

4. Web Server Administration

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SSH exercises

Practice 1: SSH

At the end of this practice, you must submit a script that explains and demonstrates the process and steps followed to complete each of the following tasks:

- 1. Start the SSH server on your machine and verify that you can access it with any user from any device.
- 2. Configure the SSH service so that:
 - Logging in as root is not allowed.
 - Then, allow logging in as root.
 - Create two new users: user2 and user3, and a group named ssh_users. Add these users to the group and ensure that only the members of this group can access the SSH service.
- 3. The SSH service, by default, listens on port 22. Modify it to start on port 10022 (or another port), and figure out the command required to access the server on this port. (*Hint: Use* man ssh)
- 4. By default, when authenticating successfully on the SSH server, it shows the date and time of the last connection. Find the option responsible for this behavior and modify it.
- 5. Configure the SSH server to enable X11 redirection, allowing the execution of graphical applications remotely. Test and verify its functionality.
- 6. Test connecting from a Windows SSH client (e.g., PuTTY) to a GNU/Linux SSH server and verify the connection.

Practice 1:

Exercise 1:Start the SSH server on your machine and verify that you can access it with any user from any device.

Server's machine: \$ systemctl start ssh && systemctl status ssh

Server's machine: \$ ssh user@192.168.18.251

```
user@server:~$ ssh user@192.168.18.251
The authenticity of host '192.168.18.251 (192.168.18.251)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:f45jifuObatm5N1RlxJIlAu6b09iuOpEdAfszzJq1/I.
This key is not known by any other names
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.18.251' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
user@192.168.18.251's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 22.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.15.0–130–generic x86_64)

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not required on a system that users do not log into.

To restore this content, you can run the 'unminimize' command.
New release '24.04.1 LTS' available.
Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.

Last login: Mon Jan 13 14:44:01 2025
user@server:~$ _
```

Client's machine: \$ssh user@192.168.18.251

```
usuario@user:~$ ssh user@192.168.18.251
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New release '24.04.1 LTS' available.

Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.

Last login: Mon Jan 13 14:47:09 2025 from 192.168.18.251

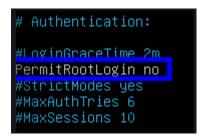
user@server:~$■
```

Exercise 2: Configure the SSH service so that:

Exercise 2.1: Logging in as root is not allowed.

Server's machine(folder:'/etc/ssh/'): \$ sudo nano sshd config

In this file, we must descomment the line 'PermitRootLogin' and change the value for 'no'



Server's machine: \$ sudo nano systemetl restart ssh && sudo systemetl status ssh

```
user@server:~$ systemctl start ssh && systemctl status ssh
Authentication is required to start 'ssh.service'.
Authenticating as: user
assword:
 ssh.service - OpenBSD Secure Shell server
     Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/ssh.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
     Active: active (running) since Mon 2025-01-13 14:43:28 UTC; 1min 34s ago
       Docs: man:sshd(8)
              man:sshd_config(5)
    Process: 629 ExecStartPre=/usr/sbin/sshd -t (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Main PID: 658 (sshd)
      Tasks: 1 (limit: 4546)
     Memory: 3.2M
        CPU: 39ms
     CGroup: /system.slice/ssh.service
               -658 "sshd: /usr/sbin/sshd –D [listener] O of 10–100 startups"
Jan 13 14:43:28 server systemd[1]: Starting OpenBSD Secure Shell server...
Jan 13 14:43:28 server sshd[658]: Server listening on 0.0.0.0 port 22.
Jan 13 14:43:28 server sshd[658]: Server listening on :: port 22.
Jan 13 14:43:28 server systemd[1]: Started OpenBSD Secure Shell server
```

Client's machine:(After we connected to the server):\$su root

```
Last login: Mon Jan 13 14:50:17 2025 from 192.168.18.100
user@server:~$ su root
Password:
su: Authentication failure
```

Exercise 2.1: Then, allow logging in as root

Server's machine(folder:'/etc/ssh/'): \$ sudo nano sshd config

In this file, we must descomment the line 'PermitRootLogin' and change the value for 'yes'

```
# Authentication:
#LoginGraceTime 2m
PermitRootLogin yes
#StrictModes yes
#MaxAuthTries 6
#MaxSessions 10
```

