

SSH CheatSheet

TOOLS

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1.1 SSH general

Name	Summary
ssh without input password	<code>sshpass -p '<your-passwd>' ssh <username>@<ssh_host></code> , brew install sshpass
Install sshd server	<code>apt-get install openssh, apt-get install openssh-server</code>
Restart sshd server	<code>service sshd restart, systemctl reload sshd.service</code>
Run ssh command	<code>ssh -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no -p 2702 root@172.17.0.8 date</code>
SSH with verbose output	<code>ssh -vvv -p 2702 root@45.33.87.74 date 2>&1</code>
Setup ssh tunnel for your web browsing	<code>sshuttle -r kubo@10.92.21.17 30.0.0.0/16 192.168.150.0/24 -e ...</code>
SSH passwordless login	<code>ssh-copy-id <username>@<ssh_host></code> , Or manually update <code>~/.ssh/authorized_keys</code>
Remove an entry from <code>known_hosts</code> file	<code>ssh-keygen -f ~/.ssh/known_hosts -R github.com</code>
Diff local file with remote one	<code>diff local_file.txt <(ssh <username>@<ssh_host> 'cat remote_file.txt')</code>
Diff two remote ssh files	<code>diff <(ssh user@remote_host 'cat file1.txt') <(ssh user2@remote_host2</code>
Upload with timestamps/permissions kept	<code>scp -rp /tmp/abc/ ec2-user@<ssh-host>:/root/</code>
SSH agent load key	<code>exec ssh-agent bash && ssh-add /tmp/id_rsa, ssh-add</code>
SSH list all loaded key	<code>ssh-add -l</code>
SSH agent create and load key	<code>exec ssh-agent bash && ssh-keygen, ssh-add</code>
Emacs read remote file with tramp	<code>emacs /ssh:<username>@<ssh_host>:/path/to/file</code>
Generate a new key pair	<code>ssh-keygen, ssh-keygen -C "your_email@example.com" -t rsa</code>
Generate key pair without interaction	<code>ssh-keygen -t rsa -f /tmp/sshkey -N "" -q</code>

1.2 SSH Advanced

Name	Summary
Add passphrase protection to ssh keyfile	<code>ssh-keygen -p -f id_rsa</code>
configure SSH to avoid trying all identity files	<code>ssh -o IdentitiesOnly=yes -i id1.key myuser@myserver.com</code>
Convert OpenSSL format to SSH-RSA format	<code>ssh-keygen -f my_ssh.pub -i</code>
Critical ssh files/folders	<code>~/.ssh/authorized_keys, ~/.ssh/config, ~/.ssh/known_hosts</code>
SSH config file	<code>/etc/ssh/ssh_config, /etc/ssh/sshd_config</code>
SSH key file permission	<code>chmod 600 ~/.ssh/id_rsa</code>
SSH folder permission	<code>chmod 700 ~/.ssh, chown -R \$USER:\$USER ~/.ssh</code>
Authorized _{keys} file permission	<code>chmod 644 ~/.ssh/authorized_keys</code>
Mute Warning: Permanently added	<code>ssh -o LogLevel=error</code>

1.3 SSH tunnel & ssh proxy

Name	Summary
SSH port forward to a local port	<code>ssh -N -i <ssh-keyfile> -f root@54.179.178.214 -L *:18085:localhost:8085</code>
Reverse port forward to remote server	<code>ssh -R *:40099:localhost:22 root@54.179.178.214, ssh -p 40099 root@54.179</code>
Setup ssh tunnel for your web browsing	<code>sshuttle -r kubo@10.92.21.17 30.0.0.0/16 192.168.111.0/24 192.168.150.0/2</code>

1.4 SSH security

Name	Summary
Disable ssh by password	<code>sed -i 's/PasswordAuthentication yes/PasswordAuthentication no/g' /etc</code>
Disable root login	<code>sed -i 's/~PermitRootLogin yes/#PermitRootLogin yes/' /etc/ssh/sshd_c</code>
Enable/Disable SSH Host Key Checking	<code>StrictHostKeyChecking yes</code> change <code>~/.ssh/config</code>
Protect SSH server from brute force attacks	fail2ban command line tool

1.5 SCP

Name	Summary
Download a remote folder	<code>scp -r ec2-user@<ssh-host>:/home/letsencrypt-20180825 ./</code>
Upload a file	<code>scp -i <ssh-keyfile> /tmp/hosts ec2-user@<ssh-host>:/root/</code>
Upload a folder	<code>scp -r /tmp/abc/ ec2-user@<ssh-host>:/root/</code>
Upload with timestamps/permissions kept	<code>scp -rp /tmp/abc/ ec2-user@<ssh-host>:/root/</code>
Mount remote directory as local folder	<code>sshfs name@server:/path/remote_folder /path/local_folder</code>

1.6 Parse ssh log file

Name	Command
Events of ssh down	<code>grep -R "ssh.*Received signal 15" /var/log/auth.log</code>
Events of ssh up	<code>grep -R "sshd.*Server listening" /var/log/auth.log</code>
Events of ssh failed login	<code>grep -R "sshd.*Failed password for invalid user" /var/log/auth.log</code>
Events of ssh break-in attempt	<code>grep -R "sshd.*POSSIBLE BREAK-IN ATTEMPT!" /var/log/auth.log</code>
Events of ssh port scap	<code>grep -R "sshd.*Bad protocol version identification" /var/log/auth.log</code>
Events of ssh login by public key	<code>grep -R "sshd.*Accepted publickey for" /var/log/auth.log</code>
Events of ssh login by password	<code>grep -R "sshd.*Accepted password for" /var/log/auth.log</code>
Events of ssh logout event	<code>grep -R "sshd.*pam_unix(sshd:session): session closed for" /var/log/auth.log</code>

1.7 SSH tools

Name	Summary
Export local env to Internet	<code>ngrok.com</code>
Reverse ssh proxy	<code>sshuttle</code>
SSH by auto input password	<code>sshpass sshpass -p "\$PASSWORD" ssh -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no \$username@\$ssh_ip=</code>

1.8 Scripts

- Inject local key to remote ssh server

```
cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub | ssh $username@$ssh_hostk "cat - >> ~/.ssh/authorized_keys"
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ssh $username@$ssh_hostk "cat ~/.ssh/authorized_keys"
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- SSH Config file

```
Host sandbox
  HostName 192.168.50.10
  StrictHostKeyChecking no
  User root

Host 192.168.1.*
  StrictHostKeyChecking no
  Port 32882
  UserKnownHostsFile=/dev/null
  IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_rsa
```

- Use expect to run ssh command with credential auto input

```
#!/usr/bin/expect
set timeout 20
set command "cat /etc/hosts"
set user "vagrant"
set password "vagrant"
set ip "192.168.50.10"
spawn ssh -o stricthostkeychecking=no $user@$ip "$command"
expect "*password:*"
send "$password\r"
expect eof;
```

- ssh reverse tunnel

<https://www.howtoforge.com/reverse-ssh-tunneling>

```
autossh -M 40000 -p 2702 -i /home/denny/al -fN \  
-o "PubkeyAuthentication=yes" \  
-o "StrictHostKeyChecking=false" -o "PasswordAuthentication=no" \  
-o "ServerAliveInterval 60" -o "ServerAliveCountMax 3" \  
-R 123.57.240.189:29995:localhost:22 root@123.57.240.189
```

1.9 More Resources

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