

Re: pop3 through ssh tunneling

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Hi,

I've been looking around the net about how to setup my e-mail client so it can grab my e-mail from my provider securely. My provider use pop3 and i just want to know how to encrypt the communication between my machine and the pop3 server. I've been trying to forwarding the pop3 port to localhost but it wouldnt works, it seems that the pop server doesnt have ssh server installed.

Why would it? It may be that they already support pop3s. If your mail client supports that then try it. If it doesn't work then email your provider's tech support asking what options they have for secure mail transfer. Note that even if they do support pop3s, it doesn't mean that the mail was delivered to their server securely. I believe most modern smtp relays use opportunistic encryption i.e they try smtps first, if that doesn't work they fall back to smtp. So even if you are using pop3s between your client and your providers pop server, that is no guarantee of secure end to end transmission. To do that you would need to encrypt the content your email using PGP or similar and have the other parties you are sending/receiving email to/from do the same.

Klazmon.

Greets,

Andre

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