SSH Bastion

(In this example 192.168.229.136 is the bastion, and 192.168.229.137 is the internal server)

Use the ~/.ssh/config file on the localhost to setup the bastion as a proxy for remote hosts. The .ssh folder must have 700 permissions, and the config file must have 600 permissions.

[travis@localhost ~]\$ Is -al | grep .ssh

drwx-----. 2 travis travis 83 Mar 1 20:12 .ssh

[travis@localhost ~]\$ Is -al .ssh/ | grep config

-rw-----. 1 travis travis 67 Mar 1 20:03 config

[travis@localhost ~]\$

The ~/.ssh/config file should look like the following [travis@localhost ~]\$ cat .ssh/config

Host 192.168.229.137

ProxyCommand ssh 192.168.229.136 -W %h:%p

[travis@localhost ~]\$

Opening an SSH connection to the intended host will now open a connection to the bastion first, and then the internal host.

[travis@localhost ~]\$ ssh travis@192.168.229.137

travis@192.168.229.136's password:

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travis@internal:~\$

Generating Keys

[travis@localhost ~]\$ ssh-keygen

Generating public/private rsa key pair.

Enter file in which to save the key (/home/travis/.ssh/id_rsa):

/home/travis/.ssh/internal_key

Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):

Enter same passphrase again:

Your identification has been saved in /home/travis/.ssh/internal_key.

Your public key has been saved in /home/travis/.ssh/internal_key.pub.

The key fingerprint is:

SHA256:LkAR532Q1J1TBre8Q6uCBdVVdxaRyyzKWPlC+vfwSDA travis@localhost.localdomain

The key's randomart image is:

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+---[RSA 2048]----+
| 0...00.0.==+O|
| + ..0. =+ +0|
| ..0 ...* .|
| .0+0*|
| .SBE0 = |
| ..=+00.|
| .0000 |
| .0..+ |
| ...0 |
+----[SHA256]----+
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[travis@localhost ~]\$ ssh-keygen

Generating public/private rsa key pair.

Enter file in which to save the key (/home/travis/.ssh/id_rsa):

/home/travis/.ssh/bastion_key

Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):

Enter same passphrase again:

Your identification has been saved in /home/travis/.ssh/bastion_key.

Your public key has been saved in /home/travis/.ssh/bastion_key.pub.

The key fingerprint is:

SHA256:5jejUz9tr0PIY5iGtakgET5UvyKCcbZCJK7uxOL8OF0 travis@localhost.localdomain

The key's randomart image is:

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+---[RSA 2048]----+
|.. .. |
|+ o . |
|.000 . . |
|0= .+ .. |
|+ o .0. So * . |
|0. ..E.+. B = . |
|.+ .. ..++0 + |
|*... 00 00 + |
|=0. .. 0.+.|
+----[SHA256]-----+
[travis@localhost ~]$
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Copying Key to Remote Host

[travis@localhost ~]\$ ssh-copy-id -i .ssh/internal_key.pub travis@192.168.229.137

/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: Source of key(s) to be installed: ".ssh/internal_key.pub"

travis@192.168.229.136's password:

/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: attempting to log in with the new key(s), to filter out any that are already installed

travis@192.168.229.136's password:

/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: 1 key(s) remain to be installed -- if you are prompted now it is to install the new keys

travis@192.168.229.136's password:

travis@192.168.229.137's password:

Killed by signal 1.

Number of key(s) added: 1

Now try logging into the machine, with: "ssh 'travis@192.168.229.137" and check to make sure that only the key(s) you wanted were added.

[travis@localhost ~]\$ ssh-copy-id -i .ssh/bastion_key.pub travis@192.168.229.136

/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: Source of key(s) to be installed: ".ssh/bastion_key.pub"

/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: attempting to log in with the new key(s), to filter out any that are already installed

/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: 1 key(s) remain to be installed -- if you are prompted now it is

to install the new keys

travis@192.168.229.136's password:

Number of key(s) added: 1

Now try logging into the machine, with: "ssh 'travis@192.168.229.136" and check to make sure that only the key(s) you wanted were added.

[travis@localhost ~]\$

Adding the keys to ~/.ssh/config under the correct host will allow you to use different keys for each host.

[travis@localhost ~]\$ cat .ssh/config

Host 192.168.229.137

ProxyCommand ssh 192.168.229.136 -W %h:%p

IdentityFile ~/.ssh/internal key

Host 192.168.229.136

IdentityFile ~/.ssh/bastion_key

[travis@localhost ~]\$

Now connections to the internal server through the bastion will use the keys.

[travis@localhost ~]\$ ssh travis@192.168.229.137

Enter passphrase for key '/home/travis/.ssh/bastion_key':
Enter passphrase for key '/home/travis/.ssh/internal_key':
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travis@internal:~\$