

## **Managing Secure Shell Access in Oracle® Solaris 11.3**



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## Using This Documentation

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*Managing Secure Shell Access in Oracle® Solaris 11.3* explains how to administer and use the Secure Shell feature for secure remote access.

- **Overview** – Describes concepts and tasks on the use of Secure Shell in Oracle Solaris.
- **Audience** – System administrators who must implement security on the enterprise.
- **Required knowledge** – Familiarity with security concepts and terminology.

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## Using Secure Shell

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The Secure Shell feature of Oracle Solaris provides secure access to a remote host over an unsecured network. The shell provides commands for remote login, remote window display, and remote file transfer. This chapter covers the following topics:

- “What’s New in Secure Shell” on page 9
- “About Secure Shell” on page 21
- “`sunssh` Implementation of Secure Shell” on page 19
- “Secure Shell and FIPS 140” on page 23
- “Configuring Secure Shell” on page 24
- “Using Secure Shell” on page 30

For reference information, see [Chapter 2, “Secure Shell Reference”](#).

## What's New in Secure Shell

### Sharing `.ssh/config` Files Between Multiple Solaris Releases

If your home directory is on network storage, you can share the `~/.ssh/config` file among multiple systems, even if those systems are running different Oracle Solaris releases or different SSH implementations. However, SSH implementations may not recognize all the configuration options from different SSH implementations or, in some cases, may not recognize configuration options from different versions of the same SSH implementations.

For Oracle Solaris 10 Update 11 and later releases, when the SSH configuration options cannot be recognized by the different systems on the network, you can modify the `ssh_config` file so that it will ignore options that are unrecognized, thus enabling use of the shared `~/.ssh/config` file among multiple systems.

## Secure Shell Implementations and IgnoreUnknown Options

Two options, the `IgnoreIfUnknown` option and `IgnoreUnknown` option, can be used to ignore SSH configuration options that are unrecognized among multiple systems. The `IgnoreIfUnknown` option is available in SunSSH and the `IgnoreUnknown` option is available in OpenSSH.

The following table identifies the SSH implementations in each Oracle Solaris release and the ignore option that is supported for each implementation.

**TABLE 1** IgnoreUnknown Options in SSH

Release	SSH Implementation	Supported Ignore Option
Oracle Solaris 12	OpenSSH	IgnoreUnknown
Oracle Solaris 11.3	OpenSSH and SunSSH	IgnoreIfUnknown and IgnoreUnknown  In the Oracle Solaris 11.3 release, the sunssh implementation of the SSH mediator supports both the IgnoreIfUnknown and IgnoreUnknown options. The openssh implementation supports only the IgnoreUnknown option.
Oracle Solaris 11.2 and prior releases	SunSSH	IgnoreIfUnknown
Oracle Solaris 10 Update 11	SunSSH	IgnoreIfUnknown

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**Note** - The following do not support either ignore option and cannot be included as part of a shared SSH configuration over a network.

- Oracle Solaris 9
  - Oracle Solaris 10 prior to Update 11
  - OpenSSH 6.2 and older OpenSSH versions
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Both `IgnoreIfUnknown` and `IgnoreUnknown` specify a comma-separated list of `ssh_config` parameters, which, if unknown to the `ssh` program, are ignored by SSH. However, while `IgnoreIfUnknown` always applies to the whole configuration file, `IgnoreUnknown` only applies to unknown options that appear after it in the configuration file.

## Adding IgnoreUnknown Options

If you are sharing the `~/.ssh/config` file among multiple systems, and you introduce a configuration option that another SSH implementation you are also using does not support, you can enable the SSH configuration options to work on multiple releases by modifying the

ssh\_config file to include both the IgnoreUnknown and IgnoreIfUnknown options as shown in the following example.

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**Note** - All systems must be able to use at least one of the ignore options, per [Table 1, “IgnoreUnknown Options in SSH,”](#) on page 10.

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**EXAMPLE 1**      Enabling Shared SSH Configuration Across Multiple Releases

You're sharing the ~/.ssh/config file among multiple systems on a network, and you want to use the HostBasedKeyTypes configuration option. This option was introduced in OpenSSH 6.8. Your various systems use the SunSSH implementation of SSH and the OpenSSH implementation prior to version 6.8, implementations that do not support the HostBasedKeyTypes option.

Add the following to the ssh\_config file:

```
---
IgnoreUnknown HostBasedKeyTypes,IgnoreIfUnknown
IgnoreIfUnknown HostBasedKeyTypes,IgnoreUnknown

HostBasedKeyTypes ssh-rsa-cert-v01@openssh.com, ssh-rsa
---
```

Note that both the IgnoreUnknown and IgnoreIfUnknown options were added, so that both SunSSH and OpenSSH implementations will be affected.

However, remember that, while IgnoreIfUnknown always applies to the whole configuration file, IgnoreUnknown only applies to unknown options that appear after it in the configuration file.

For further information, see the ssh\_config(5) man page.

## New Options to Control Key Types

For the sunssh implementation of Secure Shell, new options were added to enable you to control what public key types are accepted and to disable weak key types. The default is to accept all key types.

The following new options have been added to the SSH server configuration:

- hostkeyalgorithms
- hostbasedAcceptedKeyTypes
- pubkeyacceptedkeytypes

- `kexalgorithms`

For information, see the `sshd_config(4)` man page.

The following new options have been added to the Secure Shell client configuration:

- `kexalgorithms`
- `hostbasedkeytypes`
- `pubkeyacceptedkeytypes`

For information, see the `ssh_config(4)` man page.

## openssh Added as Alternate Implementation

The current Oracle Solaris release includes both the default `sunssh` implementation of Secure Shell and a new `openssh` implementation of Secure Shell that is built on OpenSSH 6.5p1 plus additional features.

Although the `sunssh` implementation of Secure Shell is the default, you can switch to the new `openssh` implementation. You can use only one implementation of Secure Shell at a time.



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**Caution** - Beginning with the Oracle Solaris 11.3 SRU5, the `openssh` implementation of Secure Shell has been upgraded to version 7.1p1. This version has changes which are likely to require active attention from system administrators. See [“OpenSSH is Upgraded to Version 7.2p2” on page 15](#).

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## Secure Shell Packages

Because both `sunssh` and `openssh` implementations of Secure Shell are included, the release includes four Secure Shell packages:

<code>network/ssh</code>	Components for the <code>sunssh</code> implementation
<code>network/openssh</code>	Components for the <code>openssh</code> implementation
<code>net/work/ssh/ssh-utilities</code>	Additional SSH shared utilities
<code>/service/network/ssh-common</code>	SSH SMF service and shared SSH system configuration files

## Secure Shell Configuration Files

The following Secure Shell system configuration files are shared by the sunssh and openssh implementations and are located in the /etc/ssh directory:

- ssh\_config
- sshd\_config
- moduli

## Oracle Solaris Additions to the openssh Secure Shell

The sunssh implementation of Secure Shell is a fork of the [OpenSSH \(http://www.openssh.com\)](http://www.openssh.com) project that has been extensively customized as the Oracle Solaris Secure Shell. For more information, see “[sunssh Implementation of Secure Shell](#)” on page 19.

The openssh implementation of Secure Shell is built from OpenSSH. Although new features have been added to the openssh implementation, it remains compatible with the OpenSSH project.

The following features have been added to the openssh implementation:

- A DisabledBanner keyword that can be used to disable the display of a banner message from the SSH client. For information, see the ssh\_config(4) man page.
- PAM support.  
The PAMServiceName and PAMServicePrefix options that are in the SunSSH implementation have been migrated to the openSSH implementation.
- Oracle Solaris auditing support.
- Xforwarding is functional with non-writeable home directories.
- GSS-API-Authenticated Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange as specified in RFC 4462.
- Allow login to a role for host-based authentication if properly configured in PAM and sshd.

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**Note** - Unlike the OpenSSH project in which delegated credentials are stored in a non-default credential cache such as /tmp/krb5cc\_101\_w04082, the openssh implementation of Secure Shell uses a default credential cache such as /tmp/krb5cc\_101. Credentials in a default credential cache can be used for accessing NFS file systems protected by Kerberos.

For further information about Kerberos, see [Managing Kerberos and Other Authentication Services in Oracle Solaris 11.3](#).

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Additional features are likely to be added to the openssh implementation in upcoming releases.

You can configure the sunssh implementation of Secure Shell to be FIPS 140-compliant, as described in [“Secure Shell and FIPS 140” on page 23](#). The openssh implementation, however, cannot be configured for FIPS 140-compliance.

## Switching to the openssh Secure Shell

sunssh is the default implementation of Secure Shell. However, you can install the openssh package and switch to the openssh implementation as described in this section.



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### ▼ How to Install and Switch to the openssh Secure Shell

**Before You Begin** You must be assigned the Software Installation rights profile to add packages to the system. For more information, see [“Using Your Assigned Administrative Rights” in \*Securing Users and Processes in Oracle Solaris 11.3\*](#).

**1. Find out whether the openssh package is installed.**

```
# pkg list openssh
pkg list: no packages matching the following patterns are installed:
  openssh
```

**2. If the openssh package is not listed, install the package.**

```
# pkg install network/openssh
```

**3. View all implementations of SSH on the system.**

```
# pkg mediator -a ssh
MEDIATOR    VER. SRC.  VERSION IMPL. SRC.  IMPLEMENTATION
ssh         vendor      vendor  sunssh
ssh         system     system  openssh
```

In the output, vendor indicates the default implementation which is sunssh in this release.

**4. Switch to the openssh implementation.**

```
# pkg set-mediator -I openssh ssh
```

```

        Packages to change: 3
        Mediators to change: 1
        Services to change: 1
    Create boot environment: No
Create backup boot environment: Yes
PHASE                                ITEMS
Removing old actions                 34/34
Updating modified actions            25/25
Updating package state database      Done
Updating package cache               0/0
Updating image state                 Done
Creating fast lookup database        Done
Updating package cache               1/1

```

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**Note** - The changes will include all the appropriate man pages for the implementation that you select.

