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## **Tools for DBAs and Cloud User: The Secure Shell (ssh)**



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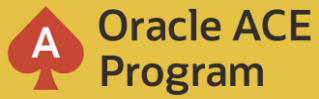
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ssh – the secure shell



# ssh – the **secure shell**

## Network Protocol

encrypted

## Client-Server

Client: ssh

Server: sshd

## Open Source

OpenSSH

## Incompatible Protocols

SSH-1 : Original back in 1996

SSH-2: IETF Standard



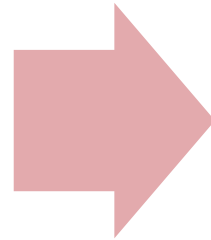


# ssh suite – a mighty Tools Suite

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## Defacto standard for console connections

- Replaces telnet, rlogin, rsh, ftp, etc.
- Machine to Machine
- SSL encrypted



## There is way more:

- Automated Login
- Network tunnel
- File transfer
- Remote Filesystem
- Tunnel chains
- Jump Hosts

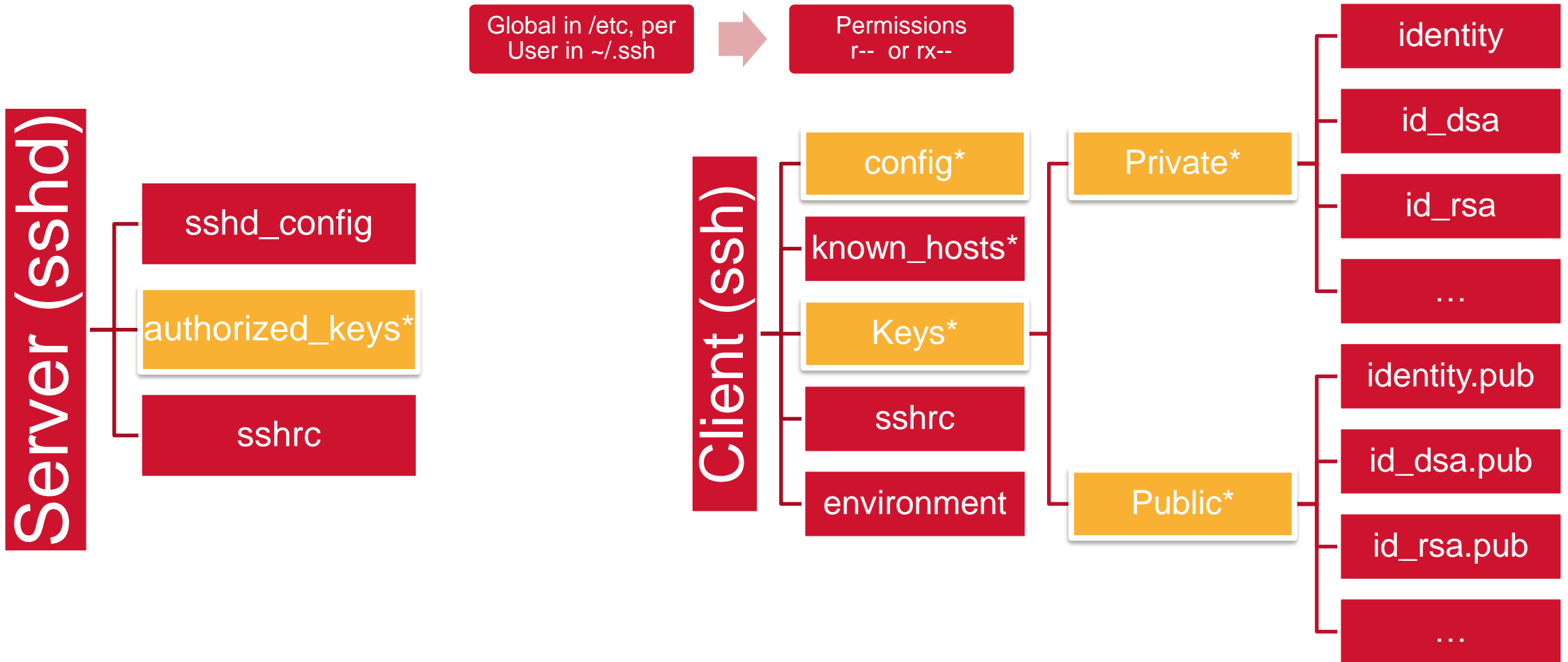




ssh – config files & Key Pairs

