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Activity 2: SSH Key-Based Authentication and Setting up Git	
1. Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Configure remote and local machine to connect via SSH using a KEY instead of using a password 1.2 Create a public key and private key 1.3 Verify connectivity 1.4 Setup Git Repository using local and remote repositories 1.5 Configure and Run ad hoc commands from local machine to remote servers 	
Part 1: Discussion <p>It is assumed that you are already done with the last Activity (Activity 1: Configure Network using Virtual Machines). <i>Provide screenshots for each task.</i></p> <p>It is also assumed that you have VMs running that you can SSH but require a password. Our goal is to remotely login through SSH using a key without using a password. In this activity, we create a public and a private key. The private key resides in the local machine while the public key will be pushed to remote machines. Thus, instead of using a password, the local machine can connect automatically using SSH through an authorized key.</p> <p>What is ssh-keygen?</p> <p>Ssh-keygen is a tool for creating new authentication key pairs for SSH. Such key pairs are used for automating logins, single sign-on, and for authenticating hosts.</p> <p>SSH Keys and Public Key Authentication</p> <p>The SSH protocol uses public key cryptography for authenticating hosts and users. The authentication keys, called SSH keys, are created using the keygen program.</p> <p>SSH introduced public key authentication as a more secure alternative to the older .rhosts authentication. It improved security by avoiding the need to have password stored in files and eliminated the possibility of a compromised server stealing the user's password.</p> <p>However, SSH keys are authentication credentials just like passwords. Thus, they must be managed somewhat analogously to usernames and passwords. They should have a proper termination process so that keys are removed when no longer needed.</p>	
Task 1: Create an SSH Key Pair for User Authentication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The simplest way to generate a key pair is to run <i>ssh-keygen</i> without arguments. In this case, it will prompt for the file in which to store keys. First, 	

the tool asked where to save the file. SSH keys for user authentication are usually stored in the users `.ssh` directory under the home directory. However, in enterprise environments, the location is often different. The default key file name depends on the algorithm, in this case `id_rsa` when using the default RSA algorithm. It could also be, for example, `id_dsa` or `id_ecdsa`.

2. Issue the command `ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096`. The algorithm is selected using the `-t` option and key size using the `-b` option.

```
dimzon@localmachine:~$ ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
Enter file in which to save the key (/home/dimzon/.ssh/id_rsa):
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
Enter same passphrase again:
Your identification has been saved in /home/dimzon/.ssh/id_rsa.
Your public key has been saved in /home/dimzon/.ssh/id_rsa.pub.
The key fingerprint is:
SHA256:ILaAlrJtyeJ28uD15T8WVRD6bpTzGOECS2vCPZ52VxI dimzon@localmachine
The key's randomart image is:
+----[RSA 4096]-----+
|          oo          |
| ..      . .         |
| oo. o .o . E.       |
| o+ +.oo.+ o.+       |
| o = .o *S..O .      |
| .o   + o.+ B        |
| = o   = ..= .       |
| o * . + .oo         |
| . . . .o..         |
+----[SHA256]-----+
dimzon@localmachine:~$ ls -la .ssh
total 20
drwx----- 2 dimzon dimzon 4096 Aug 22 17:54 .
drwxr-xr-x 16 dimzon dimzon 4096 Aug 22 17:33 ..
-rw----- 1 dimzon dimzon 3326 Aug 22 17:54 id_rsa
-rw-r--r-- 1 dimzon dimzon 745 Aug 22 17:54 id_rsa.pub
-rw-r--r-- 1 dimzon dimzon 888 Aug 15 17:49 known_hosts
dimzon@localmachine:~$
```

3. When asked for a passphrase, just press enter. The passphrase is used for encrypting the key, so that it cannot be used even if someone obtains the private key file. The passphrase should be cryptographically strong.
4. Verify that you have created the key by issuing the command `ls -la .ssh`. The command should show the `.ssh` directory containing a pair of keys. For example, `id_rsa.pub` and `id_rsa`.

```
dimzon@localmachine:~$ ls -la .ssh
total 24
drwx----- 2 dimzon dimzon 4096 Aug 29 16:59 .
drwxr-xr-x 16 dimzon dimzon 4096 Aug 29 16:53 ..
-rw----- 1 dimzon dimzon 745 Aug 29 16:59 authorized_keys
-rw----- 1 dimzon dimzon 3326 Aug 22 17:54 id_rsa
-rw-r--r-- 1 dimzon dimzon 745 Aug 22 17:54 id_rsa.pub
-rw-r--r-- 1 dimzon dimzon 1110 Aug 29 16:58 known_hosts
```