Also, for activate the user *root*, we need to set new password: \$sudo passwd root

```
user@server:~$ sudo passwd root
New password: _
```

Client's machine:(After we connected to the server):\$su root

user@server:~\$ su root Password: root@server:/home/user# ■

Exercise 2.2:Create two new users: user2 and user3, and a group named ssh_users. Add these users to the group and ensure that only the members of this group can access the SSH service

Server's machine: \$sudo groupadd ssh users

```
user@server:~$ sudo groupadd ssh_users
user@server:~$
```

Server's machine: \$useradd -m(with this parameter, when the server create the user, also create the personal folder for the user called /home/<name_of_user>) user2 && sudo passwd user2

```
user@server:~$ sudo useradd –m user2
user@server:~$ sudo passwd user2
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
user@server:~$ _
```

```
user@server:~$ sudo useradd –m user3
user@server:~$ sudo passwd user3
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
user@server:~$ _
```

Server's machine: \$usermod -aG ssh_users user2 && usermod -aG ssh_users user3

```
user@server:~$ sudo usermod –aG ssh_users user2 && sudo usermod –aG ssh_users user3
user@server:~$ _
```

Server's machine(folder:'/etc/ssh/'): \$ sudo nano sshd_config

```
#PubkeyAuthentication yes
AllowGroups ssh_users_
# Expect .ssh/authorized_keys2 to be disregarded by default in future.
#AuthorizedKeysFile .ssh/authorized_keys .ssh/authorized_keys2
```

Server's machine: \$ sudo nano systemetl restart ssh && sudo systemetl status ssh

Client's machine: \$ssh user2@192.168.18.251

```
usuario@user:~$ ssh user2@192.168.18.251
user2@192.168.18.251's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
user2@192.168.18.251's password:
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Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.
The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.
Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.
```

Exercise 3: The SSH service, by default, listens on port 22. Modify it to start on port 10022 (or another port), and figure out the command required to access the server on this port.

Server's machine(folder:'/etc/ssh/'): \$ sudo nano sshd_config

```
Include /etc/ssh/sshd_config.d/*.conf

Port 10022

#AddressFamily any

#ListenAddress 0.0.0.0

#ListenAddress ::

#HostKey /etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key

#HostKey /etc/ssh/ssh_host_ecdsa_key

#HostKey /etc/ssh/ssh_host_ed25519_key
```

Server's machine: \$ sudo nano systemetl restart ssh && sudo systemetl status ssh

To comprobate that the SSH service is listening for port 10022 we will execute in the server's machine: \$grep -i port /etc/ssh/sshd_config

```
user@server:~$ grep –i port /etc/ssh/sshd_config
Port 10022
#GatewayPorts no
```

Client's machine: \$ssh -p 10022 user2@192.168.18.251

```
Jsuario@user:~$ ssh -p 10022 user2@192.168.18.251
Jser2@192.168.18.251's password:
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To restore this content, you can run the 'unminimize' command.

New release '24.04.1 LTS' available.

Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.

Last login: Mon Jan 13 15:33:00 2025 from 192.168.18.100
```

Exercise 4: By default, when authenticating successfully on the SSH server, it shows the date and time of the last connection. Find the option responsible for this behavior and modify it.

Server's machine(folder:'/etc/ssh/'): \$ sudo nano sshd_config

PrintLastLog no
#TCPKeepAlive yes
#PermitUserEnvironment no
#Compression delayed
#ClientAliveInterval 0
#ClientAliveCountMax 3
#UseDNS no
#PidFile /run/sshd.pid
#MaxStartups 10:30:100
#PermitTunnel no
#ChrootDirectory none
#VersionAddendum none

We must descomment the line 'PrintLastLog' and assign value for 'no'

To check this: Client's machine: \$ssh -p 10022 user2@192.168.18.251

```
usuario@user:~$ ssh -p 10022 user2@192.168.18.251
user2@192.168.18.251's password:
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```

Before, we appeared the datetime of the last conection, but now, how we changed the configuration, now it's not visible

Exercise 5: Configure the SSH server to enable X11 redirection, allowing the execution of graphical applications remotely. Test and verify its functionality.

Server's machine(folder:'/etc/ssh/'): \$ sudo nano sshd_config

