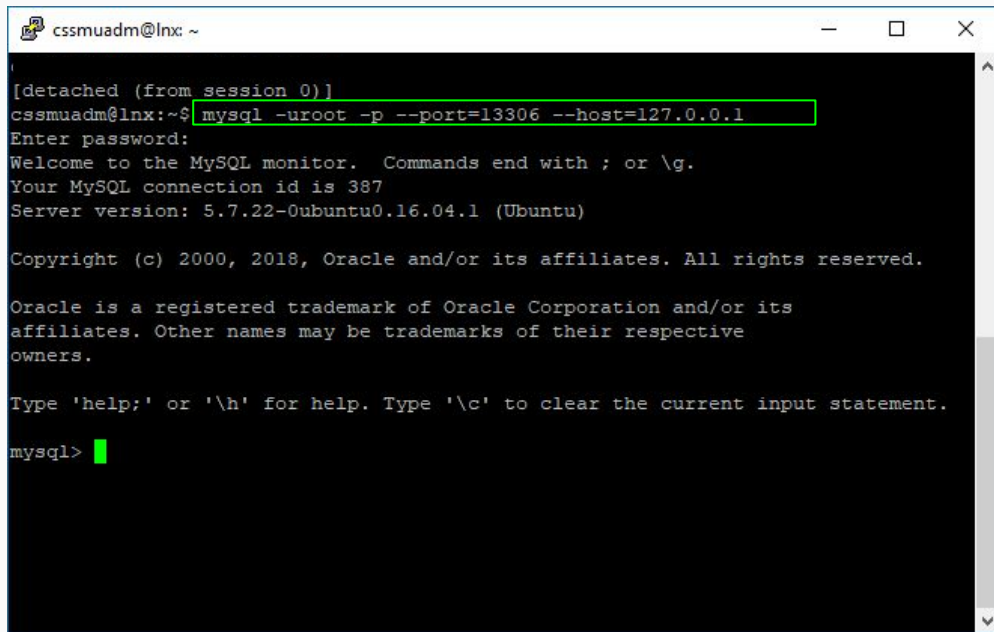
# SSH Tunnel between 2 \*nix machines (cont-d)

## Explained:

`ssh -L 13306:127.0.0.1:3306 user@dev.cs.smu.ca`

- `-L` means LOCAL port 13306
- `127.0.0.1:3306` means REMOTE ip:port

Result: SSH opens LOCAL port 13306 and “maps” it to 127.0.0.1:3306 on dev.cs.smu.ca. So, when you connect to 127.0.0.1:13306 on the CLIENT machine (in our case lnx.cs.smu.ca) it connects to 127.0.0.1:3306 on dev.cs.smu.ca



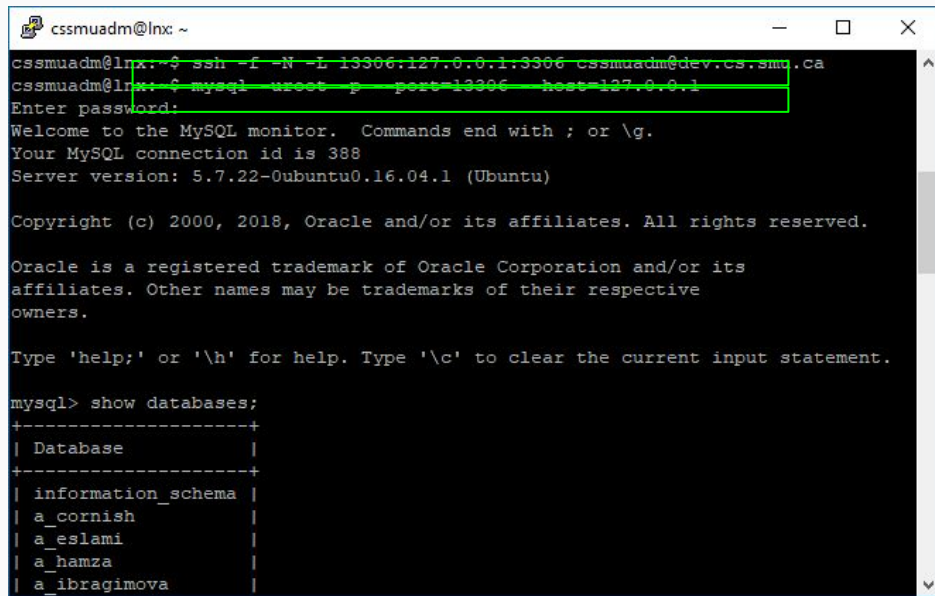
```
cssmuadm@lnx: ~  
[detached (from session 0)]  
cssmuadm@lnx:~$ mysql -uroot -p --port=13306 --host=127.0.0.1  
Enter password:  
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.  
Your MySQL connection id is 387  
Server version: 5.7.22-0ubuntu0.16.04.1 (Ubuntu)  
  
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owners.  
  
Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.  
mysql>
```

