



S^X QUICK START GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Skylable S^X, a complete private cloud framework. This Quick Start Guide gives you the basics to install, configure and start using our software.

USEFUL LINKS

- <http://cdn.skylable.com/packages/>
- <http://lists.skylable.com>
- <https://bugzilla.skylable.com>
- <http://wiki.skylable.com>

CHAPTER 2

INSTALLATION

REQUIREMENTS

Skylable S^x is tested on all popular UNIX platforms, including Linux, FreeBSD, and Mac OS X. We try to support as many platforms as possible, if you have troubles installing, compiling or running our software on your platform please open a bug report.

The latest binary packages are available at <http://cdn.skylable.com/packages/>

In order to compile S^x from source, you will need the following packages to be installed together with their development versions:

- OpenSSL/NSS
- libcurl >= 7.34.0 (otherwise the embedded one will be used)
- zlib

For example, on Debian run:

```
# apt-get install libssl-dev libcurl4-openssl-dev libz-dev
```

COMPILATION

The software is based on autoconf, so just follow the standard installation procedure. In this guide we will install S^X into /opt/sx.

```
$ ./configure --prefix=/opt/sx && make  
# make install
```

CHAPTER 3

CONFIGURATION

REQUIREMENTS

S^X by default operates on the port 443 or 80, which needs to be available on a given IP address¹. You can build just a single-node S^X cluster, however for data safety reasons it is recommended to create at least two nodes and use replica higher than 1. You can add more nodes to the cluster at any time.

THE FIRST NODE

Setting up the first node initializes the cluster and makes S^X ready to use. The `sxsetup` tool presented below performs an automated configuration of the S^X server, which includes creating a local data storage, SSL certificate, and default admin account. You will only need to answer a few basic questions!

In the example we assume the IP address of the first node is **192.168.1.101**, the name of the cluster is **mycluster**, and S^X was installed into `/opt/sx`. Also in some cases (eg. the path to S^X storage) we assume default values, how-

¹You can choose a custom port when running `sxsetup` with in advanced mode

ever your mileage may vary.

```
# /opt/sx/sbin/sxsetup
--- SKYLABLE SX CONFIGURATION SCRIPT ---

The script will help you to create or extend a Skylable SX data
cluster.

--- CLUSTER NAME ---

Clients will access your cluster using a sx://clustername/volume/path
URI. It is recommended to use a FQDN for clustername, but not
required. Refer to the documentation for more info.
Enter the cluster name (use the same across all nodes) []: mycluster

--- DATA STORAGE ---

Please provide the location where all incoming data will be stored.
Path to SX storage [default=/opt/sx/var/lib/sxserver]: <confirm default>

Please specify the maximum size of the storage for this node. You can
use M, G and T suffixes, eg. 100T for 100 terabytes.
Maximum size [default=1T]: 500G

--- NETWORKING ---

Enable SSL? (use the same setting for all nodes in the cluster) (Y/n)
<confirm default>
Enter the IP address of this node [default=192.168.1.101]: <confirm default>
Checking port 443 on 192.168.1.101 ... OK

--- CLUSTER CONFIGURATION ---

Is this (192.168.1.101) the first node of a new cluster? (Y/n)
<confirm default>

--- SSL CONFIGURATION ---

Generating default SSL certificate and keys in
/opt/sx/etc/ssl/private/sxkey.pem /opt/sx/etc/ssl/certs/sxcert.pem
Generating a 2048 bit RSA private key
.....+++
.....+++
writing new private key to '/opt/sx/etc/ssl/private/sxkey.pem'

--- YOUR CHOICES ---

Cluster: sx://mycluster
Node: 192.168.1.101
Use SSL: yes
Storage: /opt/sx/var/lib/sxserver
Run as user: nobody

Is this correct? (Y/n) <confirm default>

--- CLUSTER INITIALIZATION ---

+ /opt/sx/sbin/sxadm node --new --batch-mode --owner=nobody:nogroup /opt/sx/
var/lib/sxserver/data
[runas]: Switched to nobody:nogroup (65534:65534)
+ /opt/sx/sbin/sxadm cluster --new --port=443 --batch-mode --node-dir=/opt/
sx/var/lib/sxserver/data --ssl-ca-file=/opt/sx/etc/ssl/certs/sxcert.pem
500G/192.168.1.101 sx://mycluster
Starting SX.fcgi
Starting sxhttpd
HashFS Version: SX-Storage 1.5
```

```

--- CONFIGURATION SUMMARY ---