```
# Example of overriding settings on a per–use
#Match User anoncvs
X11Forwarding yes
AllowTcpForwarding yes_
# PermitTTY no
# ForceCommand cvs server
```

Server's machine: \$ sudo nano systemetl restart ssh && sudo systemetl status ssh

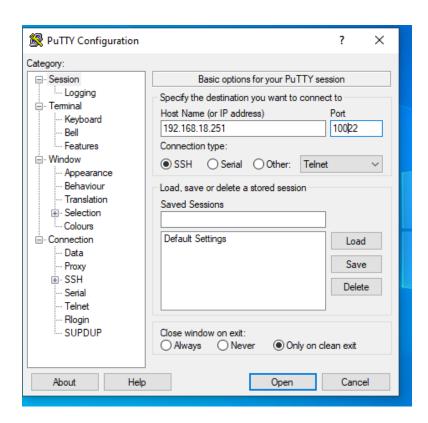
To check this: Client's machine: \$ssh -x -p 10022 user2@192.168.18.251

```
$ firefox &
$ -sh: 3: firefox: not found
^C
[1] + Done(127) firefox
```

In this case, the server has not firefox app because it don't have any graphical environment, but the process will execute

Exercise 6: Test connecting from a Windows SSH client (e.g., PuTTY) to a GNU/Linux SSH server and verify the connection.

Client's W10 machine: Oppen the puTTY program on Windows and select SSH with the port and the IP of the server:



Click over Open and a window of CMD will be open and introduce the information from the user of the group ssh_users:

```
login as: user2
user2@192.168.18.251's password:
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Practice 2: SSH

At the end of this practice, you must submit a script that explains and demonstrates the process and steps followed to complete each of the following tasks:

Perform client authentication from machine A to machine B using SSH with the following methods:

- 1. Password-based authentication.
- 2. **Public key authentication with a null passphrase**, where the users on both machines are identical. Copy the public key using scp and append it (without overwriting) to the authorized keys file.
- 3. **Public key authentication with a non-null passphrase**, where the users on each machine are identical.

Practice 2:

Exercise 1:Perform client authentication from machine A to machine B using SSH with the following methods:

Exercise 1.1:Password-based authentication.

Server's machine(folder:'/etc/ssh/'): \$ sudo nano sshd config

```
#AddressFamily any
#ListenAddress 0.0.0.0
#ListenAddress ::
#HostKey /etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key
#HostKey /etc/ssh/ssh_host_ecdsa_key
#HostKey /etc/ssh/ssh_host_ed25519_key
# Ciphers and keying
#RekeyLimit default none
# Logging
#SyslogFacility AUTH
#LogLevel INFO
# Authentication:
#LoginGraceTime 2m
PermitRootLogin no
#StrictModes yes
#MaxAuthTries 6
#MaxSessions 10
PubkeyAuthentication yes
HITOWGROUPS SSIT_USERS
# Expect .ssh/authorized_keys2 to be disregarded by default in future.
#AuthorizedKeysFile .ssh/authorized_keys .ssh/authorized_keys2
```

Server's machine: \$ sudo nano systemetl restart ssh && sudo systemetl status ssh

To check this: Client's machine: \$ssh -p 10022 user2@192.168.18.251

```
ario@user:~$ ssh -p 10022 user2@192.168.18.251 r2@192.168.18.251's password:
```

Exercise 1.2: Public key authentication with a null passphrase, where the users on both machines are identical. Copy the public key using scp and append it (without overwriting) to the authorized_keys file.