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This command restarts the SSH server. Then, users currently on the server can continue to use the prior implementation, or they can log out and log in to access the changes. The existing SSH connections should continue to work.

## 5. (Optional) Display the Secure Shell that is currently implemented.

```

% pkg mediator ssh
MEDIATOR  VER. SRC.  VERSION  IMPL. SRC.  IMPLEMENTATION
ssh       system          local      openssh

```

In this example, the openssh implementation is enabled.

For further information about using the `pkg mediator` command, see [“Changing the Preferred Application” in \*Adding and Updating Software in Oracle Solaris 11.3\*](#). See, also, the `pkg(1)` man page.

## Reverting to the sunssh Secure Shell

After you have switched to the openssh implementation of Secure Shell, you can revert to the default implementation by using the `pkg set-mediator` command.

```
# pkg set-mediator -I sunssh ssh
```

## OpenSSH is Upgraded to Version 7.2p2

The openssh implementation of Secure Shell has been upgraded to Version 7.2p2 in Oracle Solaris 12, following a prior upgrade to Version 7.1p1. The following changes were included in Version 7.1p1:

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**Note** - If your system is still using the sunssh implementation, these OpenSSH changes will not affect the system's behavior.

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- [“ssh-dss Keys Disabled by Default” on page 16](#)
- [“diffie-hellman-group1-sha1 Disabled by Default” on page 16](#)
- [“SSH Protocol 1 Support Removed” on page 17](#)
- [“Unsafe Algorithms Removed” on page 17](#)
- [“Default Value of UseDNS is No” on page 18](#)
- [“TCP Wrappers Are Not Supported” on page 19](#)

## ssh-dss Keys Disabled by Default

Because the ssh-dss and ssh-dss-cert-\* host and user key types are inherently weak, they are disabled by default at run time.

If you have been using ssh-dss keys for public key authentication, you should create new ssh-rsa keys and remove existing ssh-dss keys from all authorized\_keys files. For instructions about creating new keys, see [“How to Generate a Public/Private Key Pair for Use With Secure Shell” on page 31](#).

If ssh-rsa and ssh-dss host keys are not already present, `svc:/network/ssh:default` creates both. So, it's unusual for Oracle Solaris servers to have ssh-dss host keys and not ssh-rsa keys. In the rare cases where servers were provisioned with only an ssh-dss host key, an ssh\_rsa host key should be added. If that is not possible, the user can, when connecting to these servers, enable the ssh-dss key-type:

```
root@source# ssh -oHostKeyAlgorithms+=ssh-dss user@somehost
```

For additional information, see [Using OpenSSH with Legacy SSH Implementations](#).

## diffie-hellman-group1-sha1 Disabled by Default

Because the diffie-hellman-group1-sha1 key exchange is no longer considered secure, it is disabled on both the SSH client and server sides.

If your servers support only diffie-hellman-group1-sha1, you should upgrade them to support diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha256. Or, as a second choice, upgrade Oracle Solaris to a version which supports diffie-hellman-group14-sha1.

If upgrading the peer is not an option, users connecting to systems that do not support diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha256, diffie-hellman-group14-sha1, or diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha1 can enable diffie-hellman-group1-sha1 as follows:



```
root@source# ssh -oKexAlgorithms=+diffie-hellman-group1-sha1 user@somehost
```

For the OpenSSH implementation of SSH, the server administrator can allow logins from systems that do not support secure key exchange methods by explicitly enabling insecure key exchange methods. Add this line to the `/etc/ssh/sshd_config` file.

```
KexAlgorithms
diffie-hellman-group1-sha1,diffie-hellman-group14-sha1,diffie-hellman-group-exchange-
sha1,
diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha256
```

Then, restart the SSH server.

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**Note** - The `KexAlgorithms` option is specific to the OpenSSH implementation and is not recognized by the SunSSH implementation.

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For additional information, see [Using OpenSSH with Legacy SSH Implementations](#).

## SSH Protocol 1 Support Removed

Beginning with the Oracle Solaris 11.3 SRU5, SSH-1 support has been removed from OpenSSH on both the server side and the client side. Network entities that support only SSH-1 are, for the most part, old network routers. You can no longer connect to such devices by using the Oracle Solaris 11.3 implementation of OpenSSH. However, Oracle Solaris 10 users can still use SunSSH to access systems that use SSH-1. And, Oracle Solaris 11 users can still use SunSSH to access systems that use SSH-1.

## Unsafe Algorithms Removed

The default set of ciphers and MACs has been altered to remove unsafe algorithms. Beginning with the Oracle Solaris 11.3 SRU 5 release, only the following ciphers and MACs are enabled in the default configuration:

```
Ciphers
----
chacha20-poly1305@openssh.com
aes128-ctr
aes192-ctr
aes256-ctr
aes128-gcm@openssh.com
aes256-gcm@openssh.com
```

```
MACs
```

```
-----  
umac-64-etm@openssh.com  
umac-128-etm@openssh.com  
hmac-sha2-256-etm@openssh.com  
hmac-sha2-512-etm@openssh.com  
hmac-sha1-etm@openssh.com  
umac-64@openssh.com  
umac-128@openssh.com  
hmac-sha2-256  
hmac-sha2-512  
hmac-sha1
```

Use the following commands to list all supported ciphers and MACs:

```
root@source# ssh -Q cipher  
root@source# ssh -Q MACs
```

For more information, see the `ssh_config(4)` and `sshd_config(4)` man pages.

## Default Value of UseDNS is No

If no `UseDNS` value is specified in the `sshd_config` file, the default value of `UseDNS` is `No`. The former default value provided no security benefit.

A `UseDNS` value of `No` means that you cannot use host names when configuring an `ssh` service.

You have two options:

- You can explicitly specify `UseDNS yes` in the `sshd_config` file.
- You can use IP addresses instead of host names in the `sshd_config` file as shown in the following examples.
  - In the `Match` block section of the `sshd_config` file, use an `Address` criterion instead of a `Host` criterion.  
For example, you would replace `Match Host somehost.domain` with `Match Address 192.168.0.10`.
  - In the `sshd_config` entries for `AllowUsers`, `AllowGroups`, `DenyUsers`, and `DenyGroups`, use an IP address instead of the host name.  
For example, you would replace `AllowUsers jsmith@somehost.domain` with `AllowUsers jsmith@192.168.0.10`.
  - In `/etc/ssh/shosts.equiv` or `~/.shosts` entries, use an IP address instead of a host name.  
For example, you would replace `somehost.domain` with `192.168.0.10`.
  - In the `~/.ssh/authorized_keys` entry, use an IP address instead of a host name when specifying the `from` option.

For example, you would replace

```
from="somehost.domain" ssh-rsa AAAAB3...Q== jsmith@work
```

With

```
from="192.168.0.10" ssh-rsa AAAAB3...Q== jsmith@work
```

## TCP Wrappers Are Not Supported

The openssh implementation of Secure Shell no longer supports TCP wrappers. You will need to modify the `sshd_config` file or use a firewall to preserve a configuration that was previously enforced by TCP wrappers.

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**Note** - The openssh implementation of Secure Shell continues to use TCP connections. Only the TCP wrapper function, `libwrap`, is no longer supported.

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If you have been using TCP wrappers, you have been using `/etc/hosts.allow` or `/etc/hosts.deny` to allow or deny logins. Instead, you can use the `Match` block in the `sshd_config` file to set up an equivalent configuration.

For example, to allow logins only from the `10.163.0.0/16` subnet, you might have set up TCP wrappers as follows:

```
root@jsmith-cz:~# cat /etc/hosts.allow
sshd : 10.163.
root@jsmith-cz:~# cat /etc/hosts.deny
ALL : ALL
```

In a `Match` block in the `sshd_config` file, the following entry sets an equivalent restriction:

```
Match Address *,!10.163.0.0/16
    MaxAuthTries 0
```

Another option is to use a firewall for access control. Settings similar to these examples can be applied on a firewall. Access control in the firewall occurs earlier, before the network connection is established in the kernel.

## sunssh Implementation of Secure Shell

The sunssh implementation of Secure Shell is a fork of the [OpenSSH \(http://www.openssh.com\)](http://www.openssh.com) project.

Security fixes for vulnerabilities that are discovered in later versions of OpenSSH have been integrated into the sunssh implementation of Secure Shell, as are individual bug fixes and features.

The following features have been implemented in the current release of Secure Shell:

- ForceCommand keyword – Forces the execution of the specified command regardless of what the user types on the command line. This keyword is very useful inside a Match block. This sshd\_config configuration option is similar to the command="..." option in \$HOME/.ssh/authorized\_keys.
- AES-128 passphrase protection – Private keys that are generated by the ssh-keygen command are protected with the AES-128 algorithm. This algorithm protects newly generated keys and re-encrypted keys, such as when a passphrase is changed.
- -u option to sftp-server command – Enables user to set an explicit umask on files and directories. This option overrides the user's default umask. For an example, see the description of Subsystem on the [sshd\\_config\(4\)](#) man page.
- Additional keywords for Match blocks – AuthorizedKeysFile, ForceCommand, and HostbasedUsesNameFromPacketOnly are supported inside Match blocks. By default, the value of AuthorizedKeysFile is \$HOME/.ssh/authorized\_keys and HostbasedUsesNameFromPacketOnly is no. To use Match blocks, see [“How to Create User and Host Exceptions to Secure Shell Defaults”](#) on page 28.

Oracle Solaris engineers provide bug fixes to the OpenSSH project. In addition, they have integrated the following Oracle Solaris features into the sunssh implementation of Secure Shell:

- PAM – Secure Shell uses PAM. The OpenSSH UsePAM configuration option is not supported.
- Privilege separation – The sunssh implementation of Secure Shell does not use the privilege separation code from the OpenSSH project. This implementation separates the processing of auditing, record keeping and re-keying from the processing of the session protocols.  
In the sunssh implementation, Secure Shell privilege separation code is always on and cannot be switched off. The OpenSSH UsePrivilegeSeparation option is not supported.
- Locale – The sunssh implementation of Secure Shell fully supports language negotiation as defined in RFC 4253, *Secure Shell Transfer Protocol*. After the user logs in, the user's login shell profile can override the Secure Shell negotiated locale settings.
- Auditing – The sunssh implementation of Secure Shell is fully integrated into the Oracle Solaris audit service. For information about the audit service, see [Managing Auditing in Oracle Solaris 11.3](#).
- GSS-API support – GSS-API authentication can be used for user authentication and for initial key exchange. GSS-API authentication is defined in RFC4462, *Generic Security Service Application Program Interface*.
- Proxy commands – The sunssh implementation of Secure Shell provides proxy commands for SOCKS5 and HTTP protocols. For an example, see [“How to Set Up Default Secure Shell Connections to Hosts Outside a Firewall”](#) on page 40.