```

-----BEGIN PRIVATE KEY-----

```
SSL certificate (/opt/sx/etc/ssl/certs/sxcert.pem):
```

```
Cluster:  sx://mycluster
```

```

This node: 192.168.1.101
HashFS Version: SX-Storage 1.5
Cluster UUID: 01dca714-8cc9-4e26-960e-daf04892b1e2
Cluster authentication:
CLUSTER/ALLNODE/ROOT/USERwBdjfz3tKcnTF2ouWIkTipreYuYjAAA
Admin key: ODPiKuNIrrVmD8IUCuwihQxNqZfIkCY+oKwxi5zHSPn5y0S0i3IMawAA
Internal cluster protocol: SECURE
Used disk space: 17568768
Actual data size: 463872
List of nodes:
    * ec4d9d63-9fa3-4d45-838d-3e521f124ed3 192.168.1.101
      (192.168.1.101) 536870912000
Storage location: /opt/sx/var/lib/sxserver
Run as user: nobody
Sockets and pidfiles in: /opt/sx/var/run/sxserver
Logs in: /opt/sx/var/log/sxserver/sxfcgi.log

--- END OF SUMMARY ---

Congratulations, the new node is up and running!
You can control it with '/opt/sx/sbin/sxserver'

You can add a new node to the cluster by running 'sxsetup' on another
server. When prompted, enter the 'admin key', 'SSL private key' and
'SSL certificate' printed above.

You can run 'sxacl useradd joe sx://admin@mycluster' to add a new user.
To create a new volume owned by user 'joe' run:
'sxvol create --owner joe --replica N --size SIZE sx://admin@mycluster/
VOLNAME'

```

When the script finishes successfully, the node is already functional. Please notice the admin key listed at the end of the summary: it will be needed for both adding more nodes and accessing the cluster. You can always retrieve the admin key with the following command:

```

# /opt/sx/sbin/sxserver status
--- SX STATUS ---
sx.fcgi is running (PID 14394)
sx.httppd is running (PID 14407)

--- SX INFO ---
Cluster name: mycluster
Cluster port: 443
HashFS Version: SX-Storage 1.5
Cluster UUID: 01dca714-8cc9-4e26-960e-daf04892b1e2
Cluster authentication: CLUSTER/ALLNODE/ROOT/
USERwBdjfz3tKcnTF2ouWIkTipreYuYjAAA
Admin key: ODPiKuNIrrVmD8IUCuwihQxNqZfIkCY+oKwxi5zHSPn5y0S0i3IMawAA
Internal cluster protocol: SECURE
Used disk space: 17568768
Actual data size: 463872
List of nodes:
    * ec4d9d63-9fa3-4d45-838d-3e521f124ed3 192.168.1.101 (192.168.1.101)
      536870912000
Storage location: /opt/sx/var/lib/sxserver/data
SSL private key: /opt/sx/etc/ssl/private/sxkey.pem
SX Logfile: /opt/sx/var/log/sxserver/sxfcgi.log

```

That's it - your SX storage is already up and running! You can now go to the next step and add more nodes or go

to the next chapter and learn how to perform basic client operations.

