System Security Assignment on SSH

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1, Login as root user

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Terminal —

(crimsonshadow@CrimsonShadow)-[~]

$ su root

Password:

(root@CrimsonShadow)-[/home/crimsonshadow]

#
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2, Create two users yourrollnumberamrita(client)(last 10 characters) and yourrollnumbercoimbatore(server) (cb.sc.'....') with passwords.

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> Terminal □
   -(root⊛CrimsonShadow)-[/home/crimsonshadow]
 ______adduser cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita
info: Adding user `cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita'
info: Selecting UID/GID from range 1000 to 59999 ...
info: Adding new group `cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita' (1001) ...
info: Adding new user `cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita' (1001) with group `cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita (1001)' ...
info: Creating home directory `/home/cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita' ...
info: Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
Full Name []:
          Room Number []:
Work Phone []:
Home Phone []:
          Other []:
Is the information correct? [Y/n]
info: Adding new user `cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita' to supplemental / extra groups `users' ...
info: Adding user `cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita' to group `users' ...
   -(root⊛CrimsonShadow)-[/home/crimsonshadow]
```

3, Login as yourrollnumberamrita. Use ssh to create the private and public ids at the location /home/yourrollnumberamrita/.ssh

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(root⊗ CrimsonShadow)-[/home/crimsonshadow]
 -# su - cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita
   -(cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita⊛CrimsonShadow)-[~]
 -$ mkdir -p ~/.ssh
 --(cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita⊛CrimsonShadow)-[~]
-$ chmod 700 ~/.ssh
  —(cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita⊛CrimsonShadow)-[~]
__$ ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 2048 -f ~/.ssh/id_rsa -N ""
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
Your identification has been saved in /home/cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita/.ssh/id_rsa
Your public key has been saved in /home/cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
The key fingerprint is:
SHA256:ycyH5/899uyYIBKQU0ivyUpJm4D/6ReS3rRllp3SJn8 cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita@CrimsonShadow
The key's randomart image is:
 ---[RSA 2048]---+
    0 = 0 0
    =.+ S+o.
    0000 B==
            ...=.B
    -[SHA256]----+
   -(cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita⊕CrimsonShadow)-[~]
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4, Then copy the public id file to the /home/yourrollnumbercoimbatore/.ssh/authorized_keys

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>_ Terminal □

(cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita⊕CrimsonShadow)-[~]

$ cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub | ssh localhost 'mkdir -p ~/.ssh && cat > ~/.ssh/autho rized_keys'
cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita@localhost's password:

(cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita⊕CrimsonShadow)-[~]

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-(cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita&CrimsonShadow)-[~]
-$ cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAABAQCd2iWFonh3GKbLV1kzndZh0CbTaTzsL1miIiJAm50Y
x3rfBhkSbkmZ/YwyIcag1g3dX0ZBaBXbtSzoHlkMUS1WcGG+U2VMGW05ywuU1H2JwGWrfvGy8EIdSC3K