In Oracle Solaris releases, the sunssh implementation of Secure Shell resyncs the SSH\_OLD\_FORWARD\_ADDR compatibility flag from the OpenSSH project.

## About Secure Shell

Secure Shell is the default remote access protocol on a newly installed Oracle Solaris system. The default implementation of Secure Shell is the sunssh implementation.

Secure Shell in Oracle Solaris uses low-level cryptography APIs from the OpenSSL libcrypto library. The OpenSSL toolkit implements the Secure Sockets Layer and Transport Layer Security.

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**Note** - The default version of the OpenSSL toolkit is version 1.0.1. This version can implement FIPS 140, a U.S. government computer security standard for cryptography modules.

For information about how to use Secure Shell in FIPS 140 mode, see [“Secure Shell and FIPS 140” on page 23](#).

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In Secure Shell, authentication is provided by the use of passwords, public keys, or both. All network traffic is encrypted. Thus, Secure Shell prevents a would-be intruder from being able to read an intercepted communication. Secure Shell also prevents an adversary from spoofing the system.

Secure Shell can also be used as an on-demand virtual private network (VPN). A VPN can forward X Window system traffic or can connect individual port numbers between the local systems and remote systems over an encrypted network link.

With Secure Shell, you can perform these actions:

- Log in to another host securely over an unsecured network.
- Copy files securely between the two hosts.
- Run commands securely on the remote system.

On the SSH server side, Secure Shell supports Version 2 (v2) of the Secure Shell protocol. On the client side, in addition to v2, the client supports Version 1 (v1).

## Secure Shell Authentication

Secure Shell provides public key and password methods for authenticating the connection to the remote system. Public key authentication is a stronger authentication mechanism because the private key never travels over the network.

The authentication methods are tried in the following order. When the configuration does not satisfy an authentication method, the next method is tried.

- **GSS-API authentication** – Uses credentials for GSS-API mechanisms such as `mech_krb5` (Kerberos V) to authenticate Secure Shell clients and servers. For more information about GSS-API authentication, see [“Introduction to GSS-API” in \*Developer’s Guide to Oracle Solaris 11 Security\*](#).
- **Host-based authentication** – Uses host keys and `rhosts` files. Uses the Secure Shell client’s RSA or DSA public/private host keys to authenticate the client. Uses the `rhosts` files to authorize clients to users.
- **Public key authentication** – Authenticates users with their RSA or DSA public/private keys.
- **Keyboard-interactive authentication** – Uses PAM to authenticate users. Keyboard authentication method in v2 allows for arbitrary prompting by PAM. For more information, see the SECURITY section in the [`sshd\(1M\)`](#) man page.

The following table shows the requirements for authenticating a user who is trying to log into a remote system. The user is on the local system, the client system. The remote system, the SSH server, is running the `sshd` daemon. The table shows the Secure Shell authentication methods and the system requirements.

**TABLE 2** Authentication Methods for Secure Shell

Authentication Method	Local Host (Client) Requirements	Remote Host (SSH Server) Requirements
GSS-API	Initiator credentials for the GSS mechanism.	Acceptor credentials for the GSS mechanism. For more information, see <a href="#">“Acquiring GSS Credentials in Secure Shell” on page 44</a> .
Host-based	User account	User account
	Local host private key in <code>/etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key</code> or <code>/etc/ssh/ssh_host_dsa_key</code>	Local host public key in <code>/etc/ssh/known_hosts</code> or <code>~/.ssh/known_hosts</code>
	<code>HostbasedAuthentication yes</code> in <code>/etc/ssh/sshd_config</code>	<code>HostbasedAuthentication yes</code> in <code>/etc/ssh/sshd_config</code>
		<code>IgnoreRhosts no</code> in <code>/etc/ssh/sshd_config</code>  Local host entry in <code>/etc/ssh/shosts.equiv</code> , <code>/etc/hosts.equiv</code> , <code>~/.rhosts</code> , or <code>~/.shosts</code>
Password-based	User account	User account
		Supports PAM.
RSA or DSA public key	User account	User account
	Private key in <code>~/.ssh/id_rsa</code> or <code>~/.ssh/id_dsa</code>	User’s public key in <code>~/.ssh/authorized_keys</code>
	User’s public key in <code>~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub</code> or <code>~/.ssh/id_dsa.pub</code>	

## Secure Shell and FIPS 140

The `sunssh` implementation of Secure Shell is a consumer of the OpenSSL FIPS 140 module. Oracle Solaris provides a FIPS 140 option for the SSH server side and the client side. To comply with FIPS 140 requirements, administrators should configure and use the FIPS 140 options.

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**Note** - In Oracle Solaris, the `openssh` implementation of Secure Shell does not support FIPS 140.

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FIPS mode, where Secure Shell uses the FIPS 140 mode of OpenSSL, is not the default. As the administrator, you must explicitly enable Secure Shell to run in FIPS 140 mode. You can invoke FIPS 140 mode with the command `ssh -o "UseFIPS140 yes" remote-host`. As an alternative, you can set a keyword in the configuration files.

Briefly, the implementation consists of the following:

- The following FIPS 140-approved ciphers are available on the SSH server and client side:  
aes128-cbc, aes192-cbc, and aes256-cbc.  
  
3des-cbc is available by default on the client side, but it is not in the SSH server-side cipher list because of potential security risks.
- The following FIPS 140-approved Message Authentication Codes (MAC) are available:
  - hmac-sha1, hmac-sha1-96
  - hmac-sha2-256, hmac-sha2-256-96
  - hmac-sha2-512, hmac-sha2-512-96
- Four SSH server-client configurations are supported:
  - No FIPS 140 mode on either the client or server side
  - FIPS 140 mode on both the client and server side
  - FIPS 140 mode on the server side but no FIPS on the client side
  - No FIPS 140 mode on the server side but FIPS mode on the client side
- The `ssh-keygen` command has an option to generate the user's private key in the PKCS #8 format that Secure Shell clients in FIPS mode require. For more information, see the [ssh-keygen\(1\)](#) man page.

For more information about FIPS 140, see [Using a FIPS 140 Enabled System in Oracle Solaris 11.3](#). See, also, the [sshd\(1M\)](#), [sshd\\_config\(4\)](#), [ssh\(1\)](#), and [ssh\\_config\(4\)](#) man pages.

When you use a Sun Crypto Accelerator 6000 card for Secure Shell operations, Secure Shell runs with FIPS 140 support at Level 3. Level 3 hardware is certified to resist physical tampering, use identity-based authentication, and isolate the interfaces that handle critical security parameters from the hardware's other interfaces.

## Configuring Secure Shell

Secure Shell is configured at installation with the `sunssh` implementation set as the default implementation. Changing the defaults in the `sunssh` implementation requires administrative intervention. The following tasks demonstrate how to change some of the defaults.

### Configuring Secure Shell Task Map

The following task map points to procedures for configuring Secure Shell. To use Secure Shell, see [“Using Secure Shell” on page 30](#).

Task	Description	For Instructions
Configure host-based authentication.	Configures host-based authentication on the client and SSH server.	<a href="#">“How to Set Up Host-Based Authentication for Secure Shell” on page 24</a>
Increase buffer size to handle connection latency.	Raises the value of the TCP property <code>recv_buf</code> for high bandwidth, high latency networks.	<a href="#">“Changing the TCP Receive Buffer Size” in <i>Administering TCP/IP Networks, IPMP, and IP Tunnels in Oracle Solaris 11.3</i></a>
Configure port forwarding.	Enables users to use port forwarding.	<a href="#">“How to Configure Port Forwarding in Secure Shell” on page 27</a>
Configure exceptions to Secure Shell system defaults.	For users, hosts, groups, and addresses, specifies Secure Shell values that are different from the system defaults.	<a href="#">“How to Create User and Host Exceptions to Secure Shell Defaults” on page 28</a>
Isolate a root environment for <code>sftp</code> transfers.	Provides a protected directory for file transfers.	<a href="#">“How to Create an Isolated Directory for <code>sftp</code> Files” on page 29</a>

### ▼ How to Set Up Host-Based Authentication for Secure Shell

The following procedure sets up a public key system where the client's public key is used for authentication on the SSH server. The user must also create a public/private key pair.

In the procedure, the terms *client* and *local host* refer to the system where a user types the `ssh` command. The terms *server* and *remote host* refer to the system that the client is trying to reach.

**Before You Begin** You must assume the root role. For more information, see [“Using Your Assigned Administrative Rights” in \*Securing Users and Processes in Oracle Solaris 11.3\*](#).

- 1. On the client, enable host-based authentication.**



In the client configuration file, `/etc/ssh/ssh_config`, type the following entry:

```
HostbasedAuthentication yes
```

For the syntax of the file, see the [ssh\\_config\(4\)](#) man page.

**2. On the SSH server, enable host-based authentication.**

In the server configuration file, `/etc/ssh/sshd_config`, type the same entry:

```
HostbasedAuthentication yes
```

For the syntax of the file, see the [sshd\\_config\(4\)](#) man page.

**3. On the server, either you or the user should configure a file that enables the client to be recognized as a trusted host.**

For more information, see the FILES section of the [sshd\(1M\)](#) man page.