# SSH Tunnel between 2 \*nix machines (cont-d)

Without tmux:

`ssh -f -N -L 13306:127.0.0.1:3306 user@dev.cs.smu.ca`

- `-f` Requests ssh to go to background just before command execution.
- `-N` Do not execute a remote command. This is useful for just forwarding ports.



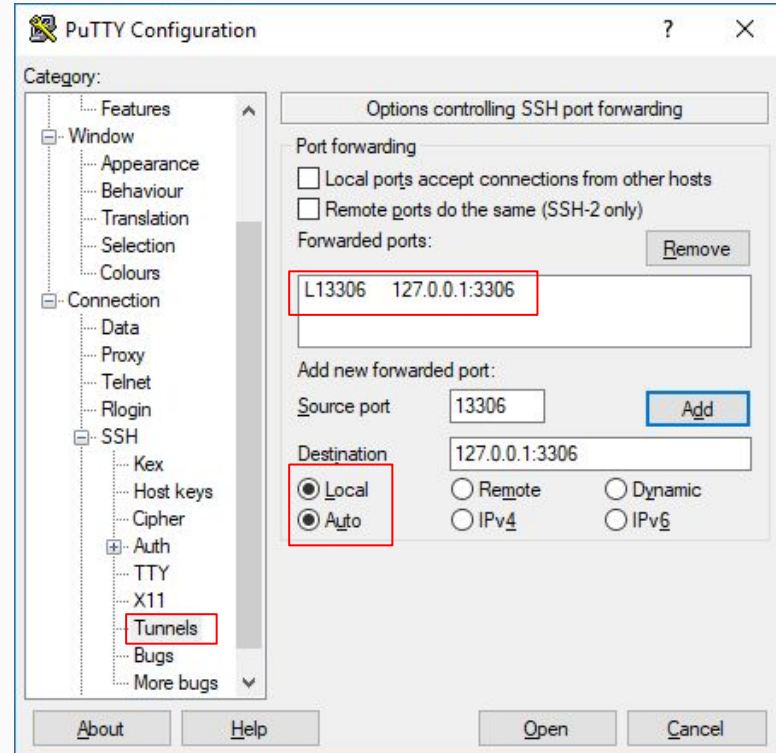
A terminal window titled 'cssmuadm@lnx: ~' showing the execution of an SSH command to establish a tunnel. The command is `ssh -f -N -L 13306:127.0.0.1:3306 cssmuadm@dev.cs.smu.ca`. The user is prompted for a password. After the tunnel is established, the user runs `mysql -uroot -p -P 13306 -h 127.0.0.1` to connect to a MySQL database. The terminal shows the MySQL welcome message, connection ID 388, and server version 5.7.22-0ubuntu0.16.04.1 (Ubuntu). The user then runs `show databases;` and the output lists the databases: information\_schema, a\_cornish, a\_eslami, a\_hamza, and a\_ibragimova.

```
cssmuadm@lnx: ~  
cssmuadm@lnx:~$ ssh -f -N -L 13306:127.0.0.1:3306 cssmuadm@dev.cs.smu.ca  
cssmuadm@lnx:~$ mysql -uroot -p -P 13306 -h 127.0.0.1  
Enter password:  
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.  
Your MySQL connection id is 388  
Server version: 5.7.22-0ubuntu0.16.04.1 (Ubuntu)  
  
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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.  
  
mysql> show databases;  
+-----+  
| Database |  
+-----+  
| information_schema |  
| a_cornish |  
| a_eslami |  
| a_hamza |  
| a_ibragimova |
```