i7QjquFYeFa4AJvACZpn+jEmqA4j9NAjHZg3/nRFcR6UkekcHmXpHQKLq7fksn2sx8cwMCHKhS9qeBeE
TohciMau4dgBbqGNAoXAQBdeoAzmjsARegUXMkhGiEbwlXNA/nN8uZtAOKssJE8cxch+a2USh4wtCay+
iE8Fo4rPRADS1RAfjZw4npl7mukCGV0N5n0QP9NDk0ZqsIFrCS+kGGml8N1v cb_sc_u4cys23036_am
rita@CrimsonShadow
 —(cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita⊛CrimsonShadow)-[~]
—$ su - cb_sc_u4cys23036_coimbatore
Password:
 -(cb_sc_u4cys23036_coimbatore⊕CrimsonShadow)-[~]
 -$ nvim ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
  -(cb_sc_u4cys23036_coimbatore⊕CrimsonShadow)-[~]
-$ nvim ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
 —(cb_sc_u4cys23036_coimbatore⊛CrimsonShadow)-[~]
-$ cat ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAABAQCd2iWFonh3GKbLV1kzndZh<u>0CbTaTzsL1miIiJAm50</u>Y
x3rfBhkSbkmZ/YwyIcag1g3dX0ZBaBXbtSzoHlkMUS1WcGG+U2VMGW05ywuU1H2JwGWrfvGy8EIdSC3K
i7QjquFYeFa4AJvACZpn+jEmqA4j9NAjHZg3/nRFcR6UkekcHmXpHQKLq7fksn2sx8cwMCHKhS9qeBeE
TohciMau4dqBbqGNAoXAQBdeoAzmjsAReqUXMkhGiEbwlXNA/nN8uZtAOKssJE8cxch+a2USh4wtCay+
iE8Fo4rPRADS1RAfjZw4npl7mukCGV0N5n0QP9NDk0ZqsIFrCS+kGGml8N1v cb_sc_u4cys23036_am
rita@CrimsonShadow
  –(cb_sc_u4cys23036_coimbatore⊛CrimsonShadow)-[~]
 -$ chmod 700 ~/.ssh
 -(cb_sc_u4cys23036_coimbatore⊛CrimsonShadow)-[~]
 -$ chmod 600 ~/.ssh/authorized_keys
  -(cb_sc_u4cys23036_coimbatore⊕CrimsonShadow)-[~]
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5, Do the necessary steps if required (editing ssh config files and restarting the service, providing permissions for .ssh and .ssh/ authorized_keys etc..)

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  —(root⊛CrimsonShadow)-[~]
# sudo systemctl restart ssh
  —(root⊛CrimsonShadow)-[~]
 —# sudo systemctl status ssh
ssh.service - OpenBSD Secure Shell server
     Loaded: loaded (<u>/usr/lib/systemd/system/ssh.service</u>; enabled; preset: disabled)
     Active: active (running) since Wed 2025-03-19 12:11:48 IST; 6s ago
 Invocation: 7c704dea4f8f460dbab245c5d63e5805
       Docs: man:sshd(8)
              man:sshd_config(5)
    Process: 480778 ExecStartPre=/usr/sbin/sshd -t (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Main PID: 480780 (sshd)
      Tasks: 1 (limit: 18605)
     Memory: 1.4M (peak: 2M)
        CPU: 20ms
     CGroup: /system.slice/ssh.service

└─480780 "sshd: /usr/sbin/sshd -D [listener] 0 of 10-100 startups"
Mar 19 12:11:48 CrimsonShadow systemd[1]: Starting ssh.service - OpenBSD Secure Shell server...
Mar 19 12:11:48 CrimsonShadow sshd[480780]: Server listening on 0.0.0.0 port 22. Mar 19 12:11:48 CrimsonShadow sshd[480780]: Server listening on :: port 22.
Mar 19 12:11:48 CrimsonShadow systemd[1]: Started ssh.service - OpenBSD Secure Shell server.
   -(root⊛CrimsonShadow)-[~]
```

```
Terminal 

(cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita@CrimsonShadow)-[~]

su - cb_sc_u4cys23036_coimbatore

Password:

(cb_sc_u4cys23036_coimbatore@CrimsonShadow)-[~]

show chmod 700 ~/.ssh

(cb_sc_u4cys23036_coimbatore@CrimsonShadow)-[~]

show chmod 600 ~/.ssh/authorized_keys

(cb_sc_u4cys23036_coimbatore@CrimsonShadow)-[~]

show chmod 600 ~/.ssh/authorized_keys

(cb_sc_u4cys23036_coimbatore@CrimsonShadow)-[~]
```

6, Check are you able to login without a password from yourrollnumberamrita to yourrollnumbercoimbatore using ssh

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>_ Terminal □

(cb_sc_u4cys23036_amrita⊕ CrimsonShadow)-[~]
$ ssh cb_sc_u4cys23036_coimbatore@localhost
Linux CrimsonShadow 6.12.13-amd64 #1 SMP PREEMPT_DYNAMIC Kali 6.12.13-1kali1 (2025-02-11) x86_64

The programs included with the Kali GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Kali GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Wed Mar 19 12:07:51 2025 from ::1

(cb_sc_u4cys23036_coimbatore⊕ CrimsonShadow)-[~]
```

SSH connected without Password