- **If you are doing the configuration, add the client as an entry to the server's `/etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts` file.**

```
client-host
```

- **If your users are doing the configuration, they should add an entry for the client to their `~/.ssh/known_hosts` file on the server.**

```
client-host
```

**4. On the server, ensure that the `sshd` daemon can access the list of trusted hosts.**

Set `IgnoreRhosts` to `no` in the `/etc/ssh/sshd_config` file.

```
## sshd_config
IgnoreRhosts no
```

**5. Ensure that users of Secure Shell at your site have accounts on both hosts.**

**6. Put the client's public key on the server using one of the following methods:**

- **Modify the `sshd_config` file on the server, then instruct your users to add the client's public host keys to their `~/.ssh/known_hosts` file.**

```
## sshd_config
IgnoreUserKnownHosts no
```

For user instructions, see [“How to Generate a Public/Private Key Pair for Use With Secure Shell” on page 31](#).

- **Copy the client's public key to the server.**

The host keys are stored in the `/etc/ssh` directory. The keys are typically generated by the `sshd` daemon on first boot.

**a. Add the key to the `/etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts` file on the server.**

On the client, type the following command on one line with no backslash.

```
# cat /etc/ssh/ssh_host_dsa_key.pub | ssh RemoteHost \  
'cat >> /etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts && echo "Host key copied"'
```

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**Note** - If host keys are missing from the server, using Secure Shell generates an error message similar to the following:

Client and server could not agree on a key exchange algorithm:  
client "diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha256,diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha1,diffie-hellman-group14-sha1,diffie-hellman-group1-sha1",  
server "gss-group1-sha1-toWM5Slw5Ew8Mqkay+al2g==". Make sure host keys are present and accessible by the server process. See `sshd_config(4)` description of "HostKey" option.

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**b. When you are prompted, supply your login password.**

When the file is copied, the message "Host key copied" is displayed.

Each line in the `/etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts` file consists of fields that are separated by spaces:

*hostnames algorithm-name publickey comment*

**c. Edit the `/etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts` file and add `RemoteHost` as the first field in the copied entry.**

```
## /etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts File  
RemoteHost <copied entry>
```

**Example 2** Setting Up Host-based Authentication

In the following example, each host is configured as an SSH server and as a client. A user on either host can initiate an ssh connection to the other host. The following configuration makes each host a server and a client:

- On each host, the Secure Shell configuration files contain the following entries:

```
## /etc/ssh/ssh_config  
HostBasedAuthentication yes  
#  
## /etc/ssh/sshd_config  
HostBasedAuthentication yes
```

```
IgnoreRhosts no
```

- On each host, the `shosts.equiv` file contains an entry for the other host:

```
## /etc/ssh/shosts.equiv on machine2  
machine1
```

```
## /etc/ssh/shosts.equiv on machine1  
machine2
```

- The public key for each host is in the `/etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts` file on the other host:

```
## /etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts on machine2  
... machine1
```

```
## /etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts on machine1  
... machine2
```

- Users have an account on both hosts. For example, the following information would appear for user John Doe:

```
## /etc/passwd on machine1  
jdoe:x:3111:10:J Doe:/home/jdoe:/bin/sh
```

```
## /etc/passwd on machine2  
jdoe:x:3111:10:J Doe:/home/jdoe:/bin/sh
```

## ▼ How to Configure Port Forwarding in Secure Shell

Port forwarding enables a local port be forwarded to a remote system. Effectively, a socket is allocated to listen to the port on the local side. Similarly, a port can be specified on the remote side.

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**Note** - Secure Shell port forwarding must use TCP connections. Secure Shell does not support UDP connections for port forwarding.

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**Before You Begin** You must assume the root role. For more information, see [“Using Your Assigned Administrative Rights” in \*Securing Users and Processes in Oracle Solaris 11.3\*](#).

1. **Configure a Secure Shell setting on the remote server to allow port forwarding.**

Change the value of `AllowTcpForwarding` to `yes` in the `/etc/ssh/sshd_config` file.

```
# Port forwarding  
AllowTcpForwarding yes
```

2. **Restart the Secure Shell service.**

```
remoteHost# svcadm restart network/ssh:default
```

For information about managing persistent services, see [Chapter 1, “Introduction to the Service Management Facility”](#) in *Managing System Services in Oracle Solaris 11.3* and the `svcadm(1M)` man page.

**3. Verify that port forwarding can be used.**

```
remoteHost# /usr/bin/pgrep -lf sshd
1296 ssh -L 2001:remoteHost:23 remoteHost
```

## ▼ How to Create User and Host Exceptions to Secure Shell Defaults

This procedure adds a conditional Match block after the global section of the `/etc/ssh/sshd_config` file. Keyword-value pairs that follow the Match block specify exceptions for the user, group, host, or address that is specified as the match.

**Before You Begin** You must become an administrator who is assigned the `solaris.admin.edit/etc/ssh/sshd_config` authorization. By default, the root role has this authorization. For more information, see [“Using Your Assigned Administrative Rights”](#) in *Securing Users and Processes in Oracle Solaris 11.3*.

**1. Open the `/etc/ssh/sshd_config` file for editing.**

```
# pfedit /etc/ssh/sshd_config
```

**2. Configure a user, group, host, or address to use different Secure Shell settings from the default settings.**

Place the Match blocks after the global settings.

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**Note** - The global section of the file might not always list the default settings. For the defaults, see the `sshd_config(4)` man page.

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For example, you might have users who should not be allowed to use TCP forwarding. In the following example, any user in the group `public` and any user name that begins with `test` cannot use TCP forwarding:

```
## sshd_config file
## Global settings

# Example (reflects default settings):
#
# Host *
#   ForwardAgent no
```

```
# ForwardX11 no
# PubkeyAuthentication yes
# PasswordAuthentication yes
# FallBackToRsh no
# UseRsh no
# BatchMode no
# CheckHostIP yes
# StrictHostKeyChecking ask
# EscapeChar ~
Match Group public
AllowTcpForwarding no
Match User test*
AllowTcpForwarding no
```

For information about the syntax of the Match block, see the [sshd\\_config\(4\)](#) man page.

## ▼ How to Create an Isolated Directory for sftp Files

This procedure configures an sftponly directory that is created specifically for sftp transfers. Users cannot see any files or directories outside the transfer directory.

**Before You Begin** You must assume the root role. For more information, see [“Using Your Assigned Administrative Rights”](#) in *Securing Users and Processes in Oracle Solaris 11.3*.

1. **On the Secure Shell server, create the isolated directory as a chroot environment.**

```
# groupadd sftp
# useradd -m -G sftp -s /bin/false sftponly
# chown root:root /export/home/sftponly
# mkdir /export/home/sftponly/WWW
# chown sftponly:staff /export/home/sftponly/WWW
```

In this configuration, /export/home/sftponly is the chroot directory that only the root account has access to. The user has write permission to the sftponly/WWW subdirectory.

2. **Still on the server, configure a match block for the sftp group.**

In the /etc/ssh/sshd\_config file, locate the sftp subsystem entry and modify the file as follows:

```
# pfedit /etc/ssh/sshd_config
...
# sftp subsystem
#Subsystem      sftp      /usr/lib/ssh/sftp-server
Subsystem       sftp      internal-sftp
...
## Match Group for Subsystem
```

```
## At end of file, to follow all global options
Match Group sftp
ChrootDirectory %h
ForceCommand internal-sftp
AllowTcpForwarding no
```

You can use the following variables to specify the chroot path:

- %h – Specifies the home directory.
- %u – Specifies the username of the authenticated user.
- %% – Escapes the % sign.

### 3. On the client, verify that the configuration works correctly.

The files in your chroot environment might be different.

```
root@client:~# ssh sftponly@server
This service allows sftp connections only.
Connection to server closed.      No shell access, sftp is enforced.
root@client:~# sftp sftponly@server
sftp> pwd      sftp access granted
Remote working directory: /      chroot directory looks like root directory
sftp> ls
WWW          local.cshrc    local.login    local.profile
sftp> get local.cshrc
Fetching /local.cshrc to local.cshrc
/local.cshrc  100% 166      0.2KB/s   00:00    user can read contents
sftp> put /etc/motd
Uploading /etc/motd to /motd
Couldn't get handle: Permission denied    user cannot write to / directory
sftp> cd WWW
sftp> put /etc/motd
Uploading /etc/motd to /WWW/motd
/etc/motd    100% 118      0.1KB/s   00:00    user can write to WWW directory
sftp> ls -l
-rw-r--r--   1 101  10    118 Jul 20 09:07 motd    successful transfer
sftp>
```

## Using Secure Shell

This section provides procedures to familiarize users with Secure Shell.

## Using Secure Shell Task Map

The following task map points to user procedures for using Secure Shell.

Task	Description	For Instructions
Create a public/private key pair.	Enables access to Secure Shell for sites that require public-key authentication.	<a href="#">“How to Generate a Public/Private Key Pair for Use With Secure Shell” on page 31</a>
Change your passphrase.	Changes the phrase that authenticates your private key.	<a href="#">“How to Change the Passphrase for a Secure Shell Private Key” on page 33</a>
Log in with Secure Shell.	Provides encrypted Secure Shell communication when logging in remotely.	<a href="#">“How to Log In to a Remote Host With Secure Shell” on page 33</a>
Log in to Secure Shell without being prompted for a password.	Enables login by using an agent which provides your password to Secure Shell.	<a href="#">“How to Reduce Password Prompts in Secure Shell” on page 35</a>
Log in to Secure Shell as root.	Enables login as root for ZFS send and receive commands.	<a href="#">“How to Remotely Administer ZFS With Secure Shell” on page 36</a>
Use port forwarding in Secure Shell.	Specifies a local port or a remote port to be used in a Secure Shell connection over TCP.	<a href="#">“How to Use Port Forwarding in Secure Shell” on page 38</a>
Copy files with Secure Shell.	Securely copies files between hosts.	<a href="#">“How to Copy Files With Secure Shell” on page 39</a>
Securely connect from a host inside a firewall to a host outside the firewall.	Uses Secure Shell commands that are compatible with HTTP or SOCKS5 to connect hosts that are separated by a firewall.	<a href="#">“How to Set Up Default Secure Shell Connections to Hosts Outside a Firewall” on page 40</a>

## ▼ How to Generate a Public/Private Key Pair for Use With Secure Shell

Users must generate a public/private key pair when their site implements host-based authentication or user public-key authentication. For additional options, see the [ssh-keygen\(1\)](#) man page.