ADDING MORE NODES

Follow these steps to add a new node to the cluster:

- Run 'sxserver status' on one of the nodes of the cluster
- Collect the following information:
 - Cluster name
 - Admin key
 - One of the IP addresses from the list of nodes
 - The content of the SSL private key file (not the path itself!)
- Compile and install S^X with `./configure --prefix=/opt/sx && make install`
- Run `/opt/sx/sbin/sxsetup` and provide the collected information. Below we assume the new node is 192.168.1.102 and it's size is 250 GBs.

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--- CLUSTER NAME ---

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URI. It is recommended to use a FQDN for clustername, but not
required. Refer to the documentation for more info.
Enter the cluster name (use the same across all nodes) []: mycluster

--- DATA STORAGE ---

Please provide the location where all incoming data will be stored.
Path to SX storage [default=/opt/sx/var/lib/sxserver]: <confirm default>

Please specify the maximum size of the storage for this node. You can
use M, G and T suffixes, eg. 100T for 100 terabytes.
Maximum size [default=1T]: 250G

--- NETWORKING ---

Enable SSL? (use the same setting for all nodes in the cluster) (Y/n)
<confirm default>
```

```

Enter the IP address of this node [default=192.168.1.102]: <confirm default>
Checking port 443 on 192.168.1.102 ... OK

--- CLUSTER CONFIGURATION ---

Is this (192.168.1.102) the first node of a new cluster? (Y/n) n
Please provide the IP address of a working node in 'mycluster'.
IP address: 192.168.1.101

The admin key is required to join the existing cluster.
If you don't have it, run 'sxserver status' on 192.168.1.101.
Below you can provide the key itself or path to the file
containing the key.
Admin key or path to key-file:
ODPiKuNIrrVmD8IUCuw1hQxNqZfIkCY+oKwxi5zHSPn5y0S0i3IMawAA

--- SSL CONFIGURATION ---

Please paste the SSL private key below (and press CTRL+D when
done) or provide a path to it.
SSL private key:
<below paste the private key from 192.168.1.101>
-----BEGIN PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIeVAIBADANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAASCbKYwggSiAgEAAoIBAQCYNdtHyNglHZQ8
va01HJWtZ/eerB2H80XyQTZpDFRS87qGUNcrRudDN09EypcueXaW1UN/3L8KKn7t
tGhLe6quG8QKuKw//UiJDDGTDEIC0ndtYfBh07zNR9zgaQRi9loqQB6Iqfe4K/T9F
EONMjVji10F5JI/3SgxEDwoQ4+1eghDuMGME1zJ4VJCojXhiEtvwo1ZruFX+Xogd
rq4Ys6Pch7n9Fowd0c2n+IRxPKb6CqnHC1t9AKEBmbaoP+OzhM8ZFC13WFRChvb
JF8T9ZZ5q3no1668NILNN1f4RRe07+pb9ubfWqNABhuI5hQUnG81wKjcIzjWK4HZ
+3bMwg6PAgMBAAECggEAQ+ftGmV60KTHm4mnXYeRjzm4+SskSaC41e10Ev0TMybV
ULMCi6YoS06EaNZROESsKYKfiI29FRX8ZqQT24kijmaIOWgYzPmhm3QOCBB2qim2
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xmxVwCNTRFd7dg4Wmy10Qz3YV0n1C3Qs8C8LoGo00Mci85quhBUW9s7J12skXGbu
ZGDtpJylgwtfc1q7nojaFkWenGCA9D1HB8zCqKPkhMh+HtA26g8VdFaHPVBzw/pz
avv5r9gLnBETwHfM3XuiYv7h3woW5uAKVhgvL8w0QKBgQDDJs2avbY0wgcEE0f7L
nPRqmb5XjJE329KsyIzo4Yw0rZDjQXSyrBjifoBIJzURedDB7ww51t0Xy3MExeS4
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Y09AVONyoKK+8mvlfJBKCRa+jqfeotuCd7MEpDECgYAhWcDt6aXSsU0tq+jgVNTc
oi9Cnm4FNW7Z/VVgCCRFIwHxpqqAau63/naSGxkLU1K+U0StReiLC2D4FPrqs9Jh
scUH9hTIp3hxxwnZBRfkuvU0m3h6CwQ0t3km7AffLRsGQZ9EM1vNb4T5mR/Izgyx
smcEPJfJgX61fx7c//bU6Q==
-----END PRIVATE KEY-----
<press CTRL+D>