Task 2: Copying the Public Key to the remote servers

1. To use public key authentication, the public key must be copied to a server and installed in an *authorized_keys* file. This can be conveniently done using the *ssh-copy-id* tool.

```
dimzon@localmachine:~$ ssh-copy-id
Usage: /usr/bin/ssh-copy-id [-h|-?|-f|-n] [-i [identity_file]] [-p port] [[-o <
ssh -o options>] ...] [user@]hostname
    -f: force mode -- copy keys without trying to check if they are already
    installed
    -n: dry run    -- no keys are actually copied
    -h|-?: print this help
```

2. Issue the command similar to this: *ssh-copy-id -i ~/.ssh/id_rsa user@host*

```
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: ERROR: failed to open id file id_rsa: no such file
dimzon@localmachine:~$ ssh-copy-id -i ~/.ssh/id_rsa dimzon@localmachine
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: Source of key(s) to be installed: "/home/dimzon/.ss
h/id_rsa.pub"
The authenticity of host 'localmachine (127.0.0.1)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:qlmiYuAJZCY7FePls0/UjU/inv1YMGK7uZ35KPDDDoI.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: attempting to log in with the new key(s), to filter
out any that are already installed
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: 1 key(s) remain to be installed -- if you are promp
ted now it is to install the new keys
dimzon@localmachine's password:

Number of key(s) added: 1

Now try logging into the machine, with:  "ssh 'dimzon@localmachine'"
and check to make sure that only the key(s) you wanted were added.
```

3. Once the public key has been configured on the server, the server will allow any connecting user with the private key to log in. During the login process, the client proves possession of the private key by digitally signing the key exchange.
4. On the local machine, verify that you can SSH with Server 1 and Server 2. What did you notice? Did the connection ask for a password? If not, why?

Reflections:

Answer the following:

1. How will you describe the ssh-program? What does it do?

SSH is like a secret tunnel between your computer and another, keeping your conversations private while you control the other computer, run commands, and share files securely over the internet. It's a locked pathway that stops outsiders from eavesdropping.

2. How do you know that you already installed the public key to the remote servers?

You would know that you've installed your public key on a remote server when you can log into that server without needing to type in a password

Part 2: Discussion

Provide screenshots for each task.

It is assumed that you are done with the last activity (**Activity 2: SSH Key-Based Authentication**).

Set up Git

At the heart of GitHub is an open-source version control system (VCS) called Git. Git is responsible for everything GitHub-related that happens locally on your computer. To use Git on the command line, you'll need to download, install, and configure Git on your computer. You can also install GitHub CLI to use GitHub from the command line. If you don't need to work with files locally, GitHub lets you complete many Git-related actions directly in the browser, including:

- Creating a repository
- Forking a repository
- Managing files
- Being social

Task 3: Set up the Git Repository

1. On the local machine, verify the version of your git using the command *which git*. If a directory of git is displayed, then you don't need to install git. Otherwise, to install git, use the following command: *sudo apt install git*

```
dimzon@localmachine:~$ which git
/usr/bin/git
```

2. After the installation, issue the command *which git* again. The directory of git is usually installed in this location: *user/bin/git*.

```
dimzoncpe@localmachine:~$ which git
/usr/bin/git
```