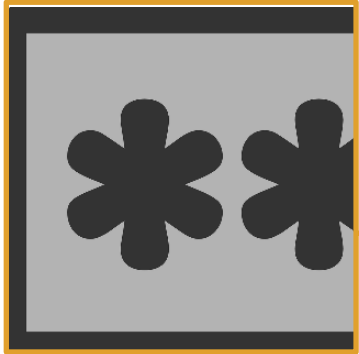


# Configuration Files





# Passwords or Key Pairs?



## Passwords

- Remember
- short
- Keylogger
- Migrate (plain text or hash)
- Simple usage



## Key Pair

- Files
- Complex
- Private Key only local
- A little complicated



# Config Files on the client: known\_hosts



known\_hosts  
(Client)

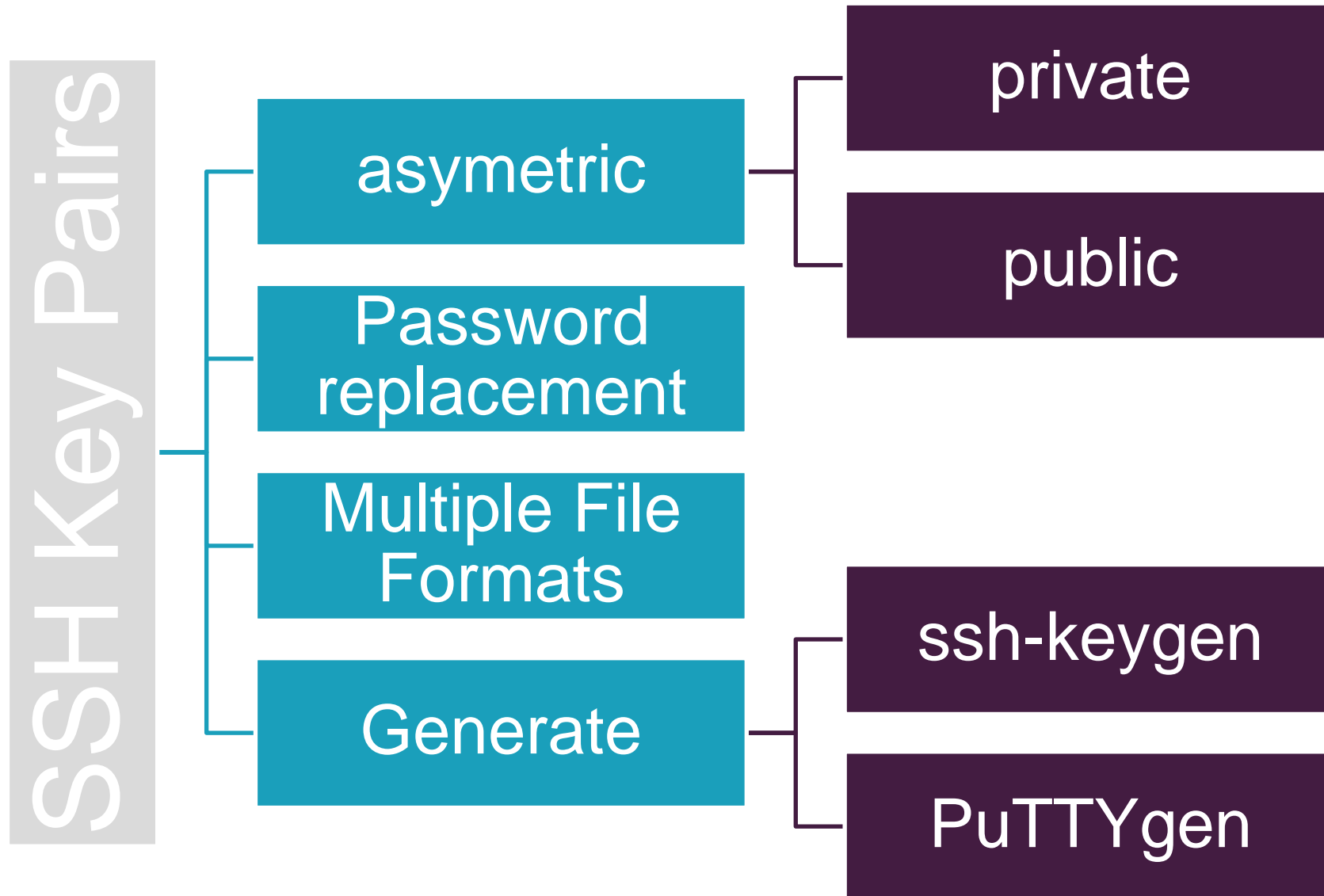
Watch list of known servers  
position of trust (Attention!)  
Password transmission in clear text  
Known exploits

```
[rmarz@niteowl ~]$ ssh no-web  
The authenticity of host 'no-web (10.145.176.14)' can't be established.  
RSA key fingerprint is 49:29:a4:ac:5b:f0:6e:5c:83:40:68:a8:77:bc:32:e3.  
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes  
Warning: Permanently added 'no-web' (RSA) to the list of known hosts.
```

```
Warning: the RSA host key for 'no-web' differs from the key for the IP address '10.145.176.14'  
Offending key for IP in /home/rmarz/.ssh/known_hosts:17
```



