

This is specifically for Ubuntu machines:

1) Create new user

**sudo adduser <user-name>**

Ex. sudo adduser ansible

2) Give sudo privileges and also set passwordless, using command:

**sudo visudo**

Add the below line below the root user entry:

**ansible ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD:ALL**

(here 'ansible' is the user that we created earlier)

3) Follow the above 1 and 2 steps for the host servers aswell.

4) now we need to change /etc/ssh/sshd\_config in both the controller server and the host server, to allow passwordless ssh

**sudo nano /etc/ssh/sshd\_config**

**#PubkeyAuthentication yes** (uncomment this line)

**PasswordAuthentication no** (change 'no' to 'yes')

5) Now, restart the ssh server and check the status if it is running on both controller and host

**sudo systemctl restart ssh**

**sudo systemctl status ssh**

6) Now, go to the controller server and log into the 'ansible' user

**sudo su - ansible**

7) From controller server, ssh into the host server

**<user-name>@host-server-IP**

You will be able to ssh into the host but you will be asked for a password. So, now our next task is to work on removing password while ssh.

8) To get passwordless SSH, we will generate a SSH key in the 'ansible' user of the Controller server, using the command:

### **ssh-keygen**

Choose all the default options.

9) Now, cd into ~/.ssh

### **cd ~/.ssh**

If you will 'ls' here, you will find the public key and other files generated.

If we choose the default options while generating the key then we will see a key by the name 'id\_rsa.pub'

10) Now, we will have to transfer this key from our controller to all the hosts so that we can SSH without password.

We use the below command:

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ssh-copy-id -i <keyfile-name> <host-server-username>@<host-server-ip>
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ssh-copy-id -i id_rsa.pub ansible@3.87.63.165
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Similarly we run this command for all the host servers to which we want passwordless SSH.

You are good to go!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ky83\\_pdcPw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ky83_pdcPw)

### **Installing Ansible on the Controller server (Ubuntu):**

<https://www.digitalocean.com/community/tutorials/how-to-install-and-configure-ansible-on-ubuntu-20-04>