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How to Log Out of SSH

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Secure Shell utility connects to remote devices and servers, allowing you to operate and monitor them efficiently. It establishes the connection through a cryptographic protocol, ensuring a safe and secure environment.

In addition to administration, you can also use it to transfer files, troubleshoot network issues, etc. Although it is easy to log in and use SSH, many still need to learn how to log out of it. This is the most basic yet crucial aspect you should consider while using the Secure Shell. Hence, this tutorial will quickly describe how to log out of SSH without hassles.

You can follow a few methods to log out of SSH. In the upcoming sections, we'll look at each of them briefly.

The exit Command

If you want to log out of a perfectly running SSH session, run the exit command:

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exit
```

It will log you out of SSH while ensuring that all the tasks have been completed gracefully.

For instance:

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prateek@prateek:~$ exit
exit
There are stopped jobs.
prateek@prateek:~$
```

Keyboard Shortcut

If you prefer a quicker method, you can use a keyboard shortcut. Press **CTRL + D**, and the terminal will immediately end your SSH session. This shortcut is a convenient way to log out without typing any commands.

Logout and Terminate the Unresponsive SSH Session

Moreover, if you encounter any difficulty, such as unresponsiveness during an SSH session, enter this sequence: **press Enter, and type "~."**

It will log you out by forcefully terminating the current session.