# SSH Key Pairs





# Config files on the server: The Public Key

## Disrtibute

ssh-copy-id  
E-Mail  
Cloud Web-UI

## File Names

identity.pub  
id\_dsa.pub  
id\_rsa.pub  
arbitrary





# Config Files on the client: The Private Key

## File names (default)

identity  
id\_dsa  
id\_rsa

## Arbitrary File name

```
ssh -i /path/to/private/key
```

## NEVER leaves your machine voluntarily

Private and Secret

## Encrypt

- Optional with password





# SSH Key Variants

openssh

IETF Standard  
Public & Private Keys encrypted  
[RFC 4716](#)

Putty

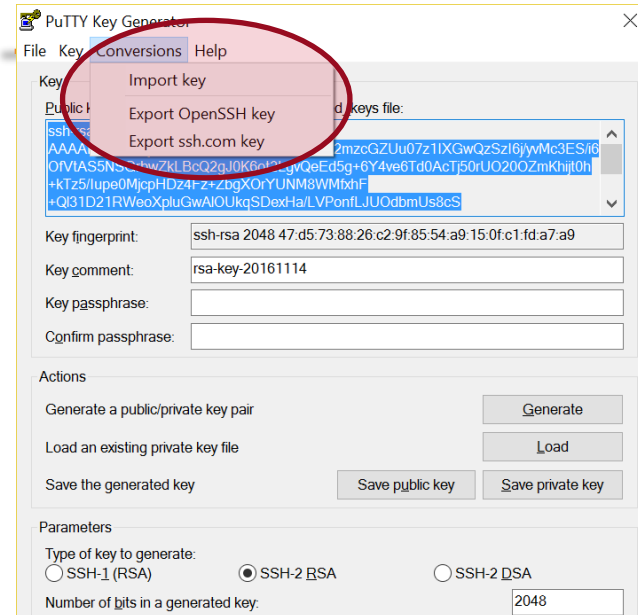
Proprietary format  
Public Key unencrypted  
Multiple Lines per Key

