

# **SSH Setup And Use in Applications**

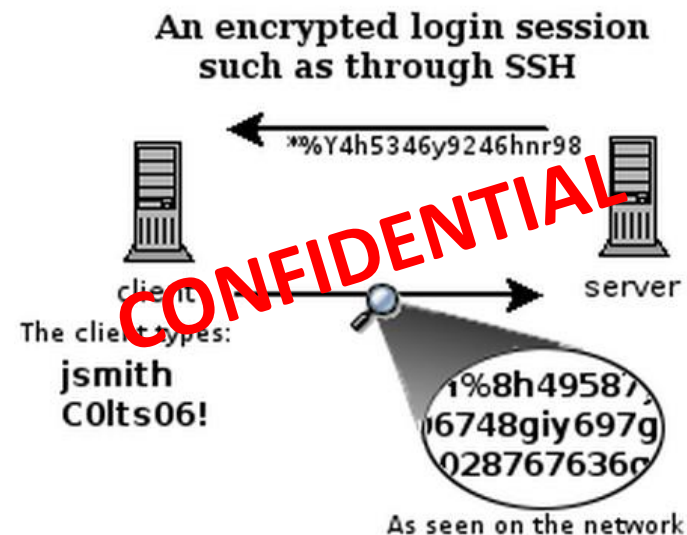
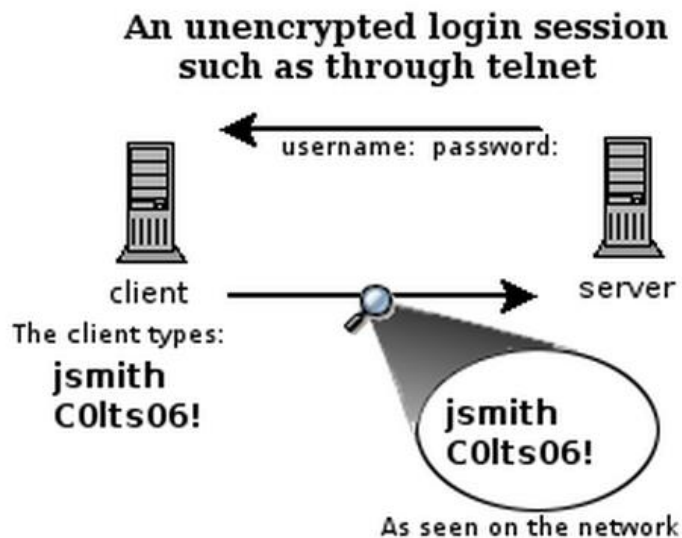
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# Communication Over the Internet

- What type of guarantees do we want?
  - **Confidentiality**
    - Message secrecy
  - **Data integrity**
    - Message consistency
  - **Authentication**
    - Identity confirmation
  - **Authorization**
    - Specifying access rights to resources

# What is SSH?

- Secure **Shell**
- Used to remotely access shell
- Successor of telnet
- Encrypted and better authenticated session



# Encryption Types

- **Symmetric Key Encryption**
  - a.k.a shared/secret key
  - Key used to encrypt is the same as key used to decrypt
- **Asymmetric Key Encryption: Public/Private**
  - 2 different (but related) keys: public and private
    - Data encrypted with public key can only be decrypted by private key and vice versa
    - Only creator knows the relation. Private key cannot be derived from public key
    - Public key can be seen by anyone
    - **Never** publish private key!!!

# High-Level SSH Protocol

- Client ssh's to remote server
  - `$ ssh username@somehost`
  - If first time talking to server -> host validation

The authenticity of host 'somehost (192.168.1.1)' can't be established.  
RSA key fingerprint is 90:9c:46:ab:03:1d:30:2c:5c:87:c5:c7:d9:13:5d:75.

