NAME

       ssh−import−id − retrieve one or more public keys from a public keyserver and append them to the current user's authorized_keys file (or some other specified file)

SYNOPSIS

       ssh−import−id [options] USER_ID_1 [gh:USER_ID_2] ... [lp:USER_ID_n]

       ssh−import−id−lp USER_ID_1 [USER_ID_2] ... [USER_ID_n]

       ssh−import−id−gh USER_ID_1 [USER_ID_2] ... [USER_ID_n]

OPTIONS

       −h | −−help   usage
       −o | −−output F   write output to file 'F' (default ˜/.ssh/authorized_keys, use "−" for standard out)
       −r | −−remove   remove keys from authorized keys file 'F'
       −u | −−useragent U   append U to the user agent string
       PROTO:USER_ID   Protocol can be 'lp' for Launchpad.net, or 'gh' for Github.com

DESCRIPTION

       This utility will securely contact a public keyserver and retrieve one or more user's public keys, and append these to the current user's *˜/.ssh/authorized_keys* file, standard output or any other specified output file.

       User IDs can be prepended by a protocol:

        - **lp:** to use *https://launchpad.net/˜%s/+sshkeys*
        - **gh:** to use *https://api.github.com/users/%s/keys*

       If the protocol is not explicitly specified, then **ssh-import-id** will read a URL variable string from */etc/ssh/ssh_import_id* as installed by your package manager and configured by your system administrator. You can override this locally by exporting the string you want in a URL environment variable. If all of these are empty, then the protocol is assumed to be "lp:", which was the original target implementation of this tool.

       Any keys added will be "labled" with a trailing comment, "# ssh-import-id PROTO:USER_ID". Revoking keys will first look for lines in the authorized keys file ending with that label.

SEE ALSO

       ssh(1)

FILES

       /etc/ssh/ssh_import_id

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