ssh.com

Commercial variant  
Relatively rare

Convert

using tool or text editor



```

PuTTY Format:
---- BEGIN SSH2 PUBLIC KEY ----
Comment: "rsa-key-20161114"
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABJQAAAQEAgoH2mzcGZUu07z1IXGwQzSzi6j/yvMc3ES/i
60fvTAS5NSGrbwZkLbcQ2gJ0K6ot2LgvQeEd5g+6Y4ve6Td0ActJ50rU0200ZmKh
ijt0h+kTz5/Iupe0MjcpHDz4Fz+ZbgX0rYUNM8WmfxfH+Q131D21RWeoXpluGwAl
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gcIEV3/s9Vtyp5bg/NHsV40am/jUemDLSQIL/1ZBI4dKmGt4EV43tqSaZg3ylbEn
knAgDpCgBCs0VHpbRLbLJCR/9umS1TNkla1kuqiYI2xEmJq0XQ==
---- END SSH2 PUBLIC KEY ----

#####

openSSH-Format:

ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABJQAAAQEAgoH2mzcGZUu07z1IXGwQzSzi6j/yvMc3ES/
i60fvTAS5NSGrbwZkLbcQ2gJ0K6ot2LgvQeEd5g+6Y4ve6Td0ActJ50rU0200ZmKhijt0h+kTz5/
Iupe0MjcpHDz4Fz+ZbgX0rYUNM8WmfxfH+Q131D21RWeoXpluGwAlOUkqSDexHa/
LVPonfLJUOdbmUs8cS+e3Cdd6MDRJeXAoArxFZafveRXX9RT0DB0cgcIEV3/s9Vtyp5bg/NHsV40am/
jUemDLSQIL/1ZBI4dKmGt4EV43tqSaZg3ylbEnknAgDpCgBCs0VHpbRLbLJCR/9umS1TNkla1kuqiYI
2xEmJq0XQ== rsa-key-20161114

```



# Config files on the server: authorized\_keys

## authorized\_keys (Server)

Grants login access

To users on the server

```
# Comments allowed at start of line
ssh-rsa AAAAB3Nza...LiPk== user@example.net
```

```
from="*.sales.example.net,!pc.sales.example.net" ssh-rsa
AAAAB2...19Q== john@example.net
```

```
command="dump /home",no-pty,no-port-forwarding ssh-dss
AAAAC3...51R== example.net
```

```
permitopen="192.0.2.1:80",permitopen="192.0.2.2:25" ssh-dss
AAAAB5...21S==
```

```
tunnel="0",command="sh /etc/netstart tun0" ssh-rsa AAAA...==
jane@example.net
```

```
restrict,command="uptime" ssh-rsa AAAA1C8...32Tv==
user@example.net
```

```
restrict,pty,command="nethack" ssh-rsa AAAA1f8...IrrC5==
user@example.net
```

List of public keys

Options (excerpt)

command

Environment

From

no-pty

restrict (denies everything)

grant arbitrary options



# Config Files on the client: config

## Parameter Hierarchy

- Command-line → user config → global config
  - Attention: The first obtained value per parameter will be used
- User config: ~/.ssh/config
- Global config: /etc/ssh/ssh\_config

## Contains Stanzas (parameter sets)

- Stanza starts with Keyword Host or match host followed by Nicknames
- multiple Nicknames per Stanza, can contain wildcards
- stanzas can be nested