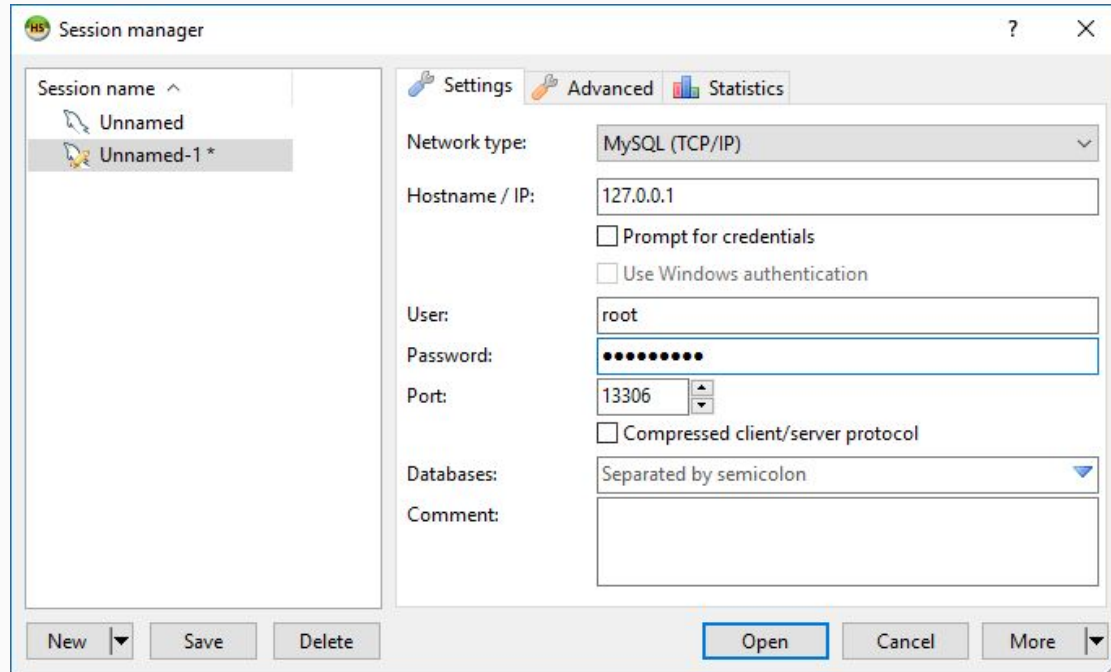
# SSH Tunnel between Windows and Linux

## Steps:

- Run PuTTY, enter the server's address (dev.cs.smu.ca). Go to the **Tunnels** tab. Add **L13306 127.0.0.1:3306** to Forwarded ports and Open session. Leave the terminal window opened.
- Run any MySQL client and connect to **127.0.0.1:13306**



# SSH Tunnel between Windows and Linux (cont-d)



# Exercise

Set up port forwarding from **lnx.cs.smu.ca** to MySQL server on **dev.cs.smu.ca** and connect to your MySQL database using any MySQL client

NOTE: use port = 1MMDD where MM-your month of birth, DD-day of birth

# Exercise

Using PuTTY on your Windows machine or command line on your Mac set up port forwarding to the **smu.ca** website (port 80) so that you can access that website from your browser by typing **http://127.0.0.1:1234**