**Before You Begin** Ask your system administrator whether host-based authentication is configured.

### 1. Start the key generation program.

```
mySystem% ssh-keygen -t rsa
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
...
```

where `-t` is the type of algorithm, either `rsa`, `dsa`, or `rsa1`.

### 2. Specify the path to the file that will hold the key.

By default, the file name `id_rsa`, which represents an RSA v2 key, appears in parentheses. You can select this file by pressing the Return key or provide an alternative file name.

Enter file in which to save the key (/home/username/.ssh/id\_rsa): *<Press Return>*

The file name of the public key is created automatically by appending the string `.pub` to the name of the private key file.

**3. Type a passphrase for using your key.**

This passphrase is used for encrypting your private key. A null entry is *strongly discouraged*. Note that the passphrase is not displayed when you type it in.

Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):      <Type passphrase>

**4. Retype the passphrase to confirm it.**

Enter same passphrase again:      <Type passphrase>  
Your identification has been saved in `/home/username/.ssh/id_rsa`.  
Your public key has been saved in `/home/username/.ssh/id_rsa.pub`.  
The key fingerprint is:  
`0e:fb:3d:57:71:73:bf:58:b8:eb:f3:a3:aa:df:e0:d1 username@my`

System

**5. Check that the path to the key file is correct.**

```
% ls ~/.ssh
id_rsa
id_rsa.pub
```

At this point, you have created a public/private key pair.

**6. Log in to the remote host by using the appropriate option based on your network's authentication method.**

- **If your administrator has configured host-based authentication, you might need to copy the local host's public key to the remote host.**

You can now log in to the remote host. For details, see [“How to Log In to a Remote Host With Secure Shell” on page 33](#).

**a. Type the following command on one line with no backslash.**

```
% cat /etc/ssh/ssh_host_dsa_key.pub | ssh RemoteHost \
'cat >> ~/.ssh/known_hosts && echo "Host key copied"'
```

**b. When you are prompted, supply your login password.**

```
Enter password:      <Type password>
Host key copied
%
```

- **If your site uses user authentication with public keys, populate your `authorized_keys` file on the remote host.**



**a. Copy your public key to the remote host.**

Type the following command on one line with no backslash.

```
mySystem% cat $HOME/.ssh/id_rsa.pub | ssh myRemoteHost \  
'cat >> .ssh/authorized_keys && echo "Key copied"'
```

When the file is copied, the message “Key copied” is displayed.

**b. When you are prompted, supply your login password.**

```
Enter password:      Type login password  
Key copied  
mySystem%
```

**7. (Optional) Avoid future prompting for passphrases.**

See “[How to Reduce Password Prompts in Secure Shell](#)” on page 35. For more information, see the [ssh-agent\(1\)](#) and [ssh-add\(1\)](#) man pages.

## ▼ How to Change the Passphrase for a Secure Shell Private Key

The following command changes the authentication mechanism for the private key, the passphrase, and not the actual private key. For more information, see the [ssh-keygen\(1\)](#) man page.

● **Change your passphrase.**

Type the `ssh-keygen` command with the `-p` option, and answer the prompts.

```
mySystem% ssh-keygen -p  
Enter file which contains the private key  
(/home/username/.ssh/id_rsa):    <Press Return>  
Enter passphrase  
(empty for no passphrase):      <Type passphrase>  
Enter same passphrase again:    <Type passphrase>
```

where `-p` requests changing the passphrase of a private key file.

## ▼ How to Log In to a Remote Host With Secure Shell

**1. Start a Secure Shell session.**

Type the `ssh` command, and specify the name of the remote host and your login.

```
mySystem% ssh myRemoteHost -l username
```

**2. If prompted, verify the authenticity of the remote host key.**

A prompt might appear that question the authenticity of the remote host:

```
The authenticity of host 'myRemoteHost' can't be established....Are you sure you want to
continue connecting(yes/no)?
```

This prompt is normal for initial connections to remote hosts.

- **If you cannot confirm the authenticity of the remote host, type `no` and contact your system administrator.**

```
Are you sure you want to continue connecting(yes/no)? no
```

The administrator is responsible for updating the global `/etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts` file. An updated `ssh_known_hosts` file prevents this prompt from appearing.

- **If you confirm the authenticity of the remote host, answer the prompt and continue to the next step.**

```
Are you sure you want to continue connecting(yes/no)? yes
```

**3. Authenticate yourself to Secure Shell.**

**a. When prompted, type your passphrase.**

```
Enter passphrase for key '/home/username/.ssh/id_rsa': <Type passphrase>
```

**b. When prompted, type your account password.**

```
username@myRemoteHost's password: <Type password>
Last login: Wed Sep  7 09:07:49 2011 from myLocalHost
Oracle Corporation      SunOS 5.11      September 2011
myRemoteHost%
```

**4. Conduct transactions on the remote host.**

The commands that you send are encrypted. Any responses that you receive are encrypted.

**5. Close the Secure Shell connection.**

When you are finished, type `exit` or use your usual method for exiting your shell.

```
myRemoteHost% exit
myRemoteHost% logout
Connection to myRemoteHost closed
mySystem%
```

**Example 3** Displaying a Remote GUI in Secure Shell

In this example, `jdoe` is the initial user on both systems and is assigned the Software Installation rights profile. `jdoe` wants to use the Package Manager GUI on the remote system. The default value of the `X11Forwarding` keyword is still `yes`, and the `xauth` package is installed on the remote system.

```
% ssh -l jdoe -X myRemoteHost
jdoe@myRemoteHost's password: password
Last login: Wed Sep  7 09:07:49 2011 from myLocalHost
Oracle Corporation      SunOS 5.11      September 2011
myRemoteHost% packagemanager &
```

## ▼ How to Reduce Password Prompts in Secure Shell

If you do not want to type your passphrase and your password to use Secure Shell, you can use the agent daemon. If you have different accounts on different hosts, add the keys that you need for the session.

You can start the agent daemon manually when needed, as described in the following procedure.

1. **Start the agent daemon.**

```
mySystem% eval `ssh-agent`
Agent pid 9892
```

2. **Verify that the agent daemon has been started.**

```
mySystem% pgrep ssh-agent
9892
```

3. **Add your private key to the agent daemon.**

```
mySystem% ssh-add
Enter passphrase for /home/username/.ssh/id_rsa: <Type passphrase>
Identity added: /home/username/.ssh/id_rsa(/home/username/.ssh/id_rsa)
mySystem%
```

4. **Start a Secure Shell session.**

```
mySystem% ssh myRemoteHost -l username
```

You are not prompted for a passphrase.

**Example 4** Using `ssh-add` Options

In this example, `jdoe` adds two keys to the agent daemon. The `-l` option is used to list all keys that are stored in the daemon. At the end of the session, the `-D` option is used to remove all the keys from the agent daemon.

```
myLocalHost% ssh-agent
mySystem% ssh-add
Enter passphrase for /home/jdoe/.ssh/id_rsa:      <Type passphrase>
Identity added: /home/jdoe/.ssh/id_rsa(/home/jdoe/.ssh/id_rsa)
mySystem% ssh-add /home/jdoe/.ssh/id_dsa
Enter passphrase for /home/jdoe/.ssh/id_dsa:      <Type passphrase>
Identity added:
/home/jdoe/.ssh/id_dsa(/home/jdoe/.ssh/id_dsa)

mySystem% ssh-add -lSHA256:OX5V4xxoVozwqdZfAbykwawMuvVM+sfc+ThMeai8r9
/home/jdoe/.ssh/id_rsa(RSA)
SHA256:OX5V4xxoVozwqdZfAbykwawMuvVM+sfc+ThMeai8r9
/home/jdoe/.ssh/id_dsa(DSA)
```

*User conducts Oracle Solaris Secure Shell transactions*

```
myLocalHost% ssh-add -D
Identity removed:
/home/jdoe/.ssh/id_rsa(/home/jdoe/.ssh/id_rsa.pub)
/home/jdoe/.ssh/id_dsa(DSA)
```

## ▼ How to Remotely Administer ZFS With Secure Shell

By default, the `root` role cannot log in remotely with Secure Shell. Historically, `root` has used Secure Shell for important tasks, such as sending ZFS pool data to storage on a remote system. In this procedure, the `root` role creates a user who can act as a remote ZFS administrator.

**Before You Begin** You must assume the `root` role. For more information, see [“Using Your Assigned Administrative Rights” in \*Securing Users and Processes in Oracle Solaris 11.3\*](#).

### 1. Create the user on both systems.

For example, create the `zfsroot` user and provide a password.

```
source # useradd -c "Remote ZFS Administrator" -u 1201 -d /home/zfsroot zfsroot
source # passwd zfsrootNew Password:
Re-enter new password:
passwd: password successfully changed for zfsroot
```

```
#
dest # useradd -c "Remote ZFS Administrator" -u 1201 -d /home/zfsroot zfsroot
dest # passwd zfsroot
...
```

The zfsroot user must be identically defined on both systems.

**2. On both systems, assign the ZFS File Management rights profile to zfsroot.**

```
source # usermod -P +'ZFS File System Management' -S files zfsroot
dest # usermod -P +'ZFS File System Management' -S files zfsroot
```

**3. Verify that the destination system is assigned the rights profile.**

```
dest # profiles zfsroot
zfsroot:
ZFS File System Management
Basic Solaris User
All
```

**4. Create the user's key pair for Secure Shell authentication.**

The key pair is created on the source system. Then, the public key is copied to the zfsroot user on the destination system.

**a. Generate the key pair and put it in the file id\_migrate.**

```
# ssh-keygen -t rsa -P "" -f ~/id_migrate
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
Your identification has been saved in /root/id_migrate.
Your public key has been saved in /root/id_migrate.pub.
The key fingerprint is:
SHA256:BLNj0v9...izsQ cpltester@Local
The key's randomart image is:
+---[RSA 2048]---+
|      o      . =B|
|             |
|             |
|             |
+---+
...

