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# Recovering your SSH key passphrase

If you've lost your SSH key passphrase, depending on the operating system you use, you may either recover it or you may need to generate a new SSH key passphrase.

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If you [configured your SSH passphrase with the macOS keychain](#), you may be able to recover it.

- 1 In Finder, search for the **Keychain Access** app.
- 2 In Keychain Access, search for **SSH**.
- 3 Double click on the entry for your SSH key to open a new dialog box.
- 4 In the lower-left corner, select **Show password**.
- 5 You'll be prompted for your administrative password. Type it into the "Keychain Access" dialog box.
- 6 Your password will be revealed.

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