

SSH Protocol Specification

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1. Client sends a message to the server indicating that it wants to initiate the file transfer protocol.

$C \rightarrow S: (\text{CLIENT_INIT_EXCHANGE})$

2. Server responds to the client's initiate request by sending its public key, with message header as SERVER_INIT_RESPONSE.

$S \rightarrow C: (\text{SERVER_INIT_RESPONSE}, K_S^+)$

3. The client now generates a 256-bit pseudo random number, which serves as the session key, and encrypts it with the server's public key.

$C \rightarrow S: E(K_S^+, SK)$

4. The server decrypts the session key with its private key and sends a message to the client indicating that it is ready for file transfer.

$S \rightarrow C: (\text{SERVER_INIT_ACK})$

5. The client now reads the file, encrypts it block-wise with the session key and sends the blocks to the server.

$C \rightarrow S: E(SK, \text{FILE-BLOCK})$

6. The server decrypts the blocks using the session key and writes them to the file `"/shared/<file-name>".`

Notations used:

C – Client

S – Server

SK – Session Key

$E(K, \text{Data})$ – Encrypted Message of data with key K