```

**b. Send the public part of the key pair to the destination system.**

```
# scp ~/id_migrate.pub zfsroot@dest:
The authenticity of host 'dest (10.134.76.126)' can't be established.
RSA key fingerprint is 44:37:ab:4e:b7:2f:2f:b8:5f:98:9d:e9:ed:6d:46:80.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added 'dest,10.134.76.126' (RSA) to the list of known hosts.
Password:
id_migrate.pub 100% |*****| 399 00:00
```

**5. On the destination system, move the public part of the key pair to the private /home/zfsroot/.ssh directory.**

```
root@dest # su - zfsroot
Oracle Corporation      SunOS 5.11      11.1    May 2012
zfsroot@dest $ mkdir -m 700 .ssh
zfsroot@dest $ cat id_migrate.pub >> .ssh/authorized_keys
```

**6. Verify that the configuration works.**

```
root@source# ssh -l zfsroot -i ~/id_migrate dest \
pfexec /usr/sbin/zfs snapshot zones@test
root@source# ssh -l zfsroot -i ~/id_migrate dest \
pfexec /usr/sbin/zfs destroy zones@test
```

**7. (Optional) Verify that you can create a snapshot and replicate the data.**

```
root@source# zfs snapshot -r rpool/zones@migrate-all
root@source# zfs send -rc rpool/zones@migrate-all | \
ssh -l zfsroot -i ~/id_migrate dest pfexec /usr/sbin/zfs recv -F zones
```

**8. (Optional) Remove the ability to use the zfsroot account for ZFS administration.**

```
root@dest# usermod -P -'ZFS File System Management' zfsroot
root@dest# su - zfsroot
zfsroot@dest# cp .ssh/authorized_keys .ssh/authorized_keys.bak
zfsroot@dest# grep -v root@source .ssh/authorized_keys.bak> .ssh/authorized_keys
```

## ▼ How to Use Port Forwarding in Secure Shell

You can specify that a local port be forwarded to a remote host. Effectively, a socket is allocated to listen to the port on the local side. The connection from this port is made over a secure channel to the remote host. For example, you might specify port 143 to obtain email remotely with IMAP4. Similarly, a port can be specified on the remote side.

**Before You Begin** To use port forwarding, the administrator must have enabled port forwarding on the remote Secure Shell server. For details, see [“How to Configure Port Forwarding in Secure Shell” on page 27](#).

- **Set secure port forwarding either from a remote port to a local port or from a local port to a remote port.**

- **To set a local port to receive secure communication from a remote port, specify both ports.**

Specify the local port that listens for remote communication. Also, specify the remote host and the remote port that forward the communication.

```
mySystem% ssh -L localPort:remoteHost:remotePort
```

- **To set a remote port to receive a secure connection from a local port, specify both ports.**

Specify the remote port that listens for remote communication. Also, specify the local host and the local port that forward the communication.

```
mySystem% ssh -R remotePort:localhost:localPort
```

#### Example 5 Using Local Port Forwarding to Receive Mail

The following example demonstrates how you can use local port forwarding to receive mail securely from a remote server.

```
myLocalHost% ssh -L 9143:myRemoteHost:143 myRemoteHost
```

This command forwards connections from port 9143 on myLocalHost to port 143. Port 143 is the IMAP v2 server port on myRemoteHost. When the user launches a mail application, the user specifies the local port number for the IMAP server, as in localhost:9143.

#### Example 6 Using Remote Port Forwarding to Communicate Outside of a Firewall

This example demonstrates how a user in an enterprise environment can forward connections from a host on an external network to a host inside a corporate firewall.

```
myLocalHost% ssh -R 9022:myLocalHost:22myOutsideHost
```

This command forwards connections from port 9022 on myOutsideHost to port 22, the sshd server, on the local host.

```
myOutsideHost% ssh -p 9022 localhost
myLocalHost%
```

## ▼ How to Copy Files With Secure Shell

The following procedure shows how to use the scp command to copy encrypted files between hosts. You can copy encrypted files either between a local host and a remote host, or between two remote hosts. The scp command prompts for authentication. For more information, see [“Remote Copying With the scp Command” in \*Managing Remote Systems in Oracle Solaris 11.3\*](#) and the [scp\(1\)](#) man page.

You can also use the sftp secure file transfer program. For more information, see the [sftp\(1\)](#) man page. For an example, see [Example 7, “Specifying a Port When Using the sftp](#)

[Command,” on page 40](#) and [“Logging In to a Remote System to Copy a File \(sftp\)” in \*Managing Remote Systems in Oracle Solaris 11.3\*.](#)

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**Note** - The audit service can audit sftp transactions through the ft audit class. For scp, the audit service can audit access and exit for the ssh session. For more information, see [“How to Audit FTP and SFTP File Transfers” in \*Managing Auditing in Oracle Solaris 11.3\*.](#)

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**1. Start the secure copy program.**

Specify the source file, the user name at the remote destination, and the destination directory.

```
mySystem% scp myfile.1 username@myRemoteHost:~
```

**2. Supply your passphrase when prompted.**

```
Enter passphrase for key '/home/username/.ssh/id_rsa':      <Type passphrase>
myfile.1          25% |*****                               |      640 KB   0:20 ETA
myfile.1
```

After you type the passphrase, a progress meter is displayed, as shown in the second line in the output. The progress meter displays:

- The file name
- The percentage of the file that has been transferred
- A series of asterisks that indicate the percentage of the file that has been transferred
- The quantity of data transferred
- The estimated time of arrival, or ETA, of the complete file (that is, the remaining amount of time)

**Example 7** Specifying a Port When Using the sftp Command

In this example, the user wants the sftp command to use a specific port. The user uses the -o option to specify the port.

```
% sftp -o port=2222 guest@RemoteFileServer
```

## ▼ How to Set Up Default Secure Shell Connections to Hosts Outside a Firewall

You can use Secure Shell to make a connection from a host inside a firewall to a host outside the firewall. This task is done by specifying a proxy command for ssh either in a configuration file or as an option on the command line. For the command-line option, see [Example 8, “Connecting to Hosts Outside a Firewall From the Secure Shell Command Line,” on page 42.](#)



You can customize your ssh interactions through your own personal configuration file, `~/.ssh/config`, or you can use the settings in the administrative configuration file, `/etc/ssh/ssh_config`.

The files can be customized with two types of proxy commands. One proxy command is for HTTP connections. The other proxy command is for SOCKS5 connections. For more information, see the [ssh\\_config\(4\)](#) man page.

### 1. Specify the proxy commands and hosts in a configuration file.

Use the following syntax to add as many lines as you need:

```
[Host outside-host]  
ProxyCommand proxy-command [-h proxy-server] \  
[-p proxy-port] outside-host | %h outside-port | %p
```

*Host outside-host*

Limits the proxy command specification to occasions when a remote host name is specified on the command line. If you use a wildcard for *outside-host*, you apply the proxy command specification to a set of hosts.

*proxy-command*

Specifies the proxy command.

The command can be either of the following:

- `/usr/lib/ssh/ssh-http-proxy-connect` for HTTP connections
- `/usr/lib/ssh/ssh-socks5-proxy-connect` for SOCKS5 connections

`-h proxy-server` and `-p proxy-port`

These options specify a proxy server and a proxy port, respectively. If present, the proxies override any environment variables that specify proxy servers and proxy ports, such as `HTTP_PROXY`, `HTTP_PROXYPORT`, `SOCKS5_PORT`, `SOCKS5_SERVER`, and `http_proxy`. The `http_proxy` variable specifies a URL. If the options are not used, then the relevant environment variables must be set. For more information, see the [ssh-socks5-proxy-connect\(1\)](#) and [ssh-http-proxy-connect\(1\)](#) man pages.

*outside-host*

Designates a specific host to connect to. Use the `%h` substitution argument to specify the host on the command line.

*outside-port*

Designates a specific port to connect to. Use the `%p` substitution argument to specify the port on the command line. By specifying `%h` and `%p` without using the *Host outside-host* option, the proxy command is applied to the host argument whenever the ssh command is invoked.

## 2. Run Secure Shell, specifying the outside host.

For example:

```
mySystem% ssh myOutsideHost
```

This command looks for a proxy command specification for myOutsideHost in your personal configuration file. If the specification is not found, then the command looks in the system-wide configuration file, /etc/ssh/ssh\_config. The proxy command is substituted for the ssh command.

### Example 8 Connecting to Hosts Outside a Firewall From the Secure Shell Command Line

[“How to Set Up Default Secure Shell Connections to Hosts Outside a Firewall” on page 40](#) explains how to specify a proxy command in a configuration file. In this example, a proxy command is specified on the ssh command line.

```
% ssh -o'Proxycommand=/usr/lib/ssh/ssh-http-proxy-connect \  
-h myProxyServer -p 8080 myOutsideHost 22' myOutsideHost
```

The -o option to the ssh command provides a command-line method of specifying a proxy command. This example command does the following:

- Substitutes the HTTP proxy command for ssh
- Uses port 8080 and myProxyServer as the proxy server
- Connects to port 22 on myOutsideHost

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# Secure Shell Reference

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This chapter describes the configuration options in the Secure Shell feature of Oracle Solaris, and covers the following topics:

- “Typical Secure Shell Sessions” on page 43
- “Client and Server Configuration in Secure Shell” on page 45
- “Keywords in Secure Shell” on page 46
- “Maintaining Known Hosts in Secure Shell” on page 50
- “Secure Shell Files” on page 50
- “Secure Shell Commands” on page 52

For procedures to configure Secure Shell, see [Chapter 1, “Using Secure Shell”](#).

## Typical Secure Shell Sessions

The Secure Shell daemon (`sshd`) is normally started at boot time when network services are started. The daemon listens for connections from SSH clients. A Secure Shell session begins when the user runs an `ssh`, `scp`, or `sftp` command. A new `sshd` daemon is forked for each incoming connection. The forked daemons handle key exchange, encryption, authentication, command execution, and data exchange with the client. These session characteristics are determined by client-side configuration files and server-side configuration files. Command-line arguments can override the settings in the configuration files.

