

Re: Ssh Login with out a password or key

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Mike wrote:

- > *Without actually know too much about your "shell" application, why*
- > *bother with all the hassle of installing and configuring SSH, Just cut*
- > *to the chase and use the underlying "encrypted transport" in the form of*
- > *stunnel <http://www.stunnel.org/>*
- >
- > *Great for forwarding TCP*
- >
- > *Mike*

Because SSH includes the user interaction with a remote login. SSL is an encryption and authentication protocol and actually has to be wrapped *around* things like rsh, HTTP, etc. That's like saying "why drive a car when you can buy a tire"? You need the other tools as well.

And the SSL top-down authentication model breaks down for individual user use, especially because you have to pay cash for new keys to be signed by the various signature authorities.