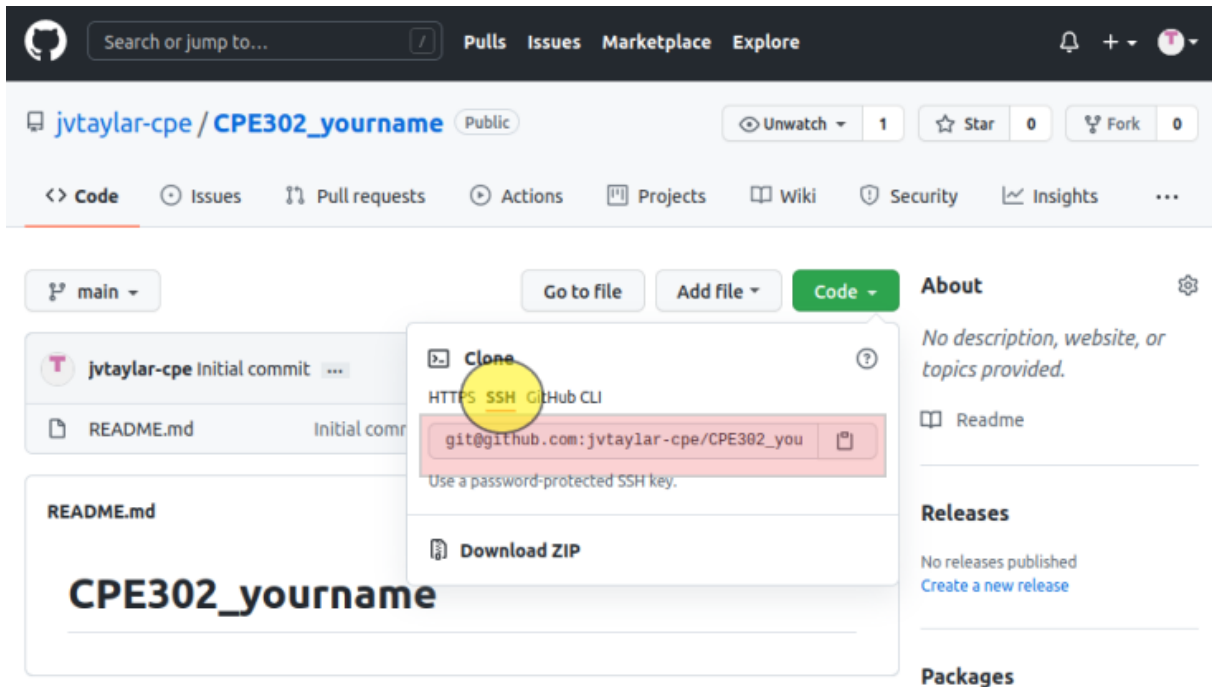
3. The version of git installed in your device is the latest. Try issuing the command *git --version* to know the version installed.

```
dimzon@localmachine:~$ git --version
git version 2.17.1
dimzon@localmachine:~$
```

4. Using the browser on the local machine, go to www.github.com.
5. Sign up in case you don't have an account yet. Otherwise, log in to your GitHub account.
 - a. Create a new repository and name it as CPE232_yourname. Check Add a README file and click Create repository.
 - b. Create a new SSH key on GitHub. Go your profile's setting and click SSH and GPG keys. If there is an existing key, make sure to delete it. To

create a new SSH keys, click New SSH Key. Write CPE232 key as the title of the key.

- c. On the local machine's terminal, issue the command `cat .ssh/id_rsa.pub` and copy the public key. Paste it on the GitHub key and press Add SSH key.
- d. Clone the repository that you created. In doing this, you need to get the link from GitHub. Browse to your repository as shown below. Click on the Code drop down menu. Select SSH and copy the link.



- e. Issue the command `git clone` followed by the copied link. For example, `git clone git@github.com:jvtaylor-cpe/CPE232_yourname.git`. When prompted to continue connecting, type yes and press enter.

```
8Q== dimzoncpe@localmachine
dimzoncpe@localmachine:~$ git clone git@github.com:mardimzon/CPE232_DIMZON.git
Cloning into 'CPE232_DIMZON'...
The authenticity of host 'github.com (20.205.243.166)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:p2QAMXNIC1TJYWeIOtrVc98/R1BUFWu3/LiyKgUfQM.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added 'github.com,20.205.243.166' (ECDSA) to the list of kn
own hosts.
remote: Enumerating objects: 3, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (3/3), done.
remote: Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
Receiving objects: 100% (3/3), done.
```

- f. To verify that you have cloned the GitHub repository, issue the command `ls`. Observe that you have the CPE232_yourname in the list of your directories. Use `CD` command to go to that directory and `LS` command to see the file `README.md`.

```

receiving objects: 100% (3/3), done.
dimzoncpe@localmachine:~$ ls
CPE232_DIMZON  Documents  examples.desktop  Pictures  Templates
Desktop        Downloads  Music             Public    Videos
dimzoncpe@localmachine:~$