Client's machine: \$ sudo ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 2048

```
rio@user:~$ sudo ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 2048
o] password for usuario:
rating public/private rsa key pair.
r file in which to save the key (/root/.ssh/id_rsa):
r passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
 same passphrase again:
identification has been saved in /root/.ssh/id_rsa
public key has been saved in /root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
key fingerprint is:
56:htYhuRfSB3uP3z2N9MQnS5R3Dj1PW27bBhWJ025hdmA root@user
key's randomart image is:
[RSA 2048]----+
         E +. |
   0 0
    = o . *.B
    * = o B X*
  + S . = 0.01
        . * X=
  . 0
         0 +0*
```

Now we must transfer this key to the server. Do it this:

Client's machine: \$ scp \(\sigma \).ssh/id rsa.pub usuario@192.168.18.251:/tmp/clave maquina A.pub

```
usuario@user:~$ sudo scp -P 10022 /home/usuario/.ssh/id_rsa.pub user2@192.168
.18.251:/tmp/clave_maquinaCliente.pub
user2@192.168.18.251's password:
id_rsa.pub 100% 566 664.8KB/s 00:00
usuario@user:~$ ■
```

Now, we must agregate the key of the client to the folders of authorized_keys, then we will log in and give the permissions:

Server's machine: \$ ssh user@192.168.18.251

```
user@server:~$ ssh user@192.168.18.251
user@192.168.18.251's password:
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```

Server's machine: #mkdir -p ~/.ssh && chmod 700 ~/.ssh

```
root@server:/home/user# mkdir –p ~/.ssh && chmod 700 ~/.ssh
root@server:/home/user#
```

Now we must copy the key of the client that we saved in TMP folder to the correct folder(authorized_keys) and give it the correct permissions

Server's machine: #cat /tmp/clave_maquina_A.pub >> ~/.ssh/authorized_keys && chmod 600 ~/.ssh/authorized_keys

cat /tmp/clave_maquinaCliente.pub >> ~/.ssh/authorized_keys && chmod 600 ~/.ssh/authorized_keys You should remember to delete the file in /tmp to avoid a security issue.

Server's machine: #rm /tmp/clave maquinaCliente.pub

```
root@server:/home/user# rm /tmp/clave_maquinaCliente.pub
```

Finally, we will say to the server that takes this file.

Server's machine(folder:'/etc/ssh/'): \$ sudo nano sshd config

```
#MaxSessions 10

PubkeyAuthentication yes
AuthorizedKeysFile .ssh/authorized_keys
```

Server's machine: \$ sudo nano systemetl restart ssh && sudo systemetl status ssh

To check the results, go to the client and connect to the server:

Client's machine: \$ssh usuario@192.168.18.251

```
usuario@user:~$ ssh user@192.168.18.251
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Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.

user@server:~$■
```

Practice 3: SSH

At the end of this practice, you must submit a script that explains and demonstrates the process and steps followed to complete each of the following tasks:

In this practice, you will use the scp command to copy files and directories between the client and server.

- 1. In your HOME directory, create a folder named dir1. Inside it:
 - Create another folder called dir2.
 - Create two text files named f1.txt and f2.txt.
 - Inside dir2, create a file named f3.txt.
- 2. Copy f1.txt and f2.txt to the server.
- 3. Copy the entire dir2 folder to the server.
- 4. Modify f1.txt on the server and then copy it back to the client.

Practice 3:

Exercise 1:In your HOME directory, create a folder named dir1. Inside it:

Client's machine: \$sudo mkdir dir1:

```
usuario@user:~$ sudo mkdir dir1
[sudo] password for usuario:
usuario@user:~$
```

Exercise 1.1:Create another folder called dir2.

Client's machine:\\$sudo mkdir dir2

```
usuario@user:~$ sudo mkdir dir2
usuario@user:~$ ■
```

Exercise 1.2:Create two text files named f1.txt and f2.txt.

```
usuario@user:~/dir1$ sudo touch f1.txt f2.txt
usuario@user:~/dir1$ |
```

Exercise 1.3: Inside dir2, create a file named f3.txt.

```
usuario@user:~/dir1/dir2$ sudo touch f3.txt usuario@user:~/dir1/dir2$ ■
```

Exercise 2: Copy f1.txt and f2.txt to the server.

```
usuario@user:~$ scp /home/usuario/dir1/f1.txt /home/usuario/dir1/f2.txt user@
192.168.18.251:~/
f1.txt 100% 0 0.0KB/s 00:00
f2.txt 100% 0 0.0KB/s 00:00
usuario@user:~$ ■
```

Exercise 3: Copy the entire dir2 folder to the server.

