

Global ssh key on server

I work for a webdevelopment company that also manages the hosting of our customers websites. The hosting is shared and only on 3 servers. The webserver are debian webserver where each customer has his own account to reach his own website files.

Normally I would login to the server as this customer and add my ssh key to an `authorized_keys` file so that I can simply ssh into the account without having to lookup the password, this works perfectly fine.

The downside is I have to do this for every account over again, is there a way to add it to the server only once so that I can access all the accounts?

I tried putting the `authorized_keys` file in a `.ssh` folder in the root of the server but this doesn't seem to provide me access with any account. I have to admit my linux knowledge is limited, so am wondering if this is even possible?

ssh

server

ssh-keys

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@Martin, please note there is a *"This question belongs on another site in the Stack Exchange network"* option when voting to close. (Your comment made Denis [repost the same question](#) on Super User now.) Cheers! – Arjan Aug 7 '15 at 8:25

You can update your `sshd_config` and add to `AuthorizedKeysFile` also for example some path in `/etc/ssh/authorized_keys` where you can put your master key. This would authorize you with this key to all accounts. But don't forget to leave there also the original one:

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[...]
AuthorizedKeysFile .ssh/authorized_keys /etc/ssh/authorized_keys
[...]
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Or you can use certificates as described in `ssh-keygen` manual page. This would allow you to audit the access with these keys.

You can consider to use emcSSH tool for your purposes. This is blockchain-based distributed Public Key Infrastructure and group management system.

You can read details and download here: <http://emercoin.com/EMCSSH> If needed any assistance, feel free for contact me. I'm author of this system, and can answer your questions.