The SSH client and server must authenticate themselves to each other. After successful authentication, the user can execute commands remotely and copy data between systems.

## Session Characteristics in Secure Shell

The Secure Shell server-side behavior of the `sshd` daemon is controlled by keyword settings in the `/etc/ssh/sshd_config` file. For example, the `sshd_config` file controls which types of authentication are permitted for accessing the server. The server-side behavior can also be controlled by the command-line options when the `sshd` daemon is started.

The behavior on the client side is controlled by Secure Shell keywords in this order of precedence:

- Command-line options
- User's configuration file, `~/.ssh/config`
- System-wide configuration file, `/etc/ssh/ssh_config`

For example, a user can override a system-wide configuration `Ciphers` setting that prefers `aes128-ctr` by specifying `-c aes256-ctr,aes128-ctr,arcfour` on the command line. The first cipher, `aes256-ctr`, is now preferred.

## Authentication and Key Exchange in Secure Shell

The Secure Shell protocol supports SSH client user/host authentication and server host authentication. Cryptographic keys are exchanged for the protection of Secure Shell sessions. Secure Shell provides various methods for authentication and key exchange. Some methods are optional. Client authentication mechanisms are listed in [Table 2, “Authentication Methods for Secure Shell,” on page 22](#). Servers are authenticated by using known host public keys.

For authentication, Secure Shell supports user authentication and generic interactive authentication, which usually involves passwords. Secure Shell also supports authentication with user public keys and with trusted-host public keys. The keys can be RSA or DSA. Session key exchanges consist of Diffie-Hellman ephemeral key exchanges that are signed in the server authentication step. Additionally, Secure Shell can use GSS credentials for authentication.

### Acquiring GSS Credentials in Secure Shell

To use GSS-API authentication in Secure Shell, the server must have GSS-API acceptor credentials and the client must have GSS-API initiator credentials. Support is available for `mech_krb5`.

For `mech_krb5`, the server has GSS-API acceptor credentials when the host principal that corresponds to the server has a valid entry in `/etc/krb5/krb5.keytab`.

The client has initiator credentials for `mech_krb5` if one of the following has been done:

- The `kinit` command has been run.
- The `pam_krb5` module is used in the `pam.conf` file.

For information about GSS-API and Kerberos, see [“Kerberos Utilities” in \*Managing Kerberos and Other Authentication Services in Oracle Solaris 11.3\*](#). For more information about mechanisms, see the [mech\(4\)](#) and [mech\\_spnego\(5\)](#) man pages.

## Command Execution and Data Forwarding in Secure Shell

After authentication is complete, the user can use Secure Shell, generally by requesting a shell or executing a command. Through the `ssh` command options, the user can make requests. Requests can include allocating a pseudo-TTY, forwarding X11 connections or TCP/IP connections, or enabling an `ssh-agent` authentication program over a secure connection.

The basic components of a user session are as follows:

1. The user requests a shell or the execution of a command, which begins the session mode.  
In this mode, data is sent or received through the terminal on the SSH client side. On the server side, data is sent through the shell or a command.
2. When data transfer is complete, the user program terminates.
3. All X11 forwarding and TCP/IP forwarding is stopped, except for those connections that already exist. Existing X11 connections and TCP/IP connections remain open.
4. The SSH server sends an exit status message to the client. When all connections are closed, such as forwarded ports that had remained open, the client closes the connection to the server. Then, the client exits.

## Client and Server Configuration in Secure Shell

The characteristics of a Secure Shell session are controlled by configuration files. The configuration files can be overridden to a certain degree by options on the command line.

### Client Configuration in Secure Shell

In most cases, the client-side characteristics of a Secure Shell session are governed by the system-wide configuration file, `/etc/ssh/ssh_config`. The settings in the `ssh_config` file can be overridden by the user's configuration file, `~/.ssh/config`. In addition, the user can override both configuration files on the command line.

The settings in the server's `/etc/ssh/sshd_config` file determine which client requests are permitted by the server. For a list of server configuration settings, see [“Keywords in Secure Shell” on page 46](#). For detailed information, see the `sshd_config(4)` man page.

The keywords in the client configuration file are listed in [“Keywords in Secure Shell” on page 46](#). If the keyword has a default value, the value is given. These keywords are described in detail in the `ssh(1)`, `scp(1)`, `sftp(1)`, and `ssh_config(4)` man pages. For a list of keywords in alphabetical order and their equivalent command-line overrides, see [Table 7, “Command-Line Equivalents for Secure Shell Keywords,” on page 53](#).

## Server Configuration in Secure Shell

The server-side characteristics of a Secure Shell session are governed by the `/etc/ssh/sshd_config` file. The keywords in the server configuration file are listed in [“Keywords in Secure Shell” on page 46](#). If the keyword has a default value, the value is given. For a full description of the keywords, see the `sshd_config(4)` man page.

## Keywords in Secure Shell

The following tables list the keywords and their default values, if any. The keywords are in alphabetical order. Keywords that apply to the client are in the `ssh_config` file. Keywords that apply to the server are in the `sshd_config` file. Some keywords are set in both files. Keywords for a Secure Shell server that is running the v1 protocol are marked.

**TABLE 3** Keywords in Secure Shell Configuration Files

Keyword	Default Value	Location
AllowGroups		Server
AllowTcpForwarding	yes	Server
AllowUsers		Server
AuthorizedKeysFile	<code>~/.ssh/authorized_keys</code>	Server
Banner	<code>/etc/issue</code>	Server
Batchmode	no	Client
BindAddress		Client
CheckHostIP	yes	Client
ChrootDirectory	no	Server
Cipher	blowfish, 3des	Client
Ciphers	aes128-ctr, aes128-cbc, 3des-cbc, blowfish-cbc, arcfour	Both
ClearAllForwardings	no	Client
ClientAliveCountMax	3	Server
ClientAliveInterval	0	Server
Compression	no	Both
CompressionLevel		Client
ConnectionAttempts	1	Client
ConnectTimeout	System TCP timeout	Client
DenyGroups		Server
DenyUsers		Server
DisableBanner	no	Client

Keyword	Default Value	Location
DynamicForward		Client
EscapeChar	~	Client
FallBackToRsh	no	Client
ForwardAgent	no	Client
ForwardX11	no	Client
ForwardX11Trusted	yes	Client
GatewayPorts	no	Both
GlobalKnownHostsFile	/etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts	Client
GSSAPIAuthentication	yes	Both
GSSAPIDelegateCredentials	no	Client
GSSAPIKeyExchange	yes	Both
GSSAPIStoreDelegateCredentials	yes	Server
HashKnownHosts	no	Client
Host	* For more information, see <a href="#">“Host-Specific Parameters in Secure Shell”</a> on page 49.	Client
HostbasedAuthentication	no	Both
HostbasedUsesNameFromPacketOnly	no	Server
HostKey (v1)	/etc/ssh/ssh_host_key	Server
HostKey (v2)	/etc/ssh/host_rsa_key, /etc/ssh/ host_dsa_key	Server
HostKeyAlgorithms	ssh-rsa, ssh-dss	Client
HostKeyAlias		Client
HostName		Client
IdentityFile	~/.ssh/id_dsa, ~/.ssh/id_rsa	Client
IgnoreIfUnknown		Client
IgnoreRhosts	yes	Server
IgnoreUserKnownHosts	yes	Server
KbdInteractiveAuthentication	yes	Both
KeepAlive	yes	Both
KeyRegenerationInterval	3600 (seconds)	Server
ListenAddress		Server
LocalForward		Client
LoginGraceTime	120 (seconds)	Server
LogLevel	info	Both
LookupClientHostnames	yes	Server
MACs	hmac-sha1-*, and hmac-sha2-* algorithms.	Both
Match		Server
MaxStartups	10:30:60	Server
NoHostAuthenticationForLocalHost	no	Client

Keyword	Default Value	Location
NumberOfPasswordPrompts	3	Client
PAMServiceName		Server
PAMServicePrefix		Server
PasswordAuthentication	yes	Both
PermitEmptyPasswords	no	Server
PermitRootLogin	no	Server
PermitUserEnvironment	no	Server
PidFile	/system/volatile/sshd.pid	Server
Port	22	Both
PreferredAuthentications	hostbased,publickey,keyboard-interactive,password	Client
PreUserauthHook		Server
PrintLastLog	yes	Server
PrintMotd	no	Server
Protocol	2,1	Both
ProxyCommand		Client
PubkeyAuthentication	yes	Both
RekeyLimit	1G to 4G	Client
RemoteForward		Client
RhostsAuthentication	no	Server, v1
RhostsRSAAuthentication	no	Server, v1
RSAAuthentication	no	Server, v1
ServerAliveCountMax	3	Client
ServerAliveInterval	0	Client
ServerKeyBits	512 to 768	Server, v1
StrictHostKeyChecking	ask	Client
StrictModes	yes	Server
Subsystem	sftp /usr/lib/ssh/sftp-server	Server
SyslogFacility	auth	Server
UseFIPS140	no	Both
UseOpenSSLEngine	yes <b>Note</b> - If you are using the SunSSH implementation, note the following exception. On x86 and T4-series and later SPARC systems, the UseOpenSSLEngine keyword is disabled by default, because the platform-specific instructions are already embedded in the OpenSSL internal crypto implementation.	Both
UsePrivilegedPort	no	Both
User		Client



Keyword	Default Value	Location
UserKnownHostsFile	~/.ssh/known_hosts	Client
UseRsh	no	Client
VerifyReverseMapping	no	Server
X11DisplayOffset	10	Server
X11Forwarding	yes	Server
X11UseLocalHost	yes	Server
XAuthLocation	/usr/bin/xauth	Both

## Host-Specific Parameters in Secure Shell

Sometimes, having different Secure Shell characteristics for different local host systems is useful. The administrator can define separate sets of parameters in the `/etc/ssh/ssh_config` file to be applied according to host or regular expression by grouping entries in the file by `Host` keyword. If the `Host` keyword is not used, the entries in the client configuration file apply to whichever local host a user is working on.

## Secure Shell and Login Environment Variables

When the following Secure Shell keywords are not set in the `sshd_config` file, they obtain their value from equivalent entries in the `/etc/default/login` file.