Successfully obtained SSL certificate from 192.168.1.101

--- YOUR CHOICES ---

Cluster: sx://mycluster
Node: 192.168.1.102
Storage: /opt/sx/var/lib/sxserver
Run as user: nobody

Is this correct? (Y/n) <confirm default>

--- CLUSTER INITIALIZATION ---

Connecting to 127.0.0.1
Server certificate:
    Subject: C=UK; L=London; O=SX; CN=mycluster

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```
Issuer: C=UK; L=London; O=SX; CN=mycluster
SHA1 fingerprint: 627917198424168ad0c144e721567eb4ebc90db1

Do you trust this SSL certificate? [y/N] y
+ /opt/sx/sbin/sxadm node --new --batch-mode --owner=nobody:nogroup --
  cluster-uuid=01dca714-8cc9-4e26-960e-daf04892b1e2 --cluster-key=/opt/sx
  /var/lib/sxserver/cluster.key /opt/sx/var/lib/sxserver/data
Starting SX.fcgi
Starting sxhttpd
SX node started successfully
+ /opt/sx/sbin/sxadm cluster --mod 536870912000/192.168.1.101/ec4d9d63-9fa3
  -4d45-838d-3e521f124ed3 250G/192.168.1.102 sx://admin@mycluster
HashFS Version: SX-Storage 1.5
Cluster UUID: 01dca714-8cc9-4e26-960e-daf04892b1e2
Cluster authentication:
CLUSTER/ALLNODE/ROOT/USERwBdjfz3tKcnTF2ouWIkTipreYuYjAAA
Admin key: ODPiKuNIrrVmD8IUCuwihQxNqZfIkCY+oKwxi5zHSPn5y0S0i3IMawAA
Internal cluster protocol: SECURE
Used disk space: 17568768
Actual data size: 463872
List of nodes:
- ec4d9d63-9fa3-4d45-838d-3e521f124ed3 192.168.1.101 (192.168.1.101)
  536870912000
* 02e01f5d-80d8-4a01-b1f7-a56eecb8aef5 192.168.1.102 (192.168.1.102)
  268435456000

--- CONFIGURATION SUMMARY ---

SSL private key (/opt/sx/etc/ssl/private/sxkey.pem):
-----BEGIN PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIEvAIBADANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAASCBKYYwggSiAgEAAoIBAQCYNdtHyNglHZQ8
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tGhLe6quG8QkKw//UiJDDGTDEIC0ndtYfBh07zNR9zgaQRi9loqQB6Iqfe4K/T9F
EONMjVji10F5JI/3SgxEDwoQ4+1eghDuMGME1zJ4VJCojXhiEtvwo1ZruFX+Xogd
rq4Ys6Pch7n9Fowd0c2n+IRxPKKb6CqnHC1t9AKEBmbaoP+0zhM8ZFCl3WFRChvb
JF8T9Z2Z5q3no1668NILNN1f4RRe07+pb9ubfWqNABhuI5hQUng81wKjcIzjWK4HZ
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xmxVwCNTFRFd7dg4Wmy10Qz3YVOn1C3Qs8C8LoGo00Mci85quhBUw9s7J12skXGbu
ZGdtpJylgwtfciq7nojaFkWenGCA9D1HB8zCqKPKhMh+HtA26g8VdFaHPVBzw/pz
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nPRqmb5XjJE329KsyIzo4YwOrZDjQXSYrBjifoBIJzUREDDb7ww5lt0Xy3MExeS4
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bhGA/tuo6VtJcArc/Etx3DGbKhNjQ13LxRRLjyH1Phw/k7oZBdaVK27I+vNfw5Lj
c2KZCYbFnF3kbP5ryuMW0QqGbkZZ/FExzwgFyA0Uuctw9L2VmKtPgbP9ywdTJc0Z
Jq/pdz0e7QKBGf0pxn4dvvIH4DgQ1k9+2yMcgoduFw5EcC6bQVextrCf7e1VzTdG
q0vHjQ5gtPJ6GD9ZGIkKusqT6TGhpC2v3SoiK07CJmFo6tXELb0ALhZY2gOWTNqj
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oi9Cnm4FNW7Z/VVgCCRFIwHxpqqAau63/naSGxkLU1K+U0StReiLC2D4FPrqs9Jh
scUH9hTIp3hwxznZBRfkuvU0m3h6CwQ0t3km7AffLRsGQZ9EMlvNb4T5mR/Izgyx
smcEPJfJgX61fx7c//bU6Q==
-----END PRIVATE KEY-----

