

# Advanced ssh: keys and hostnames

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- How to use?
  - Simple! Type: `ssh eos01`

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We leverage public/private key encryption!



# Using ssh keys

## 1. Generate the keys

- a. `ssh-keygen`

## 2. Share the public key

- a. `ssh-copy-id -i path_to_key username@server`

# Common issues with ssh keys

- Errors with `authorized_keys` file
  - Make sure the file exists: `touch ~/.ssh/authorized_keys`
  - Wrong permissions
    - `chmod 600 ~/.ssh/authorized_keys`
    - `chmod 700 ~/.ssh`
- If you have `ssh` and `ssh-keygen` but not `ssh-copy-id`
  - We can manually copy the key and add it to the file
    - `scp ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub`  
`username@hostname:~`
    - Login to server via `ssh`
    - `cat id_rsa.pub >> ~/.ssh/authorized_keys`