## Parameter Examples

- Hostname
- User
- IdentityFile
- LocalForward
- Remote Forward
- ProxyJump
- ProxyCommand
- LogLevel

```
# every stanza (section) starts with the Host Keyword
Host ssh.git.tech.rz.acme.de gitlab.acme.gitlab
    Hostname ssh.git.tech.rz.acme.de
    User git
# Multiple Hostnames per Stanza possible, wildcards are fine
Host tu*
    User stred_tu

Host pu*
    User stred_pu

# When working from Home, use a jump host
Match host tu* pu* !exec "ifconfig en0 | grep 192.168"
    ProxyJump r1-102345@jump.server.acme.com

Host pu-internet
    HostName pu.internet.comp.acme.de
# Different hostnames for intranet
Host pu*
    HostName pu-dbtier.inet2.comp.acme.de

Host tu* au*
    HostName au-dbtier.inet2-test.comp.acme.de

Host spatial-bug-testcase bug
    User robertmarz2
    LocalForward 1913 127.0.0.1:6780
    LocalForward 1916 127.0.0.1:6778
    HostName testcase-sandbox.inet2-test.comp.acme.de
Host *
    User stred_au
    ServerAliveInterval 120
    ServerAliveCountMax 3
    IdentityFile ~/.ssh/RobertMarzPAN
```



## Config Files on the client: config (example)

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```
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ssh: selected features



# Jump Hosts

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## Jump Hosts / Bastion Hosts

When direct connection impossible

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```
ssh user@Bastion; then ssh user2@target
```

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## ProxyJump

new (openSSH 7.5) and easy

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Portforwarding must be supported by Jump-Hosts

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```
ssh -J <jump server> <remote server>
```

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## ProxyCommand

more flexible aka complicated

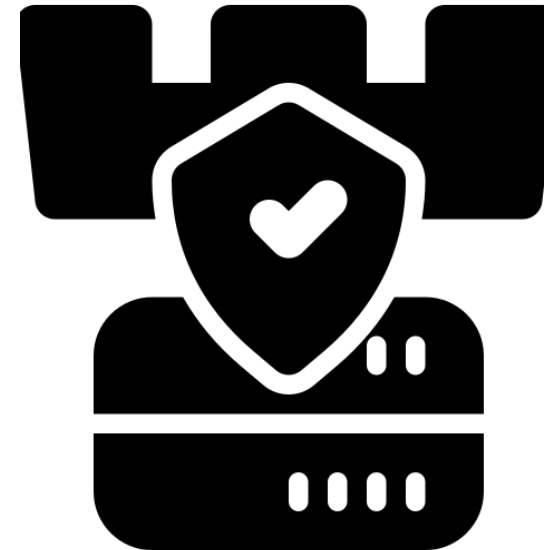
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allows execution of any command, e.g. unencrypted forward by nc (netcat)