SSL certificate (/opt/sx/etc/ssl/certs/sxcert.pem):
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIDpZCCAo+gAwIBAgIJA0DcwXKZH135MAOGCSqGSIb3DQEBCwUAMDsxCzAJBgNV
BAYTAkdCMQswCQYDVQQIEwJSVSZELMAkGA1UEChMCU1gxEjAQBGNVBAMTCW15Y2x1
c3RlcjAeFw0xNDAMzEjExNDU2NTdaFw0xOTAzMjAxNDU2NTdaMDsxCzAJBgNVBAYT
AkdCMQswCQYDVQQIEwJSVSZELMAkGA1UEChMCU1gxEjAQBGNVBAMTCW15Y2x1c3Rl
cjCCAS1wQYJKoZIhvcNAQEBBQADggEPADCCAQoCggEBAJg120fI2CUdlDy9o7Uc
1a1n956sHYfzRfJBnmkMVFLzuoZQ1ytG50M3T0TKly55dpbVQ3/cvwoqfu20aEt7
qq4bxC4rD/9SikMMZMMQgI6d21h8GHTvM1H30BpBGL2WipAHoip97gr9POUQ40yN
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WOLU4Xkkj/dKDEQPChDj7V6CE04wYwSXMnhUkKiNeGIS2/CjVmu4Vf5eiB2urhiz
o9yHuf0WjB05Zaf4hHE9cpvoKqccLW30AoQGZtqg/7T0EzxxUKXdYVEKG9skXxP1
lnmreeiXrrwOgs03V/hFF7Tv6lv25t9ao0AGG4jmFBScbzXAqNwj0NYrgdn7dszC
Do8CAwEAAa0BrTCBqjAdBgNVHQ4EFgQU7Zs8qeEtPdNQ713zs3f2v+MTrswawYD
VR0jBQqwYoAUs7Zs8qeEtPdNQ713zs3f2v+MTruhP6Q9MDsxCzAJBgNVBAYTAkdC
MQswCQYDVQQIEwJVSzELMAkGA1UEChMCU1gxEjAQBGNVBAMTCW15Y2x1c3R1coIJ
A0DcwKZHi35MA8GA1UdEwEB/wQFMAMBAf8wCwYDVROPBADAgEGMAOGCSqGSIb3
DQEBChwAA4IBAQBQgwULuHM5svPvV7c0tdsBmxovrhCYkMg4MwtPJ8eJQckyrCP3
fIU1VMXXeHKegaZ4q3QzIV9DD01XB9TzifZ8yKm7a2/N1UnvgLQCgu82H/226YLE
abqoipcJsAANo5+2qGYEmYDODmL0nToaCX5bcmbLc1tcG4uf/x880+PGLgh/h5+9
MUMlffyJWAE5eJN1rk9T5k00nm5PElQLP/ZQecodHGL9Xxxgj09kLfwBmUruGu/
ft4Ru0o0rQDIDWxQuiBitawQKX/tyaGkpX+g38gyFwDiPINo2q/IHeckxX5EHgF3
YgGPNaWwBnH3jfsJ/kMXcJS52q/zP0IvUCz0
-----END CERTIFICATE-----