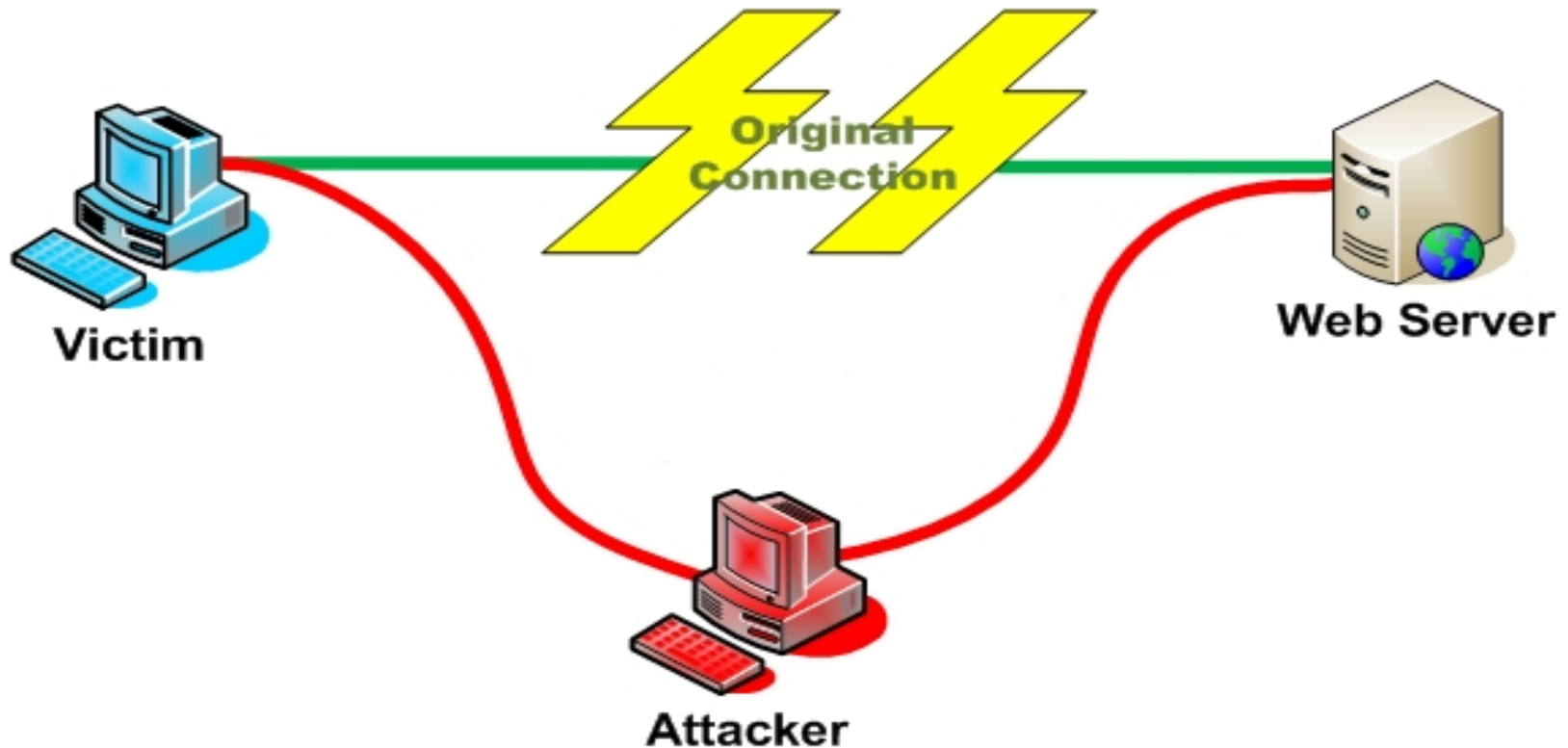
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? **yes**

Warning: Permanently added 'somehost' (RSA) to the list of known hosts.