```
usuario@user:~$ scp -r /home/usuario/dir1/dir2/ user@192.168.18.251:~/
f3.txt 100% 0 0.0KB/s 00:00
usuario@user:~$ ■
```

Exercise 4: Modify f1.txt on the server and then copy it back to the client.

root@server:/home/user# scp /home/user/f1.txt usuario@192.168.18.100:~/dir1/f1.txt				usuario@user: ~	×
usuario@192.168.18.100's password:				GNU nano 6.2	dir1/f1.txt
f1.txt	100%	19	7.5KB/s	00:00 hello its modified	

Practice 4: SSH

At the end of this practice, you must submit a script that explains and demonstrates the process and steps followed to complete each of the following tasks:

In this practice, you will configure **port forwarding** using SSH so that DNS queries (port 53) over the **TCP protocol** are securely transmitted through the port forwarding.

You can use your own DNS server or the classroom's DNS server (ask your instructor for access).

To test the port forwarding, ensure the DNS query commands specify TCP usage with:

- dig -tcp target_system
- host -T target_system

Practice 4:

Exercise 1:In this practice, you will configure port forwarding using SSH so that DNS queries (port 53) over the TCP protocol are securely transmitted through the port forwarding. You can use your own DNS server or the classroom's DNS server (ask your instructor for access).

Client's machine: \$sudo ssh -L 53:192.168.18.251:53 user@192.168.18.251

```
usuario@user:~$ sudo ssh -L 53:192.168.18.251:53 user@192.168.18.251
user@192.168.18.251's password:
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To restore this content, you can run the 'unminimize' command.
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Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.
```

Client's machine: \$ dig -p 53 @localhost google.com +tcp

```
user@server:-$ sudo dig -p 53 @localhost google.com +tcp
[sudo] password for user:
; <<>> DiG 9.18.28-0ubuntu0.22.04.1-Ubuntu <<>> -p 53 @localhost google.com +tcp
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 17161
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 1232
; COOKIE: aff37500cded7e2d01000000678e70f9eafcfaa1bf96c14a (good)
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;google.com. IN A
;; ANSWER SECTION:
google.com. 5 IN CNAME forcesafesearch.google.com.
forcesafesearch.google.com. 26387 IN A 216.239.38.120
;; Query time: 56 msec
;; SERVER: 127.0.0.1#53(localhost) (TCP)
;; WHSN: Mon Jan 20 15:51:21 UTC 2025
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 113</pre>
```

Client's machine: \$host -T google.com localhost

```
user@server:~$ host -T google.com localhost
Using domain server:
Name: localhost
Address: 127.0.0.1#53
Aliases:

google.com is an alias for forcesafesearch.google.com.
forcesafesearch.google.com has address 216.239.38.120
forcesafesearch_google.com has IPv6 address 2001:4860:4802:32::78
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At the end of this practice, you must
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submit a script that explains and demonstrates the process and steps followed to complete each of the following tasks:

In this practice, you will create a **tunnel** to establish a secure connection between systems. As discussed, the information transmitted through the tunnel's associated IPs will be encrypted using the SSH connection.

1. The tunnel will connect your SSH server and a system acting as a client.

2. Network configuration for the tunnel:

- Network: 10.1.1.0 / 30 (subnet mask 255.255.255.252). This configuration allows only two IPs: one for the server and one for the client.
- 3. To test the tunnel's functionality:
 - On the **server**, execute: ping 10.1.1.2.
 - On the **client**, execute: ping 10.1.1.1.
- 4. Access the web server running on the SSH server using the URL:

http://10.1.1.1

Practice 5:

Exercise 1:The tunnel will connect your SSH server and a system acting as a client.

Server's machine(folder:'/etc/ssh/'): \$ sudo nano sshd_config

#PidFile /run/sshd.pid #MaxStartups 10:30:100 PermitTunnel yes #ChrootDirectory none #VersionAddendum none

Client's machine: \$ssh -f -w 0:0 user@192.168.18.251 -N

usuario@user:~\$ sudo ssh -f -w 0:0 user@192.168.18.251 -N user@192.168.18.251's password: usuario@user:~\$ ■