Cluster: sx://mycluster
This node: 192.168.1.102
Port number: 443
HashFS Version: SX-Storage 1.5
Cluster UUID: 01dca714-8cc9-4e26-960e-daf04892b1e2
Cluster authentication: CLUSTER/ALLNODE/ROOT/
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  268435456000
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Run as user: nobody
Sockets and pidfiles in: /opt/sx/var/run/sxserver
Logs in: /opt/sx/var/log/sxserver/sxfcgi.log

--- END OF SUMMARY ---

Congratulations, the new node is up and running!
You can control it with '/opt/sx/sbin/sxserver'

You can add a new node to the cluster by running 'sxsetup' on another
server. When prompted, enter the 'admin key', 'SSL private key' and
'SSL certificate' printed above.

You can run 'sxacl useradd joe sx://admin@mycluster' to add a new user.
To create a new volume owned by user 'joe' run:
'sxvol create --owner joe --replica N --size SIZE sx://admin@mycluster/
VOLNAME'

```

The node successfully joined the cluster - at the end of the summary you can see the current list of nodes in the cluster. Repeat the same steps to add more nodes to the cluster.

CLIENT OPERATIONS

ACCESSING THE CLUSTER

To access the cluster you need to have credentials for an existing account. In this example we will use the default admin account created during cluster setup. The following command sets up the admin access to the S^X cluster "mycluster" for the client tools. Because "mycluster" is not a DNS name, we need to point `sxinit` to one of the nodes of the cluster. It will automatically discover the IP addresses of the other nodes. Additionally, we create an alias **@cluster**, which later can be used instead of **sx://admin@mycluster**.

```
$ sxinit -l 192.168.1.101 -A @cluster sx://admin@mycluster
Warning: self-signed certificate:

      Subject: C=GB, ST=UK, O=SX, CN=mycluster
      Issuer: C=GB, ST=UK, O=SX, CN=mycluster
      SHA1 Fingerprint: 84:EF:39:80:1E:28:9C:4A:C8:80:E6:56:57:A4:CD:64:2E
                        :23:99:7A

Do you trust this SSL certificate? [y/N] y
Trusting self-signed certificate
Please enter the user key:
ODPiKuNIrrVmD8IUCuw1hQxNqZfIkCY+oKwxi5zHSPn5y0SOi3IMawAA
```

S^X allows creating additional users of your choice and assigning them appropriate privileges. In this Quick Start Guide we will only use the default admin account, though. Please refer to `sxacl useradd --help` on how to add new users to the cluster.

CREATING NEW VOLUMES

Volumes are logical partitions of the S^X storage assigned to particular groups of users and managed with the `svol` tool. Below we create a basic volume of size 50G owned by `admin` and fully replicated on two nodes. We're also making use of the `@cluster` alias, which stands for `sx://admin@mycluster`.

```
$ /opt/sx/bin/sxvol create --owner=admin --replica=2 --size=50G
@cluster/mydata
Volume 'mydata' (replica: 2, size: 50G, max-revisions: 1) created.
```

WORKING WITH FILES

S^X provides easy to use file tools, which resemble typical UNIX commands. Below we show how to upload a file to the 'mydata' volume, display it, and list files in the volume.

```
$ echo Hello World! > /tmp/hello.txt
$ sxcp /tmp/hello.txt @cluster/mydata/
$ sxcat @cluster/mydata/hello.txt
Hello World!
$ sxls @cluster/mydata/
sx://admin@mycluster/mydata/hello.txt
$ sxrm @cluster/mydata/hello.txt
Deleted 1 file(s)
```

Use `sxcp -r` to recursively upload directories to S^X. See the man pages (eg. `man sxcp`) for examples and usage details.