

Passwordless SSH access

1. Check for existing SSH Keys

First check for there are already keys on the Linux system you are using.
I am taking the case of RPI

ls ~/.ssh

if you see file named **id_rsa.pub** or **id_dsa.pub** then you have keys set up already, so skip the generation. **Follow step 3.**

2. Generate new SSH Keys

To generate new SSH keys enter the below command.

ssh-keygen

Upon entering this command, you will be asked for some entries press enter every time you are asked to enter anything.

When the process complete you will see output like this

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ ssh-keygen
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
Enter file in which to save the key (/home/pi/.ssh/id_rsa):
Created directory '/home/pi/.ssh'.
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
Enter same passphrase again:
Your identification has been saved in /home/pi/.ssh/id_rsa.
Your public key has been saved in /home/pi/.ssh/id_rsa.pub.
The key fingerprint is:
SHA256:UfEgiOdTtpPvUXBL1QNm8TYJZ1AJDwClIyp+f59VrLM pi@raspberrypi
The key's randomart image is:
+---[RSA 2048]---+
| . . . * + . @ B = . |
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| o + . = + . . * . |
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| . . . o o |
| . . . o E |
+---[SHA256]---+
pi@raspberrypi:~ $
```

Now look inside your **.ssh** directory

ls ~/.ssh

you should see the files **id_rsa** and **id_rsa.pub**

The **id_rsa** file is your private key. Keep this on your computer/Linux device.
The **id_rsa.pub** files is your public key. That is what you share with machines you connect to in this case Raspberry Pi.

3. Copy the public file.

cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub

Copy and share the file. File is similar like this.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQDFwi0DhPMj5n/gyVK1CYq9Y/MA4q5KLc0M8n1dIwE02tuCDJ3m1Kdp/zDca3yY5rcUq8TUd+4M4eUXhXjj
L+oxy5R5sbJ4Z7sASExtX5JUME12btq6qr5Revz/6TRcNvgzNEmbQqTtf/36bTjzMQP11fe2qDQKN7IuVn9nZCmfVxZMMKDmgsKS1FkaLBfkzw95oyKn03Mq
kc8GVqzmzItrCdJ5QQN0lkRtI7ZkioHweccZKNyHSzpUHCbisV3jjXDc0w4jk7ICvCNb8HE0e2ACU2kcFdFCTqGG0IRsisLhgq1m5hH7dEjElhokDeAran/28
8ZtQ0jG8r+uBER0WholZ pi@raspberrypi
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