- ssh doesn't know about this host/server yet
- shows hostname, IP address and fingerprint of the server's public key, so you can be sure you're talking to the correct computer
- After accepting, public key is saved in `~/.ssh/known_hosts`

# Host Validation

- Next time client connects to same server/IP
  - Check host's public key against saved public key
  - If they don't match



# Host Validation (cont'd)

- Client asks server to prove that it is the owner of the public key using **asymmetric encryption**
  - Encrypt a message with public key
  - If server is true owner, it can decrypt the message with private key
- If everything works, host is successfully validated

# Session Encryption

- Client and server agree on a **symmetric encryption key** (session key)
- All messages sent between client and server
  - encrypted at the sender with session key
  - decrypted at the receiver with session key
- anybody who doesn't know the session key (hopefully, no one but client and server) doesn't know any of the contents of those messages



# Client Authentication

- **Password-based authentication**
  - Prompt for password on remote server
  - If username specified exists and remote password for it is correct then the system lets you in
- **Key-based authentication**
  - Generate a key pair on the client
  - Copy the public key to the server (`~/.ssh/authorized_keys`)
  - Server authenticates client if it can demonstrate that it has the private key
  - The private key can be protected with a passphrase
  - Every time you ssh to a host, you will be asked for the passphrase (inconvenient!)

# ssh-agent (passphrase-less ssh)

- A program used with OpenSSH that provides a secure way of storing the private key
- `ssh-add` prompts user for the passphrase once and adds it to the list maintained by `ssh-agent`
- Once passphrase is added to `ssh-agent`, the user will not be prompted for it again when using SSH
- OpenSSH will talk to the local `ssh-agent` daemon and retrieve the private key from it automatically

# X Window System

- Windowing system that forms the basis for most GUIs on UNIX
- X is a network-based system. It is based upon a network protocol such that a program can run on one computer but be displayed on another (X Session Forwarding)

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- **Securely log in to each others' computers**
  - Use ssh (OpenSSH)
- **Use key-based authentication**
  - Generate key pairs
- **Make logins convenient**
  - type your passphrase once and be able to use ssh to connect to any other host without typing any passwords or passphrases
- **Use port forwarding** to run a command on a remote host that displays on your host

# Lab Environment Setup

- Ubuntu
  - Make sure you have openssh-server and openssh-client installed
  - `$ dpkg --get-selections | grep openssh` should output:
    - openssh-server      install
    - openssh-client      install
  - If not:
    - `$ sudo apt-get install openssh-server`
    - `$ sudo apt-get install openssh-client`

# How to SSH to Each Other

- **Server**
  - **Generate public and private keys**
    - `$ ssh-keygen` (by default saved to `~/.ssh/id_rsa` and `id_rsa.pub`) – don't change the default location
  - **Create an account for the client on the server**
    - `$ sudo useradd -d /home/<homedir_name> -m <username>`
    - `$ sudo passwd <username>`
  - **Create .ssh directory for new user**
    - `$ cd /home/<homedir_name>`
    - `$ sudo mkdir .ssh`
  - **Change ownership and permission on .ssh directory**
    - `$ sudo chown -R username .ssh`
    - `$ sudo chmod 700 .ssh`
  - **Optional: disable password-based authentication (after client step #2)**
    - `$ emacs /etc/ssh/sshd_config`
    - change PasswordAuthentication option to no

# How to SSH to Each Other

- **Client**
  - **Generate public and private keys**
    - `$ ssh-keygen`
  - **Copy your public key to the server for key-based authentication (`~/.ssh/authorized_keys`)**
    - `$ ssh-copy-id -i UserName@server_ip_addr`
  - **Add private key to authentication agent (ssh-agent)**
    - `$ ssh-add`
  - **SSH to server**
    - `$ ssh UserName@server_ip_addr`
    - `$ ssh -X UserName@server_ip_addr` (X11 session forwarding)
  - **Run a command on the remote host**
    - `$ xterm, $ gedit, $ firefox, etc.`

# How to Check IP Addresses

- `$ ifconfig`
  - configure or display the current network interface configuration information (IP address, etc.)
- `$ ping <ip_addr>`**(packet internet groper)**
  - Test the reachability of a host on an IP network
  - measure round-trip time for messages sent from a source to a destination computer
  - Example: `$ ping 192.168.0.1`, `$ ping google.com`