Entry in <code>/etc/default/login</code>	Keyword and Value in <code>sshd_config</code>
CONSOLE=*	PermitRootLogin=without-password
#CONSOLE=*	PermitRootLogin=yes
PASSREQ=YES	PermitEmptyPasswords=no
PASSREQ=NO	PermitEmptyPasswords=yes
#PASSREQ	PermitEmptyPasswords=no
TIMEOUT=seconds	LoginGraceTime=seconds
#TIMEOUT	LoginGraceTime=120
RETRIES and SYSLOG_FAILED_LOGINS	Apply only to password and keyboard-interactive authentication methods

When the following variables are set by the initialization scripts from the user's login shell, the `sshd` daemon uses those values. When the variables are not set, the daemon uses the default value.

TIMEZONE	Controls the setting of the TZ environment variable. When not set, the sshd daemon uses value of TZ when the daemon was started.
ALTSHELL	Controls the setting of the SHELL environment variable. The default is ALTSHELL=YES, where the sshd daemon uses the value of the user's shell. When ALTSHELL=NO, the SHELL value is not set.
PATH	Controls the setting of the PATH environment variable. When the value is not set, the default path is /usr/bin.
SUPATH	Controls the setting of the PATH environment variable for root. When the value is not set, the default path is /usr/sbin:/usr/bin.

For more information, see the [login\(1\)](#) and [sshd\(1M\)](#) man pages.

## Maintaining Known Hosts in Secure Shell

Each host system that needs to communicate securely with another host must have the server's public key stored in the local host's /etc/ssh/ssh\_known\_hosts file. Although a script could be used to update the /etc/ssh/ssh\_known\_hosts files, such a practice is heavily discouraged because a script opens a major security vulnerability.

The /etc/ssh/ssh\_known\_hosts file should be distributed only by a secure mechanism as follows:

- Over a secure connection, such as Secure Shell, IPsec, or Kerberized ftp from a known and trusted system
- At system install time

To avoid the possibility of an intruder gaining access by inserting bogus public keys into a known\_hosts file, you should use a known and trusted source of the ssh\_known\_hosts file. The ssh\_known\_hosts file can be distributed during installation. Later, scripts that use the scp command can be used to copy the latest version.

## Secure Shell Files

The following table shows the main Secure Shell files and the suggested file permissions.

**TABLE 4** Secure Shell Files

File Name	Description	Suggested Permissions and Owner
~/.rhosts	Contains the host-user name pairs that specify the host systems to which the user can log in without a password. This file is also used by the rlogind and rshd daemons.	-rw-r--r-- <i>username</i>
~/.shosts	Contains the host-user name pairs that specify the host systems to which the user can log in without a password. This file is not used by other utilities. For more information, see the <a href="#">sshd(1M)</a> man page in the FILES section.	-rw-r--r-- <i>username</i>
~/.ssh/authorized_keys	Holds the public keys of the user who is allowed to log in to the user account.	-rw-r--r-- <i>username</i>
~/.ssh/config	Configures user settings which override system settings.	-rw-r--r-- <i>username</i>
~/.ssh/environment	Contains initial assignments at login. By default, this file is not read. The PermitUserEnvironment keyword in the sshd_config file must be set to yes for this file to be read.	-rw-r--r-- <i>username</i>
/etc/hosts.equiv	Contains the host systems that are used in .rhosts authentication. This file is also used by the rlogind and rshd daemons.	-rw-r--r-- root
~/.ssh/known_hosts	Contains the host public keys for all host systems with which the SSH client can communicate securely. The file is maintained automatically. Whenever the user connects with an unknown host, the remote host key is added to the file.	-rw-r--r-- <i>username</i>
/etc/default/login	Provides defaults for the sshd daemon when corresponding sshd_config parameters are not set.	-r--r--r-- root
/etc/nologin	If this file exists, the sshd daemon permits only root to log in. The contents of this file are displayed to users who are attempting to log in.	-rw-r--r-- root
~/.ssh/rc	Contains initialization routines that are run before the user shell starts. For a sample initialization routine, see the <a href="#">sshd(1M)</a> man page.	-rw-r--r-- <i>username</i>
/etc/ssh/shosts.equiv	Contains the host systems that are used in host-based authentication. This file is not used by other utilities.	-rw-r--r-- root
/etc/ssh/ssh_config	Configures system settings on the SSH client system.	-rw-r--r-- root
/etc/ssh/ ssh_host_dsa_key or /etc/ssh/ ssh_host_rsa_key	Contains the host private key.	-rw----- root
/etc/ssh_host_key.pub or /etc/ssh/ ssh_host_dsa_key.pub or /etc/ssh/ ssh_host_rsa_key.pub	Contains the host public key, for example, /etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key.pub. Used to copy the host key to the local known_hosts file.	-rw-r--r-- root
/etc/ssh/ ssh_known_hosts	Contains the host public keys for all host systems with which the SSH client can communicate securely. The file is populated by the administrator.	-rw-r--r-- root

File Name	Description	Suggested Permissions and Owner
/etc/ssh/sshd_config	Contains configuration data for sshd, the Secure Shell daemon.	-rw-r--r-- root
/system/volatile/sshd.pid	Contains the process ID of the Secure Shell daemon, sshd. If multiple daemons are running, the file contains the last daemon that was started.	-rw-r--r-- root
/etc/ssh/sshrhrc	Contains host-specific initialization routines that are specified by an administrator.	-rw-r--r-- root

**Note** - The `sshd_config` file can be overridden by a file from a site-customized package. For more information, see the definition of the `overlay` file attribute in the `pkg(5)` man page.

The following table lists the Secure Shell files that can be overridden by keywords or command options.

**TABLE 5** Overrides for the Location of Secure Shell Files

File Name	Keyword Override	Command-Line Override
/etc/ssh/ssh_config		ssh -F <i>config-file</i>
		scp -F <i>config-file</i>
~/.ssh/config		ssh -F <i>config-file</i>
/etc/ssh/host_rsa_key	HostKey	
/etc/ssh/host_dsa_key		
~/.ssh/identity	IdentityFile	ssh -i <i>ID-file</i>
~/.ssh/id_dsa, ~/.ssh/id_rsa		scp -i <i>ID-file</i>
~/.ssh/authorized_keys	AuthorizedKeysFile	
/etc/ssh/ssh_known_hosts	GlobalKnownHostsFile	
~/.ssh/known_hosts	UserKnownHostsFile	
	IgnoreUserKnownHosts	

## Secure Shell Commands

The following table summarizes the main Secure Shell commands.

**TABLE 6** Commands in Secure Shell

Man Page for Command	Description
<a href="#">ssh(1)</a>	Logs a user in to a remote system and securely executes commands on a remote system. The <code>ssh</code> command enables secure encrypted communications between two untrusted host

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	systems over an insecure network. X11 connections and arbitrary TCP/IP ports can also be forwarded over the secure channel.
<a href="#">sshd(1M)</a>	The daemon for Secure Shell. The daemon listens for connections from clients and enables secure encrypted communications between two untrusted host systems over an insecure network.
<a href="#">ssh-add(1)</a>	Adds RSA or DSA identities to the authentication agent, <code>ssh-agent</code> . Identities are also called <i>keys</i> .
<a href="#">ssh-agent(1)</a>	Holds private keys that are used for public key authentication. The <code>ssh-agent</code> program is started at the beginning of an X-session or a login session. All other windows and other programs are started as clients of the <code>ssh-agent</code> program. Through the use of environment variables, the agent can be located and used for authentication when users use the <code>ssh</code> command to log in to other systems.
<a href="#">ssh-keygen(1)</a>	Generates and manages authentication keys for Secure Shell.
<a href="#">ssh-keyscan(1)</a>	Gathers the public keys of a number of Secure Shell hosts. Aids in building and verifying <code>ssh_known_hosts</code> files.
<a href="#">ssh-keysign(1M)</a>	Used by the <code>ssh</code> command to access the host keys on the local host. Generates the digital signature that is required during host-based authentication with Secure Shell v2. The command is invoked by the <code>ssh</code> command, not by the user.
<a href="#">scp(1)</a>	Securely copies files between hosts on a network over an encrypted <code>ssh</code> transport. Unlike the <code>rcp</code> command, the <code>scp</code> command prompts for passwords or passphrases if password information is needed for authentication.
<a href="#">sftp(1)</a>	An interactive file transfer program that is similar to the <code>ftp</code> command. Unlike the <code>ftp</code> command, the <code>sftp</code> command performs all operations over an encrypted <code>ssh</code> transport. The command connects, logs in to the specified host name and then enters interactive command mode.

The following table lists the command options that override Secure Shell keywords. The keywords are specified in the `ssh_config` and `sshd_config` files.

**TABLE 7** Command-Line Equivalents for Secure Shell Keywords

Keyword	ssh Command-Line Override	scp Command-Line Override
BatchMode		<code>scp -B</code>
BindAddress	<code>ssh -b bind-addr</code>	<code>scp -a bind-addr</code>
Cipher	<code>ssh -c cipher</code>	<code>scp -c cipher</code>
Ciphers	<code>ssh -c cipher-spec</code>	<code>scp -c cipher-spec</code>
Compression	<code>ssh -C</code>	<code>scp -C</code>
DynamicForward	<code>ssh -D SOCKS4-port</code>	
EscapeChar	<code>ssh -e escape-char</code>	
ForwardAgent	<code>ssh -A</code> to enable  <code>ssh -a</code> to disable	
ForwardX11	<code>ssh -X</code> to enable  <code>ssh -x</code> to disable	

Keyword	ssh Command-Line Override	scp Command-Line Override
GatewayPorts	ssh -g	
IPv4	ssh -4	scp -4
IPv6	ssh -6	scp -6
LocalForward	ssh -L <i>localport:remotehost:remoteport</i>	
MACS	ssh -m <i>MAC-spec</i>	
Port	ssh -p <i>port</i>	scp -P <i>port</i>
Protocol	ssh -2 for v2 only	
RemoteForward	ssh -R <i>remoteport:localhost:localport</i>	

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