```

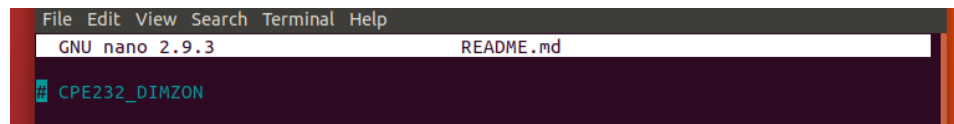
- g. Use the following commands to personalize your git.
- `git config --global user.name "Your Name"`
 - `git config --global user.email yourname@email.com`
 - Verify that you have personalized the config file using the command `cat ~/.gitconfig`

```

dimzoncpe@localmachine:~$ cd CPE232_DIMZON
dimzoncpe@localmachine:~/CPE232_DIMZON$ ls
README.md
dimzoncpe@localmachine:~/CPE232_DIMZON$ git config --global user.name "Mark Allen Dimzon"
dimzoncpe@localmachine:~/CPE232_DIMZON$ git config --global user.email "qmdimzon@tip.edu.ph"
dimzoncpe@localmachine:~/CPE232_DIMZON$ cat ~/.gitconfig
[user]
  name = Mark Allen Dimzon
  email = qmdimzon@tip.edu.ph
dimzoncpe@localmachine:~/CPE232_DIMZON$

```

- h. Edit the README.md file using nano command. Provide any information on the markdown file pertaining to the repository you created. Make sure to write out or save the file and exit.



- i. Use the `git status` command to display the state of the working directory and the staging area. This command shows which changes have been staged, which haven't, and which files aren't being tracked by Git. Status output does not show any information regarding the committed project history. What is the result of issuing this command?

```

[2]+  Stopped                  sudo nano README.md
dimzoncpe@localmachine:~/CPE232_DIMZON$ git status
On branch main
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/main'.

Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)

  .README.md.swp

nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)

```

- j. Use the command `git add README.md` to add the file into the staging area.

```

no changes added to commit
dimzoncpe@localmachine:~/CPE232_DIMZON$ git add README.md

```

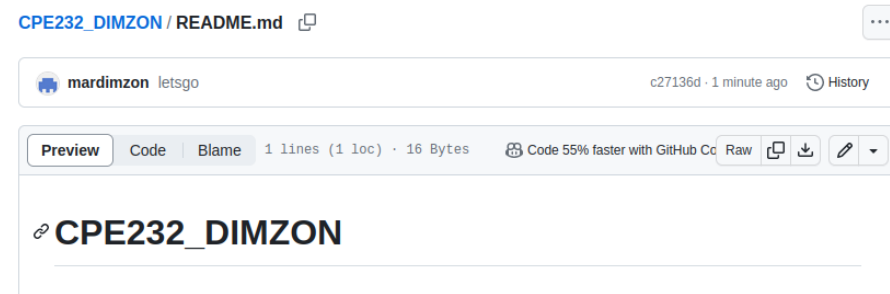
- k. Use the `git commit -m "your message"` to create a snapshot of the staged changes along the timeline of the Git projects history. The use of this command is required to select the changes that will be staged for the next commit.

```
dimzoncpe@localmachine:~/CPE232_DIMZON$ git commit -m "lets go"
[main c27136d] lets go
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+), 1 deletion(-)
```

- I. Use the command `git push <remote><branch>` to upload the local repository content to GitHub repository. Pushing means to transfer commits from the local repository to the remote repository. As an example, you may issue `git push origin main`.

```
dimzoncpe@localmachine:~/CPE232_DIMZON$ git push origin main
Counting objects: 3, done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 265 bytes | 265.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
To github.com:mardimzon/CPE232_DIMZON.git
00ec335..c27136d  main -> main
```

- m. On the GitHub repository, verify that the changes have been made to README.md by refreshing the page. Describe the README.md file. You can notice the how long was the last commit. It should be some minutes ago and the message you typed on the git commit command should be there. Also, the README.md file should have been edited according to the text you wrote.



Reflections:

Answer the following:

3. What sort of things have we so far done to the remote servers using ansible commands?

One thing we did was modify the README.md file's content in the repository on Github. Using the link to, we changed its content. The terminal of the machine is linked to the repository. Sudo nano was employed to complete this. Having access to the material, we evaluated its outcomes by comparing both files' terminal output and github website output.

4. How important is the inventory file?

It's about maintaining organized records that aid in managing and collaborating on systems or projects.

Conclusions/Learnings:

In this activity I learn to use ssh keys , connect github repositories and monitor changes from the terminal itself into my github repositories. I also learned creating keys for secured connections of modification on my repositories from a single machine.