8.2.2.4. Secure copy (SCP)

The scpcommand is another option for transferring files between two computers via SSH.scpattempts to use the same syntax as the traditional copy command (cp), but differs in that you can specify remote servers. The following is an example of using scp to send a file to a remote server, type:

\$ scp localFile user@server:/destination/directory/

You can similarly fetch a file:

\$ scp user@server:/path/to/wantedfile destinationFile

Or even between two remote servers:

\$ scp user1@server1:/path/to/source user2@server2:/path/to/destination

In every case that you access a remote server, you will be prompted for your credentials (such as a username and password).