# SSH tunnels: remote port forwarding

You can forward client's port to the remote server. Just use **-R** instead of **-L**:

**ssh -R 13306:127.0.0.1:3306 user@lnx.cs.smu.ca** (the command is executed on **dev.cs.smu.ca**)

Will “map” 127.0.0.1:3306 (MySQL server port) from dev.cs.smu.ca to port 13306 at lnx.cs.smu.ca

```
cssmuadm@dev: ~  
cssmuadm@dev:~$ ssh -f -N -R 13306:127.0.0.1:3306 cssmuadm@lnx.cs.smu.ca  
The authenticity of host 'lnx.cs.smu.ca (140.184.230.220)' can't be established.  
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:c9lx7DA3diNnyPHTwZqXP+f+LKXmpE964wh24lJOMP4.  
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes  
Warning: Permanently added 'lnx.cs.smu.ca,140.184.230.220' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.  
cssmuadm@lnx.cs.smu.ca's password:  
cssmuadm@dev:~$
```

```
cssmuadm@lnx: ~  
cssmuadm@lnx:~$ mysql -uroot -p --port 13306 --host=127.0.0.1  
Enter password:  
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.  
Your MySQL connection id is 393  
Server version: 5.7.22-0ubuntu0.16.04.1 (Ubuntu)  
  
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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.  
  
mysql>
```



# Reverse SSH

Why do we need Reverse SSH?

- Your work or home machine runs **ssh server**
- However, it's behind NAT, so you cannot directly connect to it
- But you have some machine with public IP address (like **lnx.cs.smu.ca**)
- You can connect the **device behind NAT** to that machine with public IP and forward the device's **ssh port** (22) to some port on that public machine
- Now you can ssh to your home device from anywhere just by logging in to that public server and ssh to the port defined on the previous step

# Reverse SSH: just a remote port forwarding

`ssh -f -N -R 2022:localhost:22 nikita@cs.smu.ca`

Will “map” **localhost:22** (ssh port) from a machine behind NAT to port 2202 at cs.smu.ca

```
pi@raspberrypi: ~  
pi@raspberrypi:~$ ssh -f -N -R 2022:localhost:22 nikita@cs.smu.ca  
pi@raspberrypi:~$ ifconfig  
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500  
    inet 192.168.0.100 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.0.255  
    inet6 fe80::5f7c:b5ad:b8bd:487e prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>  
    ether b8:27:eb:97:28:bf txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)  
    RX packets 1784540 bytes 350106862 (333.8 MiB)  
    RX errors 0 dropped 69 overruns 0 frame 0  
    TX packets 2065372 bytes 358584847 (341.9 MiB)  
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0  
  
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536  
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0  
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>  
    loop txqueuelen 1 (Local Loopback)  
    RX packets 2753 bytes 429224 (419.1 KiB)  
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0  
    TX packets 2753 bytes 429224 (419.1 KiB)  
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

Home machine behind NAT

```
pi@raspberrypi: ~  
nikita@cs:0/home$ ssh -p 2022 pi@127.0.0.1  
The authenticity of host '127.0.0.1:2022 ([127.0.0.1]:2022)' can't be established.  
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:CzJ07JbguFfhkx20TjcX2k6bhRpLwrMZV0PuWKo4JZ0.  
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes  
Warning: Permanently added '127.0.0.1:2022' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.  
pi@127.0.0.1's password:  
Linux raspberrypi 4.9.41+ #1023 Tue Aug 8 15:47:12 BST 2017 armv6l  
  
The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;  
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the  
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.  
  
Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent  
permitted by applicable law.  
Last login: Fri May 25 15:46:58 2018 from ::1  
pi@raspberrypi:~$
```

Machine with public IP address

# Exercise

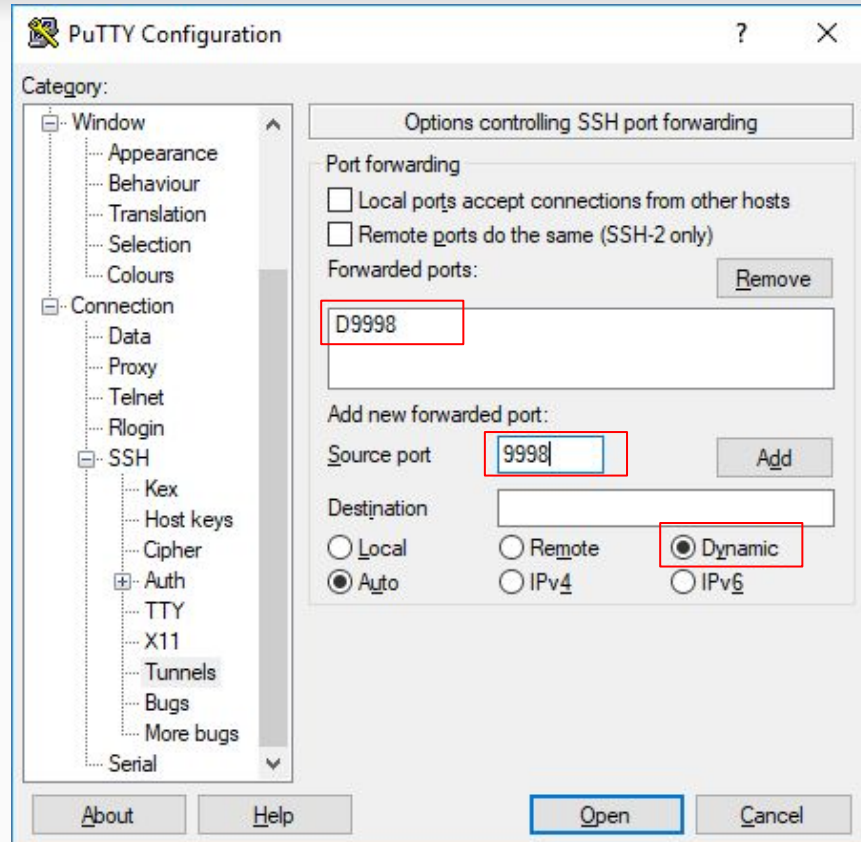
Set up reverse ssh at ***lnx.cs.smu.ca*** using ***localhost:port*** (***port = 1MMDD*** where ***MM-your month of birth, DD-day of birth***)

- *If you have a virtual machine on your PC, set up reverse ssh to your VM;*
- *Otherwise, set up reverse ssh with dev.cs.smu.ca (just to understand how it works)*

# Dynamic Port Forwarding

Dynamic port forwarding turns your **SSH client** into a SOCKS proxy server. SOCKS is a protocol for programs to request any Internet connection through a proxy server. Each program that uses the proxy server needs to be configured specifically, and reconfigured when you stop using the proxy server [\[1\]](#)

# Dynamic Port Forwarding: Windows



# Dynamic Port Forwarding: Windows: Firefox

Connection Settings

**Configure Proxy Access to the Internet**

☐ No proxy

☐ Auto-detect proxy settings for this network

☐ Use system proxy settings

☒ Manual proxy configuration

HTTP Proxy  Port

☐ Use this proxy server for all protocols

SSL Proxy  Port

FTP Proxy  Port

SOCKS Host  Port

☐ SOCKS v4 ☒ SOCKS v5

No Proxy for

Example: .mozilla.org, .net.nz, 192.168.1.0/24

☐ Automatic proxy configuration URL

☐ Do not prompt for authentication if password is saved

☐ Proxy DNS when using SOCKS v5

☐ Enable DNS over HTTPS

☒ Use default (<https://mozilla.cloudflare-dns.com/dns-query>)

☐ Custom

# Dynamic Port Forwarding: Linux

```
ssh -f -N -C -D 9998 username@dev.cs.smu.ca
```

- -C Compress data
- -D Dynamic port forwarding