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```
ssh -o ProxyCommand="ssh -W %h:%p <jump server>" <remote server>
```

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# Network Tunnel – Port forwards

## Mini VPN

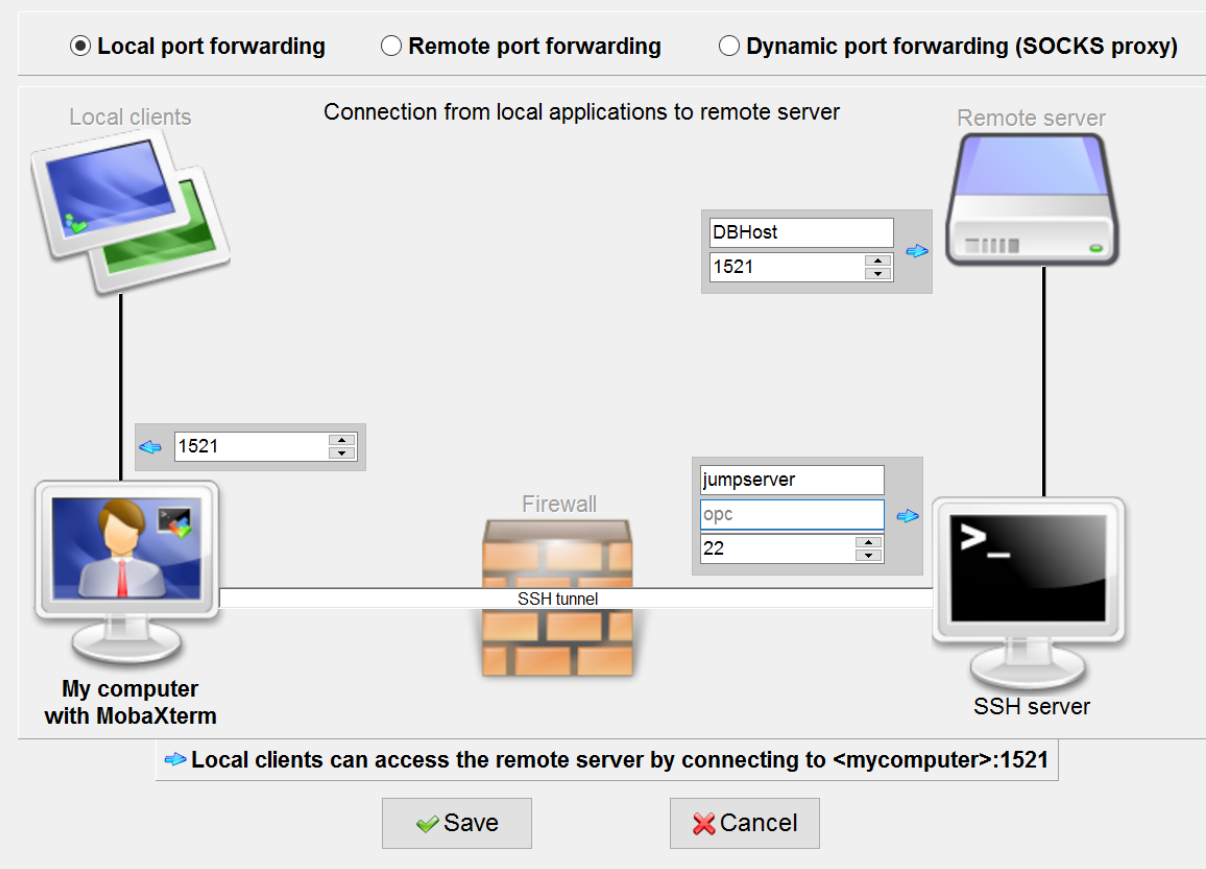
- Parameter
  - -L lport:target-machine:dport
  - -L 1521:127.0.0.1:1521
- Tunnel chaining possible

## Tools

- SQL Developer
- SQLcl
- MobaXterm

## Specials:

- X11 Forwarding
- SOCKS5-Tunnel
  - https-Proxy
- Parameter **DynamicForward** or **-D**





# Secure File Transfer

scp

- Secure Copy

sftp

- Secure FTP

rsync -e ssh

- Remote Sync

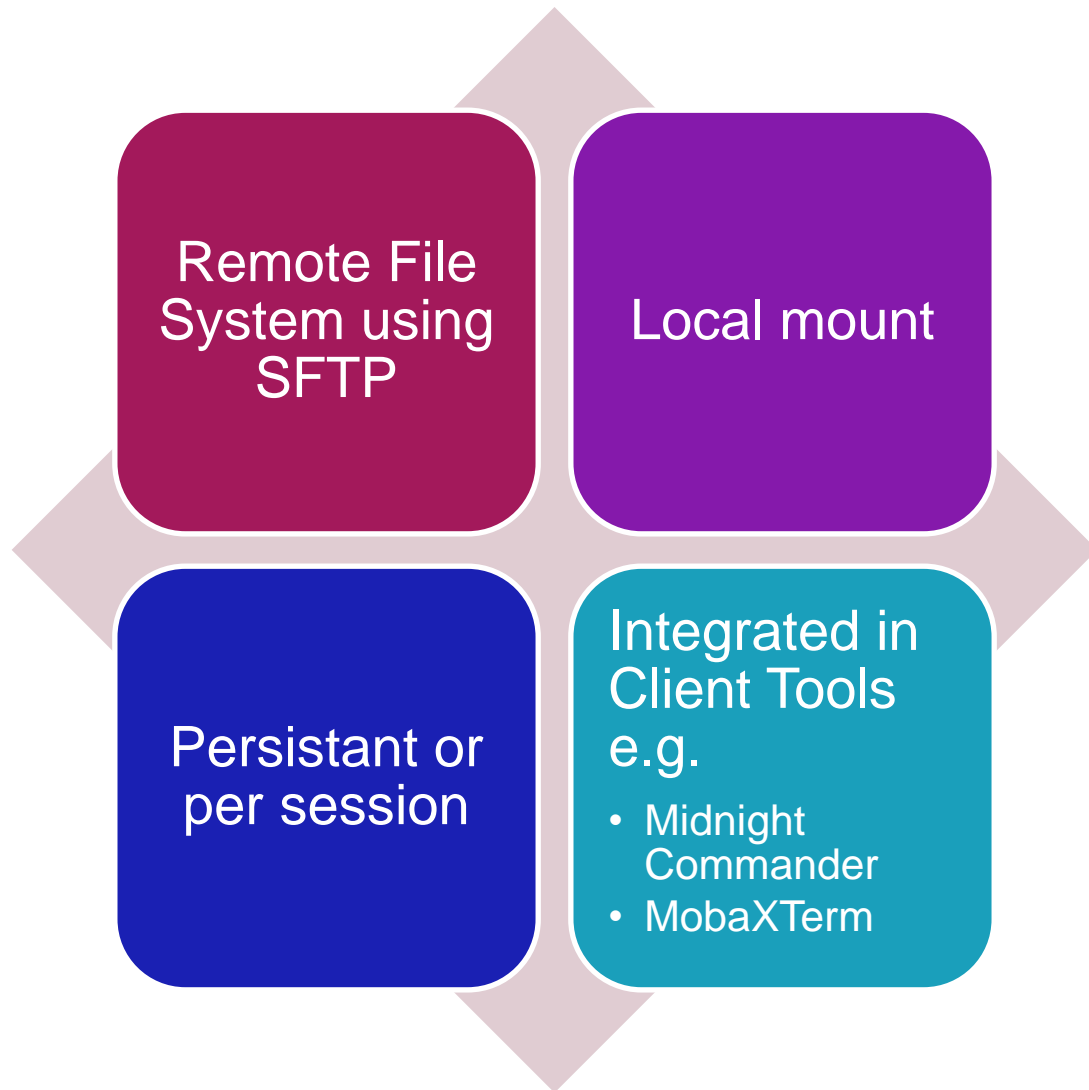
tar

- `ssh user@remote.host "tar czpf - /some/important/data" \`  
    `| tar xzpf - -C /new/root/directory`
- `tar cpf - /some/important/data | ssh user@destination-machine \`  
    `"tar xpf - -C /some/directory/"`





# Remote File Systems: sshfs





# The ssh agent

## Stores Keys

- In memory (only RAM)
- One-shot password entry for Key

## Takes over key-operations

- for clients on same machine & user
- Keys won't be transferred

## Linux:

- `ssh-agent # starts agent`
- `ssh-add # adds key`

## Windows:

- PuTTY-Agent (pagent.exe)



# Conclusion





# ssh Demo: Connecting to the Oracle Cloud OCI

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# SSH Implementierungen



## Unix / Linux

- Native

## OSX (Mac)

- Native



## Windows

- PuTTY
- MobaXterm
- mRemoteNG
- Filezilla
- PowerShell/Win32-OpenSSH von MS
- Client und Server



# The Secure Shell (ssh)

## Prefer

- Keys over passwords

## The client config – file

- makes your Life a lot easier

## ssh is a Tool Suite

- There is more than just „ssh“

**PLEASE**

**DO  
TRY THIS  
AT HOME**